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ANNO PRIMO HENRICI VIII.

THe kyng oure soueraigne lorde Henry the eighte after the conquest, by ỹ grace of God kyng of Englād & of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parliament holden at Westminster the xxi. day of Januery, in the first yere of his moste noble reigne, after the prorogacion to the honour of God and holy Church, and for the common weale and profite of this his realme, by the assent of the lords spyrituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, hath do to bee ordeyned, made, and enacted certayne statutes & ordinaunces in maner & fourme following.

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WHere in time paſſed the kinge of Denmarke made an ordinãce, that no engliſhman, or other ſtrãger, borne out of hys lande, ſhould repayre into any part of his realme or dominiõs to get fiſhe or other marchaũdiſe, but only to ẏ towne called Northbarne. At which time the kinge of noble memory Henry ẏ.vj. (late kinge of this realme) beinge than in perfect amity with ẏ ſayd kinge of Denmarke, & at his contemplation ordeined and eſtabliſhed, by auctority of parliament, holden at weſtm. the.viij. yere of his reigne, that none of his ſubiectes, beinge engliſhmen, ſhoulde go or repayre into any of the parties, lordeſhips or dominions of ẏ kinge of Denmarke, contrary to his ſayde ordinaunce: vpon peine of forfaiture of all his goodes mouable. By force of which ſtatute (made in the ſayde eight yere) diuers of ẏ kings ſubiectes, not knowinge of the ſayd eſtatute, aduenturyng and repayringe into Iſeland and other parties of the lordeſhips and dominions of the ſayde kinge of Denmarke, for fiſhe and other marchaundiſe, haue ben greuouſly puniſſhed, to their great loſſe and hinderaunce, and contrary to good cõſcience: conſiderynge that fiſhe and other cõmodityes of that countrye be much behouefull and neceſſary toward the common weale of this realme.

Be it therfore ordeined, ſtabliſhed. and enacted, by auctority of thys preſent parliament, that the ſayd acte (made in the .8. yeare of the ſayde kinge Henry the firſt, at hys ſayd parliament) and all other actes therof made, be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effect, repelled and annulled.

A reuocation of an acte made the firſt yere of kinge Richard the thyrde, for clothmakinge. Cap.ij.

WHere in the parliamẽt holdẽ at weſtminſter. the. xviij. day of January, in the firſt yere of ẏ reign of Richard the.3. late in deede & not in right kinge of Englande, an acte was made concernynge the makynge & drapinge of wollen clothes.

For aſmuch as the ſaide act is in ſuch forme, that the clothier, doinge his true diligence. cannot obſerue the ſame without many times offendinge againſt the ſayde acte, in which be ſo ſtrait and great penalties & forfaytures made agaynſte the ſayde clothiers, ſo that they hauynge no comforte, but that the aforeſayde acte ſhoulde ſtand ſtill good and effectuall, be like to leue the occupacion of clothmakinge, whiche ſhoulde be occaſion of extreme pouertye and ydelnes of a great number of the kinges ſubiectes, whereof manye greate inconuenyences ſhoulde and may enſue: wherefore be it enacted by auctorityre of thys preſente perlya-

ment, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde, nor any other person or persons, shall take any auantage or profit of any penalties or forfayture geuen or limitted by the sayd acte, made the sayd .xxiij. day of January, for any clothe made or to be made afore the begynninge of the next parliament.

An act concerning paymentes to be made to John Heiron generall receiuour to our soueraygne lorde the kinge. Cap. iij.

WHere as the kynge our soueraygne lorde entendith, that dyuers reuenues and dueties, due and to be due to his hyghnes, shall be payde to his truslie seruaunt John Heiron his generall receyuour, and to other persons by hys hyghnes hereafter in like office to be deputed and assygned, as in the time of the late kynge of famous memory Henrye the viij. hath bene vsed. And for that, that his subiectes may be truly and lawfully discharged of paymentes made or to be made by them of euerye of the premisses to the sayd John Heiron, or to other persons therto to be limitted & appointed in forme aforesayde: Be it therfore ordeyned, enacted, & establyshed, by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all acquitances and bylls of receipt heretofore made by the sayd John Heiron in the time of the sayd late noble kynge, and in the time of our soueraigne lorde that now is, and hereafter to be made by the sayde John Heiron, and all other the sayde persons by our sayd soueraigne lorde to the sayd offices to be appoynted, & of euery of them, of anye hys reuenues or duetyes whatsoeuer they be, be a sufficient discharge to euery such person against the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours, as well in the kinges escheker, as in any other of the kynges courtes, without any other warrant, taile or priuate seale therof to be had, obteined, or sued. And that the treasurer, chamberlaine, & barons of the sayd escheker, and euery of them, and all other Judges, auditours and officers accept, take, and allowe the said acquitāces and bylls for sufficient discharge of the sayd paimentes. And this acte onely to endure to the next parliament.

And ouer that be it ordeyned and enacted, by the sayd authority, that ꝯ same John Heiron, & euery other psō that shall haue the sayd or like office of receit, be chargeable & charged to euery person & psōs, spirituall & temporall, now hauing or that hereafter shall haue any interesse in any part of his or their receites by title of inheritance or succession, or by graūt, assignement, act of parliamēt or otherwise. And that euery of thē haue like remedie against the sayd John, & euery other person that shall haue ꝯ said or like office of receit, as they haue had or ought to haue had against any other pson that haue receiued any of ꝯ premisses, this present act not withstanding.

And that euery such person spirituall or temporall, for none payement of all such summes of money, as they or any of them ought to haue of ꝯ sayd

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receites by title of inheritaunce, or succession, or by graunt, assignment, act of parliament, or otherwise, haue they[r] actions & remedies in surety of the kynges courtes against the said John, and euery other person, hauing the same or like office of receite for they[r] recouery and payment of all sommes that shalbe due vnto them or any of them after the first day of this present parliament.

An acte for penalties vpon actions popular. Cap. iii.

WHere in tymes passed haue bene made diuerse actes & statutes penall for the which penalties haue bene vsed actions and informacions popular, by writ, informacion, or bill, & also enditementes made & taken vpon the same statutes, the great nombre of which statutes penall haue not ben put in execucion till now of late, by meane wherof many a diuers good and well disposed persons (ignorant of any such statutes) they[r] heyres and executours haue ben put to great losse of good & vexacion, & trouble by action, informacion & enditementes for offences surmised to be done contrary to the same statutes, many yeres after the offences were surmised to be done; vpon which delating of so long time much perturbacion, great trouble, vexacion, and many inconueniences ensued to great nombre of the kynges subiectes, wherfore be it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by the assente of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that all actions, informacions and enditementes from henceforth to bee made had or taken, by or for the king our soueraigne lorde, his heyres or successours, of and vpon any such penall statutes, made or to be made, be had, made, and taken within three yeres next immediatly following after the sayde offence so made, committed, or done. And that all such actions, informacions, and enditements, hereafter to be taken, made or had by or for the kyng our sayde soueraygne lorde, his heyres or successours, after the sayd three yere (in forme aforesayd) ended, be vtterly voyde and of no force nor effect.

Be it also enacted by auctority of this present parliament, & al actions and enformacions from henceforth to be had, made or taken by any person, other than the king, his heyres or successours, of & vpon any such penall statutes made or to be made, be had, made, or take within one yere next immediatly following after the sayd offence so made, committed, or done. And that all such actions & informacions hereafter to be take by any other person than ye king, his heyres, or successours, after the sayd one yere (in forme aforesayd) ended: be voyde & of no force nor effecte. Prouided alwaye, that where any actions, informacion, or enditements is limited by any statute to be had, made, or taken within shorter time tha a yere: that it be had made, or taken according to the time limitted in that statute, this present acte notwythstanding. This act to endure to the next parliament.

A reuocacion of an acte made the iij. yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the viij. concerning the entring of Marchandyses in the customers bookes. Cap. v.

WHere at the parliament holden at Westminster, in ỳ .x. yere of the reigne of the most noble king Henry the viij. It was ordeyned and established, by the auctority of ỳ same, that no maner of marchaunt denizen or straunger, should take vpon him to do entre, or cause to be entred in ỳ bookes of any customer of any porte within this realme, any maner marchandise comynge into this his sayd realme, or going out of the same, in any other marchauntes name, sauyng onely the name of the marchant, owyng the same, vpon peyne of forfaytures of all such goodes and marchaundyses so entred: and euery of the sayde marchauntes, which so shal take vpon hym to cause such vntrue entree to be made, to haue imprysonment, & to make fine therfore at the kinges pleasure: It is nowe by oure soueraigne lord the kinge, and hys lordes spyrituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, wel consyderyng that the entente and cause of the makyng of the sayde statute was onely for as much as by the subtill dealing of some Englishmen, colorably enteryng in theyr owne names the goods of marchaūt straungers, the kynges highnes was deceyued in hys customes, and that the sayde statutes was made for none other cause, yet for as muche as the wordes of the sayde statute were generall, it was extended as well vnto the goodes of an Englisheman, entred in the name of one other Englisheman, as to the goodes of a straunger, entred in the name of an Englishman, to the greate hurte, losse and damage of manye and dyuers of the kinges subiectes, and contrary to the very intente and meaning of the said statute.

It is therefore ordeyned, established and enacted by auctority of this present parlyament, that the acte afore reherced, made the sayd thyrd yere, and all thinges conteyned in the same, bee from henceforth repelled, annulled, and vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And furthermore bee it enacted, by oure soueraygne lord the kyng, the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente, and by the auctority of the same, that it bee lawfull from henceforth, that euery Englisheman, and al other the kinges subiectes, maye in euery porte or hauen within this realme of Englande, Irelande, and Wales, and the marches of the same, and in the towne of Berwyke, where it shall happen any marchandyse to arriue or to be charged and caryed oute, to custome in his name al maner of goods and marchaundise of an other Englishman, or the kings subiect.

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any goods or marchandyse of any other marchaunt straunger, so that the sayd marchant straunger, that custometh the goods of another marchãt straunger, and the very owner or proprietary of the goods so customed, be charged wyth lyke custome subsidy, and other thinges, so that the kinges grace be not defrauded of his right. And if any marchaunt stranger or denizen, or any other the kynges subiecte custome any goods or marchandises of another straunger or denizen, or of any other the kinges subiecte, whereby ẏ kynges grace should lose his custome, subsidie or other his ryght or duety, that than the sayd marchant stranger or denizen or any other ẏ kinges subiecte, that so taketh vppon him or them, to forfayte to our soueraygne lord the kinge the goods or marchandises so customed: and ouer ẏ to forfayte to the party or partyes in this behalfe greeued, asmuch money as the goods or marchandises of the marchant stranger, denizen, or other the kynges subiect (so tauteously customed) amounted vnto. And ẏ no citizen of London, or other the kinges subiectes, inheritynge in the Synke portes, or any other being free of pryfage, or butlarage of wynes, by graũt custome, or otherwyse, custome no wynes of any person or personnes, not beinge free of any pryfage or butlarage. And if any person free of the sayde pryfage or butlarage so do, that than the said person or persons (that so do) forfaite to our sayd soueraygne lord the double value of the pryfage of the sayd wynes so customed. And farther that it bee lawfull to any person or persons greued contrary to this acte, to haue an action of det agaynst any person or persons that so customed ẏ goods or marchandises in his name: and not in the owners name, of the somme of the value of the sayde marchandises so customed and forfayted: in the which action none essoyne nor protection shall lie, nor the defendant to wage his lawe.

A reuocacion of a statute made concerning informacions to be made before Justices of assise and Justices of peace. Cap. vi.

Where in a parliamente holden at Westminster in the ere of the reigne of the righte highe and mightye Prince late oure soueraigne lorde kinge of Englande Henry the viii. It was enacted, ordeyned and established that from henceforth aswell the iustices of assise in the open sessions to be holden afore them, and euery of them: as the Justices of the peace in euery county of this realme, vppon informacion for the king tofore them to be made, should haue ful power and auctority (by theyr discretion) to here and determine all offences and contempts committed and done by any person or persons against the fourme ordinaunce and effecte of any statute made and not repelled: And that the sayd Justices vpon the sayd informacion should haue full power & auctority

ritie to award & make like processe agaynst the sayde offenders and euery of them, as they shoulde or might make agaynst such person or persons as ben presented and endited before them of trespas done agaynst the kynges peace, and the sayd offender or offenders duely to punishe according to the purporte, forme and effect of the sayd statutes. And also that the persoune, which should geue the sayd informacion for the kinge, should by the discrecion of the said Justices, content and pay to the sayd person or persons, agaynst whom the sayd informacion should be so geuen, his reasonable costes and damages in that behalfe sustayned, if that it bee tryed or found agaynst him, that giueth or maketh any such informacion.

Prouided alway ꝑ any such informacion extend not to treason, murder or felony, nor to any other offece, wherefore any person should lese life or member vpon the same informacion, any landes tenementes, goods, catteis to the party making the same informacion. Prouided also that the sayd informacion shall not extende to any person dwelling in any other shyre than where as the sayd informacion should be giuen or made, sauinge to euery person and persons, cities and townes all theyr liberties & fraunchises, to them & euery of them of right belonging and appertayning. For as much as by force of the same act it is manifestly knowen that many sinister and crafty feygned & forged informacions haue bene pursued agaynst diuers of the kinges subiectes, to theyr great damage and wrongfull veracion. Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned & established by the kinge our soureygne lorde, the lordes spyrituall and temporall, & the cõmons in this presente parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that the act afore rehearsed, made the sayd fyfte yere, and euery thing therein comprysed, be from henceforth of none effect, voyde, adnulled, and repelled.

An acte concerning the office of Corōners. Cap. viii.

Where as by a statute made at Westminster, the third yere of kinge Henry the viii. it was enacted, ꝑ a Corōner shall haue for his fee vpon euerye inquisition taken vpõ the view of ꝑ body slaine & murdred xiij. shillinges and foure pence, of the goods & catteis of him that is the sleer or murderer: where by the common lawe a Corōner had not, nor oughte not to haue any thinge for theyr office doinge, as by the same statute more plainly doth appere. With which statute so made, the Corōners haue vsed that if anye persõ hath happened to be slaine by misaduenture, & not by no mans hand, ꝑ they will not inquere vpon ꝑ view of the body, so by misaduenture slaine: excepte they haue for theyr labours xiij. s. iiij. d. which is contrary to the commõ law, & also to the statute afore rehersed: wherby great inconuenience doth daily growe to the kings subiectes, for as muche as oftentimes the persoune that is so by misaduenture slayne, lyeth longe aboue the

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ground vnberied, to the great noyaunce of the kynges liege people, wherefore the kynge our soueraine lorde, by the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same ordeineth, that vpon a request made to a coroner to come and enquere vpon the vewe of any person slaine, drowned, or otherwise dead by misaduenture the sayde Coroner diligently do his office vpon the vewe of the body of euery such person or persons, without any thinge therfore: vpō peyne to euery Coroner that will not endeuer him selfe to do his office (as afore is saide) or that he taketh any thinge for doinge of his office vpon euery person deade by misaduenture, for euery time. xl. s.

And that the Justices of assises, Justices of peace within the cōty wher any such default of the Coroners be, haue auctority and power to enquere therof and determine the same, aswell by examination as by presentment.

An acte concerninge Escheatours and commissioners. Cap. viij.

FOr as muche as diuers of the kinges subiectes now of late time haue bene sore hurt, troubled, and wronged, & some disherited by Escheatours and cōmissioners, causing vntrue offices to be founden, and somtime returning into the courts of record offices and inquisitions that were neuer founde: And some time changeinge ẏ matter of the offices that were trewly founden, to the greate hurte, trouble, and disherison of the kynges true subiectes: that like before this time hath not bene sene in this realme: wherfore be it ordeyned, established, and enacted in this present parliament, and by the auctority of the same, that if any escheatour or cōmissioner hereafter returne or put into any of the kinges courts, any inquisitions or offices concerninge landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, not founden nor presented by ẏ othes of. xij. men, and indented and by them sealed: that than the same Escheatour or cōmissioner forfayt for euery such office or inquisition, so returned and put into any of the sayde courts, an. C. poundes to the party or parties greued by any suche inquisition or office, and that from henceforthe no Escheatour, ne no man sitte by vertue of any cōmission to enquere of landes tenementes, or other hereditaments, exepte he, or other to his vse, haue landes tenementes, or hereditamentes of the yerely value of. xl. markes aboue all charges and reprises, vpon peine of. xx. li.

And that it shalbe lawfull for all persons, that be not sufficient of free holde in possession or vse, at the time of any suche commission to them deliuered, to refuse to sitte and enquere by vertue of the same commission.

And that they vpō proces made against them out of the kinges Eschekier, by vertue of the same commission, to be discharged vppon their othes, for

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And that euery Eschetour and commissioner shall sit in conuenient and open places, according to the statutes heretofore made. And that the said Eschetours and Commissioners shall suffer euery person to geue euidence openly in their presence, to such enquestes as shall bee taken before any of them, vpon peine of.xl.li.

And that no Sheriffe, nor other person, whiche shall or ought to retourne writtes or preceptes, retourne before Eschetours, or suche commissioner, any person or personnes to enquere of anye landes or tenementes excepte euery of the same Jurye so retourned, or other to their vse, haue landes or tenementes of the yearelye value of.xl.s. within the same shire, where the same enquyry shall be made without fraude or collution, aboue all charges and reprises, vppon peyne of forfayture for euerye persone so retourned one. C.s. And that the Jury that shall be sworne before any Eschetour or suche commissioner to enquire of landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, shall receiue the counterpane of the office or inquisicion, that by them shalbe presented, endented, and sealed by the Eschetour or by such commissioner, and the same deliuer and suffer to reste in the possessio of the firste person that shall bee sworne in the sayde Jury, with him to remayne, to the entent that the sayde commissioner or Eschetoure may not chaunge nor embesell the saide offices or inquisitions. And this to be done vpon peine of euery of the sayde persons, that shall be sworne. xx.s. And þ euery Eschetour and commissioner (after a Jury or enqueste before any of them sworne) bee redye to geue their verdict or presentmente, and offer to presente the same, that the same Eschetour or commissioners, or parte of them, shall receiue the same verdict without farther delay, vppon peyne of one. C.li. And delyuer the counterpane of the indenture to the Jurye, in forme aboue rehersed vppon like peine: And that if the clerke of the petite bagge of the kynges chauncerye, for the time beynge, or his deputye or deputies, or any other officer there, haynge auctoritye to receiue any suche office or inquisition, to whose handes anye suche office or inquisition shall come to: whiche ought to be retourned into the sayde Chauncery, will not receiue the same office or inquisition, and put it on the Filas, to remaine of record, within.iij. dayes after it be receiued or offred to him to be receiued, he to forfayte for euery suche defaulte. xl.li. And the commissioners or Eschetours, afore whome the same office or inquisition is founden, and (as is beforesayde) offered to be deliuered to the Chauncerye, to bee discharged of the penaltye of.xl.li. lymitted by statute for none retournynge of the same office or inquisition within the moneth. And that lyke lawe and penaltye bee to charge the officer or officers of the kynges Eschequer, for the tyme beynge, whiche ought to receyue inquisitions or offices retournable into the same Eschequer, for refusinge so to receyue them. And that the commyssioners or Eschetoure, before whome the sayd inquisitions or offices

offyces be founden, be discharged of the penaltie of the statute for none returning of the same inquisitions or offices, so that then the sayd eschetour or commissioners at any tyme after the moneth of any such offices, before them or any of them taken, wythin another moneth than next ensuyng returne ỳ sayde office into the chauncery or escheker, as the case shall require. And ỳ the sayd clerke of the petite bagge (for ỳ tyme beyng) certify or cause to be certifyed the Transcript of euery such offyce or inquisition (taken before any commissioners or Eschetour) to the kyngs escheker the nert terme folowyng the receit therof, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery such defaut C.s. And ỳ no man be compelled after ỳ feast of all saincts nert comming to occupy nor exercise ỳ offyce of an Eschetour by any one patent ouer one hole yere. And that he that is once Eschetour shall not bee made eschetour agen wythin 3. yere after the forsayd hole yere ended. And if any eschetour after ỳ feast of all saincts be made eschetour, or exercyse his office by reasō of one patēt ouer the time of one hole yere ended, or be made eschetour wthin 3. yere after as is aforesayde) that thā after the sayd hole yere (in fourme aforesayd) ended, his patent so made to be voyde and of none effect. And ỳ the party or partyes so greeued, shall haue his or theyr recouery of euery of the sayd forfaytures of one C.li. by action of det, in which action the defēdant shall not wage his law, nor be by protectiō nor essoine. And ỳ residue of the other forfaytures, expressed in this presēt acte, ỳ king shal haue ỳ one moity thereof, & the party that will sue therfore by action of det, the other moity. And the defendant shal haue no other delay, but as is aforesayde.

Prouided alway, that this acte concerninge eschetours for exercisyng of theyr offyce ouer an hole yere together, & letters patents or graunts made or to be made to any eschetour for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or otherwyse, ertēd not, ne be preiudiciall to any eschetour that now is, & that hereafter shalbe made & ordeined in any citie or towne corporate, or in the duchies of Lancaster, Cornewal, & the countyes palatins of Lācaster, Chester, Durham or Ely, or to any other county palatine wythin the realme of Englād Wales or marches of the same. Or to any Eschetour made or hereafter to be made by any person or persons spyrituall or temporall, hauing auctority by reason of any fraunchises, liberty, priuiledges, prescriptions, or graunte, to depute or make any such eschetour in the same.

Prouided also that this acte, as to any penalty in the same concerninge the sufficiēcy of eschetour, & iurours aforesayd, extend not nor be preiudicial to any eschetour in cities or townes corporate, ne to any other eschetour made or hereafter to bee made by any person or persons hauing priuiledge to make eschetours for inquisition of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, ne to any sheryffe or bayliffe for returning in any pannel any persō or persons before any of the sayde eschetours of lesse value then is conteyned in the sayd acte. The eschetour of the county palatine of Lancaster & Chester in this prouise onely forprysed and excepted.

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Prouided also, that this acte extende not̄ be preiudicial to any Iustices of the peace, for any thing doing cōcernyng the commission of the peace.

Prouided also, that nothinge penal, contayned in this present acte, take effecte before the feast of Ester next commyng. And this acte to endure to the next Parliament.

An acte concerning the bridge of Stanes. Cap. ir.

Where as the Chauncellour of England and hys predecessoures time oute of minde haue vsed to ordeyne, & assigne 2. 3. or 4. certayne persons, of the towne & parish of Stanes in the county of Midd. to haue the receyte of tolle and custome concerning the making & reparacion of the bridge of ẏ same towne, aswell of cartes and horse laden wyth marchandises & other stuffe, caryed ouer and vpon the same bridge, as of barges cōming vnderneth the same bridge, wyth which tolle and custome the sayd bridge was repayred and also a causey, extendynge a myle from the same towne in length vnto the towne of Eggehm̄, and encloseth the water of Thames from ẏ kings high way, so that if the sayd causey and bridge be not wel mainteined and kepte, the kynges subiectes shall not nor may not passe on horsebacke nor on foote by that way, which should be to the great noyaunce as well of ẏ kinges grace as of all his subiectes, that shall ryde or go from London to the west partyes of this lande.

And for as much as the sayde tolle and custome hath bene at sometyme afore this desyred of the kinges highnes to be geuen to certaine personnes as of fee by his letters patents: And sometime the sayd Tolle & custome hath not ben well applyed to the reparacion of the sayd bridge and waye. Be it therefore ordeyned, enacted & established, by auctority of this presēte parliament, that according to ẏ sayd old vsage the Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme being) or keeper of the kinges great seale, and theyr successours, haue the deputacion and assignemente of 2. 3. or 4. certayne persons of the sayd towne and parysh of Stanes, that they shal take and receyue ẏ sayd tolle & custome, as before this time hath ben vsed to be paied: And the same Tolle & custome so by them or any of them receyued, to employe vpon the reparacion and making of the same bridge and waye, and therof yerely to yeld accompts to ẏ sayd Chauncellour or keeper of the kinges great seale (for the time being) or before such persons as he shall depute and assigne, & offer themselfe so to do yerely betweene the feastes of saincte Michael the archāgel & all saincts. And that all letters patents made or to be made by the kinges highnes, or by any of his heyres or successours to any person or persons of the sayd tolle or custome, or of the receite or imployinge thereof, be from hencefoorth voyde, and of none effect.

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An acte enlargynge a ſtatute concerninge the trauers of landꝭ ſeyſed into the kinges handꝭ by inqueſtes afore eſchetours and commiſſioners. Cap.x.

WHere as by a ſtatute made the 8. yeare of the reygne of king Henry the 6. it is ordeyned amonge other thyngs, that no landes and tenementes ſeyſed into the kynges handes, vppon enqueſtes taken afore the eſchetour or commiſſioners, ſhall in no wyſe bee let or graunted to ferme by the Chauncellour of Englande, to anye other officer of the kynges, whatſoeuer hee bee, till the ſame enqueſtes and verdites be retourned plainlye into the Chauncerie, or into the eſchequer, but ẏ all ſuch landes and tenements, ſhall abyde wholy & cõtinually in the kinges handꝭ, vnto the ſame enqueſtes and verdites be returned. But it bee ſo, that he or they, that be greeued by the ſame enqueſtes or put out of theyr landes and tenementes, come into the Chauncery, and offer to trauers the ſame enqueſtes, and offer to take the ſame landes and tenements to ferme: and if they ſo do, then the ſame landes and tenementes be committed vnto them, if they ſhew good euidence, prouing their trauers to be true, & finde ſurety after the fourme of the ſaide ſtatute, as in the ſame ſtatute more at large appeareth.

And notwythſtanding the ſaid ſtatute diuers eſchetours and commiſſioners which haue taken ſuche enqueſtes, after the death of the kinges ſubiectes, of their Couin, to the intent to put theym that had cauſe of trauers, to the verdites of the ſaid enqueſtes, from the ferme of the premiſſes, woulde in the time of vacation put into the Chauncery, or into the Eſchequer, their ſaid office by them takẽ, becauſe the moneth ſhould paſſe before the beginning of the terme next enſuinge, by reaſon whereof they ẏ ſhould of right haue the ferme vpon theyr trauers according to the true entente of the ſaid ſtatute, were put from the ſame fermes, contrary to ryght & good conſcience.

For remedie wherof be it ordeyned, enacted, and eſtabliſhed, by auctoritie of this preſente parliamente, that from henceforth, after ſuche office found afore any Eſchetour or commiſſioner, put into the Chauncery or the Eſchequer, if any perſon or perſons, which will tend a trauers to the ſayde office, and deſyreth to haue the landꝭ contayned in the ſame office to ferme and findeth ſurety, and ſheweth euidence to the Chauncellour of England (for the time beinge) accordinge to the ſtatute afore reherſed, come into the Chauncerie within iii. monethes next after the ſame office ſo put into the Chauncerie or Eſcheker, that he be than by the ſayd Chauncellour thereto admitted, and that then all other patentes and grauntes hereafter to bee made thereof within ẏ ſaid iii. monethes ended, be voyd and of none effect

the sayd statute made the viii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the vi. or any other statute made to the contrary notwythstanding.

An acte concerning the confirmacion of the acte of atteinte to continue. Cap. xi.

Where as at the parliamēt holdē at westminster the xiiii. day of October, in the xi. yere of the most famous Prince king Henry the vii. late king of England, father to our soueraigne lorde the kinge that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted vpon euery vntrue verdite to be giuen within the realme of Englande betweene party and party, in any suite, plaint, or demaunde before Justices of Record, where the thinges in demaunde extende to the value of xx. li. not concerning ieoperdy of mans life, the party greeued by the same vntrue verdite, should haue a writte of atteint against euery person geuing an vntrue verdite, and against the party, which hath iudgement vppon the same, which good statute then was made for to endure vnto the next parliamente: at the which parliament, in the xii. yeare of the sayd late king the sayd statute also was enacted to continue vnto the parliament than next followyng, which was holden at westminster the xxv. day of January, the xix. yere, at which parliamente also it was ordeyned to continue vnto this presente parliamente begunne the xxi. daye of January. By reason of which statute manye lighte and vnstable sworne iuries betweene party and party hath bene, and yet be more in feare to giue vntrue verdites for punishment of the same. And for as muche as the sayde good statute is so much necessary to bee continued for the punishmente of the horrible vice of periurie now daily committed and vsed, to the great displeasure of Almighty God, and also to the great hurt and vtter vndoing of the kinges true subiects, wherfore be it enacted by ẏ king out soueraine lord, by the aduise of ẏ lords spyrituall and temporall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctority of the same, that the sayd good estatute, made in the said xi. yere, as well concerning the sayd atteinte, as the reformacion of panelles by Justices of peace and gaile deliuerie, and euery thinge conteyned in the same, be & stand good and effectual in euery point from this time forward. This acte to endure to the nert parliament:

An acte concerning vntrue inquisitions, procured by Empson and Dudley. Cap. xii.

Sheweth vnto your discrete wysedomes, that where diuers and many vntrue inquisicions, by the procurement of Richard Empson knight, & Edmonde Dudley, haue ben had and takē wythin this realme, as wel

before

before commissioners assigned by letters patentes of the late kynge, kynge Henry the.viij. as before his escheatours, as well by vertue of writtes of the said late kynge, as by vertue of their office, by the which inquisition sōtime parcell of the said landes contained in the said inquisitions, & sometime the hole landes there founden holden of the said late king in capite, wherein truth the sayd landes, contained in the sayde inquisitions, not no parcell of them was holde of the sayde late kyng in capite, ne of any of his progenitours. To the which inquisitions the parties thā greued by the same, could not nor might not take their trauers to the same, according to the lawes of the land, but were enforced and cōstreigned to sue their liuery of the same out of the handes of the sayd late kyng, whereby they were and be cōcluded to say, that the sayde landes be holden of the kynge in chiefe, to their great losse and hinderance, where in trouth they were not holden of the saide late king, ne of any his progenitours: wherefore be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that euery person and persons, hauing possession of the sayde landes, contained in the same inquisitions, or any parte thereof, may be admitted to haue their trauers to the said untrue inquisitions, notwithstanding any liuery sued in the time of the sayde late kynge, kynge Henry the.viij. And that it be further enacted by the same auctority, that any liuery sued of the same, in the time of the sayde late kynge, ne any thing contained in the same liuery, be any conclusion after the course of the common lawe, or in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, that shall happen to tende their trauers to the sayde office, but that they and euery of theym shall be admytted to their trauers to the sayde inquisitions, and to haue lyke aduantage in the lawe, as though no liuery had be sued of the same in the time of the sayd late kyng, and this at the reuerēce of god and in the way of charitye. &c.

Prouided alway, that they or any of them, which shall tend their trauers to any of the said inquisitions, in any maner and forme as is aforesayd, shal not be restored to any meane issues or profites of landes and tenementes compyled in the sayd inquisitions.

¶ An acte that no coine, plate, vessell, bullion nor Jewell be caried out of this lande. Cap. xiij.

Where in a parliament begun and holden at westminster the.xvj. day of January, in the.xvij. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe amonges other it was ordeined by auctority of the same parliamēt, that no persō should cary nor make to be caried out of this realme or wales from no part of the same, any maner money of the coine of this realme, nor money of the coyne of other realmes, landes, or lordeshipes

shyps, nor plate, bestell, bullion, nor Jewell of golde garnyshed or ungarnished or of syluer, without the kynges licence: but such persons as be dispensed within the statute made in the second yere of kyng Henry .vi. And other diuers statutes made vpon paine of felony, as in the said statutes or ordinaunce more plainely doth appere. The which statute & ordinaunce was in dede to endure from the feast of Ester, in the xviij. yere of the sayd kinge Edward, vnto the ende of .viij. yeres than next ensuinge, which statute & ordinaunce afore rehersed by auctorite of parliamēt, holden in the thyrd yere of the reigne of the late kynge of most famous memory Henry the seuenth were affirmed and enacted to be good and effectuall, from the feast of the Purification of our Ladye, the yeare of our lorde god .M.CCCC.lxxxix. and to endure to the ende of .vi. yeres than next ensuinge. And for as much as the sayde statute, ordinaunce, and acte shoulde expyre, and whiche is thought for the more parte to be very good and necessary: Therfore be yt enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that the sayde statutes ordinaunces, and actes (aboue reherced) bee and shall stande good and effectuall from the feast of the Purification of our Ladye, in the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fiue hundred and .ix. after the computacion of Englande, in euery thyng therin conteined, except onely the penalty of felony in the sayd statute limitted. And that from the sayde feast of the purification of our Ladye, in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.ix. euerye person that shall carye or do to be caried any money, coyne, plate, vessell, bullion, Jewell of goolde, garnished or ungarnished, or of syluer, contrarye to the fourme of the sayd statutes, shall forfayte the double value of the same: the one halfe therof to the kinge, and the other halfe to him that shall sease it, or therfore sue by action of debte at ỳ common lawe. And this acte to endure vnto ỳ nexte parliament.

¶ An acte concerninge reformation of apparell vsed within this realme. Cap. xiiij.

FOr as much as the great and costly array and apparell vsed within this realme contrary to good statutes therof made, hath be the occasion of great vnpouerysshinge of diuers of the kinges subiectes, and prouoked many of them to robbe and to do extorcion, & other vnlawful dedes to maintaine therby theyr costlye array. In eschewinge wherof, be it ordeined by ỳ auctority of thys present parliament, that no person, of what estate, condicion, or degree that he be, vse in his apparell anye clothe of golde, of purpure colour, or silke of purpure colour, but only the kinge, the queene, the kinges mother, the kinges children, the kynges brethers and sisters, vppon peyne to forfayte the sayd apparell, wherwith so euer it be mixte: And for vsinge the same, to forfayte

faiture pounde. And that no man vnder the state of a Duke vse in any apparell of his bodye or vpon his horses, any cloth of golde of Tissue, vpon peine to forfait the same apparel, where with so euer it be mixt, and for vsing the same to forfait .C. marke. And that no man vnder the degree of an Earle, weare in his apparel any Sables, vpon peine to forfait ỳ same apparel. And that no man vnder the degre of a barō vse in his apparel, of his body or of his horses any cloth of golde, or cloth of siluer, or Tuisen satten, ne no other like or cloth mixte or brodred with golde or siluer, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same apparell, all be it, that it be mixte with any other like or cloth: And for vsing of the same to forfait .C. marke. And that no man vnder the degre of a lorde or a knyght of the garter, weare any woolle cloth made out of this realme of England, Irelande, wales, Calets, or the marches of the same, or Berwike, vpon peine to forfait the sayd cloth, and for vsing of the same to forfaite .C.li. And that no man vnder ỳ degree of a knighte of the garter weare in his gowne or cote, or any other his apparel, any veluet of the colour of cremesin or blew, vpon peine to forfaite ỳ same gowne or cote: or other apparel, and for vsinge of the same to forfaite C.s. And that any of the vshers, of the kynges chamber, for ỳ tyme being that first sueth his action of detinew for the same aparell, haue the sayde forfaitures of the sayde apparell. And if none of the sayde vshers commence their action thereof within .xv. dayes in the yearme next after ỳ saide forfaiture: than the kinges chamberlaine for the tyme beyng to haue thereof his lyke action. And ỳ kyng our soueraigne lord and his heires to haue the one halfe of the said forfaitures of the sayd mony so forfaited and the saide chamberlaine of the kynge for the tyme beyng (to haue the sayde other halfe of the money.

Prouided, that if ther be any lyke forfaiture committed or done by any of the queenes seruantes beyng in hir Chequer rolle that than any of the vshers of her chamber, and in their defaute, the queenes chamberlain for the tyme beyng haue lyke actiōs for the sayd forfaytures, as is aforesaide for the kings vshers and his chāberlain. And that no man vnder the degre of a knight, except squiers for the kynges body, his cuppe berers, caruors and sewers, hauinge the ordinarye fee for the same, & all other esquiers for the body hauing possession of landes and tenementes or other hereditaments in their handes, or other to their vse, to the yerely value of. CCC. marke. And lordes sonnes and heires, Justices of the one benche or of the other, the mayster of the rolles, and Barons of the kinges Eschequer, and all other of the kinges Councell, and Maires of the city of London (for the tyme being) vse or weare any veluet in their gownes or rydinge cotes, or furres of martron in their apparels, vpon peine to forfaite the same, furre and apparell, wherwith soeuer it be mixte, and for vsing of the same to forfaite. xl.s. Nor no person other than be aboue named, weare veluet in their doubletes, nor satten nor damaske in their gownes nor cotes.

excepte hee be a Lordes sonne, or a gentleman, hauinge in his possessiō, or other to his vse, landes and tenementes, annuitees at the lest for terme of lyfe, to the yerely value of a C.li. aboue all reprises, vppon peyne to forfait the same apparel, wherwith soeuer it be mixt: & for vsing of the same to forfait.xl s. Nor no person vse or weare satten or damaske in their doublets, nor like or chamblet in their gounes or cotes, not hauing landes or tenementes in his possession or other to his vse office or fee for terme of life or lyfes, to the yearly value of. xx. li. excepte he be a yoman of ỳ crowne or of the kynges garde or gromes of the kinges chaumber, or of the queenes hauing therfore the kynges fee or ỳ queenes, vpon peine to forfaite the same apparel, wherwith soeuer it be mixt. And for vsing of the same to forfaite xl.s. And that no man, vnder the degre of a gentilman, excepte graduates of the vniuersitees and excepte yomen, gromes and pages of the kynges chamber, and our soueraigne ladies the queenes: and excepte such men as haue landes, tenementes, fees, or annuitees to the yerely value of .x.li. for terme of lyfe, or .C.li. in goodes, vse, or wear any furres, where of there is no lyke kynde growing in this lande of Englande, Ireland, wales, or in any lande vnder the kynges obeisance, vpon peine to forfaite the same furres and for vsing of the same to forfait.xl s. The value of their goodes to bee tryed by their owne othes. And that no man vnder the degree of a knight, excepte spiritual mē & sergeantes at the lawe or graduates at vniuersitees vse any more cloth in a long gowne then foure yrode yardes & in a riding gowne or cote aboue .iii. yardes vppon peine of forfaitures thereof. And that no seruing man, vnder the degree of a gentilman, vse or weare any gowne or cote, or such lyke apparell of more clothe than .ii. yrode yardes and a halfe in a shorte gowne, and .iii. yrode yardes in a longe gowne. And that in the saide gowne or cote, they were no maner furre, vpon peine of forfaiture of the saide apparell or the value thereof. And that no seruing man, wattyng vpō his maister, vnder the degre of a gentylman, vse or weare any garded hose or any cloth aboue the price of.xx.d. the yarde in his hose excepte that it be of his maysters wearing hose, vpon peyne of forfayture of.iii s, iiii d. And that no man vnder the degree of a knyght, weare any garded or pinched shert, pinched partlet of linen cloth, vppon peine of forfayture of the same shyrte or partlet, and for vsing of the same.x s. And that no seruante of husbandry, nor sheppard, common labourer, or seruant to any artificer out of citee or borowe, nor husbandemen hauinge no goods of his owne aboue the valu of .x. pound vse or weare any cloth, where of ỳ yrod yarde passeth in price, ii.s. Nor that any of the saide seruants of husbandrie, shepardes, nor laborroures, weare any hose aboue the price of x.d. the yard vpō peyne of imprisonmente in the stockes by.iii. dayes. And that he that will sue for any of the sayde forfaytures of the sayde apparell forfayted by any person vnder the degree of a lorde or a knyghte of the garter haue the sayde apparell forfayted by action of detinue, & ỳ kynge our soueraine lord

to haue

to haue the one halfe of the forfayture of the sayd money so forpryed, or the lorde of the franchesse, if it be recouered or presented wythin a franchesse or lete, and the party that wyl sue, haue the other halfe. And the sute to be by action of det, and that in any wyse of all the sayd actions, the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor bee by protection nor essoine, nor the party to be barred by the kynges pardon, nor be delayed by any plea to the disablement of his person. And that the lord stewarde of the kinges house for the time beinge, wythin the verge: and Justices of assise, and Justices of the peace, stewardes in leetes or lawe dayes, euery of them, haue also power to enquere and holde plee of euery defaulte of the premisses aswell by examination of the party, as after the course of the common lawe, and to determine the same, aswell at the kyngs sute as at the sute of the party.

Prouided alway, that this acte be not preiudicial nor hurtfull to any spirituall or temporal man in wearyng any ornamentes of the Church, in executing deuine seruice, nor to any marchauntes straungers.

Prouided also ỳ it shalbe lawfull to all Mayres, Seroiders, Aldermen, sheriffes & bayliffes, and all other head officers of cityes, boroughes, or townes corporate, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, to vse and weare like aparel in theyr gownes, dublettes, clokes, & other apparel, as theyr predecessours haue done in tymes past, this acte in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any woman or to anye ambassadours, herenemen, haroldes of armes, minstrelles, players in enterludes, nor to any man wearyng any apparell of the kyngs iuerie, geuen hym by the kyng for the time of his attendaunce about the kinges grace.

Also be it enacted by auctority aforesaid, that all other statutes of arrayes made afore the making of this present statute, and al penalties and forfaitures to bee leuied or demaunded by reason of them or any of them, bee vtterly voyde, repelled, and of none effect, and discharged: And that this act of arraye, made at this present parliament, begin to take effect at the feaste of saint Michael tharchangell nert commynge, and not before, & to endure vnto the nert parliament.

Prouided also that this act extende not to any person or persons, vsing any maner of apparell, aswel vppon himselfe, as vpon horse, beynge in the kinges seruice in time of warre.

Prouided alway, that the kings grace by this present acte be not letted nor restreyned of his liberty but that his highnes (at his pleasure) by his placarde or his letter, or his bill assigned wyth his moste gracious hande, may graunte and giue licence and auctority to such of his subiectes, as his grace shall thincke conueniente, to weare all and singuler such apparell on his body or his horses, as shall stand with the pleasure of the kinges grace, without damage or forfayture to hym or them that so doth, of any apparel or other peyne conteyned in this statute.

An act

An acte adnullinge and reuokyng all feoffementes made to Empson and Dudley. Cap. rb.

Where as Rychard Empson, late of Lõdon knight, and Edmonde Dudley, late of London squire, nowe standen & be attetinted of hygh treason, after the course of the common law: and they, or one of them were or be seased, or they or any of them ioyntly wyth other were seased of dyuers manours, landes & tenementes, and other hereditamentes, to the vse of our souerayngne lorde the kynge, or to the vse of other the kinges subiectes, or in morgage, or to couenaunt, vpon payment, or none paymẽt and vpon diuers other couenauntes. Be it therfore ordeyned, and enacted, by the auctority of this present parliament, that euery person and persons to whose vse the sayd Richard & Edmonde, or eyther of them, were seased the xx. day of Aprill last paste, or any time sithen, maye enter into the same, whereof the said Richard, or Edmond were seased, and make estate therof to other persons in fee to theyr vse, as they might haue done, if the sayd attеindour had neuer ben had ne made, aswell vpon ỹ possession of our souereaigne lord the king, as of any other personne. And that of all such maner landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whereof the sayd Richard and Edmonde, or eyther of them, were ioyntly seased with any other person or persons, the said xx. day, or any time sith, the same ioynt feoffees, and theyr heyres, and euery of them to stande and be seased of the hole to suche vse and entent, as the same ioynt feoffee or feoffees, wyth ỹ same Richard and Edmonde, or eyther of them, were seased the xx. daye, or any time syth, the attеindours notwythstanding.

Prouided alway, that this acte extend not to any lordships, manours, landes, tenements, possessions, or hereditaments that were of John Ratelife knight, late lord Fitz water, vnto the which Roberte Ratelife knight now lorde Fitz water, sonne and heyre of the sayde John, is restored by an acte of restitution, made for him in this presente parliamente, but that the saide Roberte and his heyres may haue and enioy all the same lordshippes, manours landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes accordinge to the sayde acte of restitucion, wyth the prouiles conteyned in the same. This acte, or any other acte made or to be made in this present parliamẽt in any wyse notwythstandinge. Ne that this acte, or any thing conteyned therin, be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to the said Robert or his heires, of or in the premisses or any of them.

FINIS.

God saue the King.

ANNO TERTIO HENRICI VIII.

The kynge our soueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conquest, by the grace of God kinge of England and of fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Westminster in the.xiij. day of February, in the thyrde yere of his most noble reygne, to the honour of God and holye churche, & for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the assent of the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by aucthoritye of the same, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, and enacted, certaine statutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowinge

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FINIS TABVLAE.

¶ In acte that no money, coyne, plate, veſſell, bullion, nor Jewels be caried out of this realme. Cap. j.

WHere in a parliamẽt begon and holden at weſtminſter the .xvj. daye Januarye in the .xvij. yeare of kynge Edwarde the .iij. amõges other it was ordeined by auctority of the ſame parliament, that no perſon ſhould carye ne make to be caried out of this realme or walles frõ no parte of the ſame, any maner money of the coyne of this realme, nor money of the coynes of other realmes lands or lordeſhips, nor plate, veſſell, bullion, nor Jewell of golde garniſhed or ungarniſhed or of ſiluer, without the kinges licence, but ſuche perſons as be diſpenſed within the ſtatute, made in the ſeconde yere of king Henry the firſt, and other diuers ſtatutes made, vpon peine of felony, as in the ſaid ſtatute and ordinaunce more plainly doth appere. The whiche ſtatute and ordinaunce was made to endure from the feaſt of Eaſter, in the .xviij. yere of the ſayde kynge Edwarde, vnto the ende of .vij. yeres than next enſuinge, whiche ſtatute and ordinaunce afore reherſed, by auctority of parlyamente holden in the .iiij. yere of the reigne of the late king of moſt famous memorye Henrye the .vij. were affyrmed and enacted to bee goode and effectuall from the feaſt of the purification of our lady, the yere of our lorde god .M. CCCC. lxxxx. and to endure vnto the ende of .xx. yeres than next enſuinge. And for as muche as the ſayd ſtatute ordinaunce and acte ſhoulde erppyre: and whiche is thought for the more parte to be very good and neceſſarye. Therfore be it enacted by auctority of this preſent parliamẽt, that the ſayd ſtatutes, ordinaunces, and actes afore reherſed, be and ſhall ſtand good & effectuall from the feaſt of the purification of our Lady, in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.ix. after the computacion of Englande, in euerye thynge therin conteined, except only the penalty of felony in the ſayd ſtatute limited: And that from the ſaide feaſt of the purification of our Lady, in ỳ yere of our lorde god .M.D.ix. euery perſon, that ſhall carye, or do to be caried ouer the ſea, or bring it into any ſhippe or veſſell to be caried ouer ỳ ſea, anye money, coyne, plate, veſſell, bullion, Jewell of golde garniſhed or ungarniſhed, or of ſiluer, contrary to the forme of the ſayde ſtatutes, ſhall forfayte the double value of the ſame: the one halfe therof to the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that ſhall ſeyſe, or therfore ſue by action of debte at the common law. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerning eſchetours and commiſſioners for true findinge of offices to endure for euer. Cap. ij.

PRaien the commons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, that where in the parlyament holden at weſtminſter, the .xxj. daye of Januarye, the fyrſt yeare of the raygne of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, for as muche as dyuers of the

kinges subiectes of late time were hurted, troubled, wronged, and some disheryted by Eschetours and Commyssioners, causinge vntrue offices to be founden, and somtime retournynge into thecourtes of recorde, offices and inquisitions that were neuer founde, and sometime chaungynge the maters of the offices that were truely founden, to the great hurte, trouble, and dysheryson of the kynges true subiectes, that lyke before time hath not been seene in this realme: wherfore it was ordeyned, established, and enacted by auctoryte of the sayde parliament, that yf any eschetour or commissioner hereafter retourne, or put into any of the kinges courtes, anye inquisitions or offices, concernynge landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes not founden nor presented by the othes of xii. men, and indented, and by theym sealed: that than the same Eschetour or commissioner to forfaite for euery such office or inquisicion so returned and put in to any of the sayde courtes, a hundreth poundes to the party or parties greued by any suche inquisicion or office. And from henceforthe that no eschetour, ne no man sette by vertue of any commission, to enquere of landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, excepte he, or other to his vse, haue landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, of the yearelye value of xl. marckes, aboue all charges and reprises, vppon peyne of cc.li. And that it shall be lawefull for all persons that be not sufficient of freeholde in possession or vse, at the time of any suche commission to them deliuered, to refuse to sitte and inquere by vertue of the same commission: And that they vppon processe made against them out of the kinges eschequer, by vertue of the same commission, to be discharged vppon their othes for their sayde non sufficiencie, without fine or fee. And that euery eschetour and commissioner shall sytte in conuenient and open places accordinge to the statutes heretofore made. And that the sayde Eschetour and commissioner shall suffer euerye person to geue euidence openly in their presence to such enquestes as shalbe taken before any of them, vpon peine of xl.l. And that no shyriffe nor other person, whiche shall or ought to retourne writtes or preceptes, retourne before Eschetour or suche commissioner anye person or persons to enquyre of any Landes or tenementes, except euery of the same Juryes, so retourned, or other to theyr vse, haue landes or tenementes of the yerely value of xl.s. within the same shire, where the same enquiry shalbe made, without fraud or collusion, aboue all charges & reprises, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery person so retourned one.C.s. And that the Jury, that shalbe swoorne before any Eschetour or suche commissioner, to enquere of landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shal receiue the counterpane of the office or inquisition, that by them shall be presented, indented and sealed by the eschetour or by such commissioner, and the same deliuer, and suffer to reste in the possession of the firste person, that shall be swoorne in the sayd Jury, with hym to remaine, to thentent that the sayde commissioner or eschetour may not chaunge nor embesell the saide offices or inquisicions. And this to be done

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vpon peyne of euery of the sayde persons (that shall be sworne) xx.s. And that euery eschetour and cõmissioner after a Jury or enquest before any of them sworne, be redy to geue their verdict or presentmente, and offer to present the same, that the same Eschetour or commissioners, or part of theym shall receiue the same verdict without further delaye, vppon peyne of C.li. and deliuer the counterpane of the endenture to the Jury in fourme afore rehersed, vpon like peine. And that if the clarke of the petite bagge of the kynges Chauncery, for the time beinge, or hys deputy or deputies, or anye other officer, there hauinge auctority to receiue anye suche office or inquisition, to whose handes any suche office or inquisition shall come to, whiche ought to be retourned into the sayde Chauncery, will not receyue ỳ same office or inquisition, and put it on the Filas to remaine of recorde, within three dayes after it be receiued or offered to him to be receiued: he to forfait for euerye suche defaulte xl.li. And the commissioner or Eschetour, afore whome the same office or inquisition is founden, as is aforesayde, and offered to be deliuered into the Chauncerye, to be discharged of the penaltye of xl.li. limitted by statute for none retourninge of the same office or inquisition within three monethes. And that like lawe and penaltye be to charge the officer or officers of the kynges eschequer, for the time beynge, whiche oughte to receiue inquisitions or offices retournable into the same Eschequer, refusynge so to receyue theym. And that the commissioner or Eschetour, before whom the sayd inquisitions or offices be founden, be discharged of the penalty of the statute for none retourninge of the same inquisitions or offices, so that than the sayde eschetour or commissioners, at any tyme after the moneth of any such offices before them or any of them takẽ, within an other moneth than nert ensuinge retourne the sayd office into ỳ sayd Chauncery or eschequer, as the case shall require. And that the sayde clerke of the petite bagge, for the tyme beynge, certifye or cause to be certified the transcript of euery such office, or inquisicion, taken before any cõmissioners or eschetours, into the kings eschequer the nert terme folowinge ỳ receypt thereof, vpon peyne of forfaicture for euery suche defaulte C.s. And that no man be compelled after the feast of all sainctes nert commynge to occupy nor exercise the office of any eschetour by any one patẽt, ouer one hole yere. And that he ỳ is once eschetour, shall not be made eschetour againe within three yeres after the forsayd hole yere ended. And if any eschetour, after the feaste of all Sainctes, be made Eschetour, or exercise his office by reason of one patẽt ouer the time of one hole yere ended, or be made eschetour within .iij. yere after, as is aforesaide that than after the sayde hole yere, in fourme aforesayd ended, his patent so made to be voyde and of none effect. And that the partye or partyes so greeued shall haue his or their recouerye of euery of the sayd forfaitures of one C. pound, by action of debt, in which action the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor be by protection nor essoyn. And the residue of the other forfaiturs (expressed in this present acte)

the kinge shall haue the one moity therof, and the party that will sue therfore by action of debte, the other moity. And the defendant shall haue none other delay but as is aforesaide.

Prouided alway that this acte, concerninge eschetours for exercisynge of theyr office ouer a whole yere together, and letters patentes or grauntes made or to be made to any eschetour for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or otherwise, extende not, ne be prejudiciall to any eschetour that nowe is, and that hereafter shall be made and ordeined in any citye, or towne corporate, or in the Duchies of Lancastre, Cornewalle, and the countyes Palantines of Lancaster, Chester, Duram, or Ely, or any other countye palantine within the realme of Englande, wales, or other marches of the same, or to any Eschetour made, or hereafter to be made, by any person or persons spirytuall or temporall, hauinge auctority by reason of any fraunchese, liberty, priuiledges, prescriptions, or graunt, to depute or make any suche Eschetour in the same.

Prouided also that this acte (as to any penalty in the same concerninge the sufficiencie of eschetour and iurours aforesaide) extende not, nor be prejudiciall to any eschetour in cities or townes corporate, ne to any other Eschetour made, or hereafter to be made by any person or persons hauinge priuileges to make eschetours for inquisicions of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, ne to any shiryffe or bayliffe for retournynge in any panell any person or persons before any of the sayde Eschetours of lesse value than is conteined in the sayde acte. The eschetours of the countyes palantyne of Lancaster and Chester in this prouiso onely forprised and excepted.

Prouided also that this acte extende not be prejudiciall to any Justices of the peace, for any thynge doinge concerning the commission of the peace which acte and statute was ordeined and made to endure vnto ỳ first day of this present parliament. And for as muche as the sayde acte is thoughte to be very necessary and behoueable: Be it therfore ordeyned, established, and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, that the sayde acte concerninge Eschetours and commissioners, and euery thinge therin conteined, stande & be in full stregth vertue and effecte for euer more.

¶ An acte concerninge the maintenaunce of archery & shootinge in longe bowes within this realme. Cap. iij.

THe kinge our soueraigne lorde, calling to his moste noble & gracious remembrance, that by the feate and exercise of the subiectes of this his realme in shotynge in longe bowes, there hath continually growen & bene within ỳ same great nombre & multytude of good archers, which haue not only defended this realme & the subiectes therof against ỳ cruell malice & daunger of their outwarde enemi-

enemies in tyme heretofore passed, but also with litle number & puyssance in regarde have done many notable actes and discomfetures of warre agaynst ỳ infideis and other, and furthermore subdued and reduced diuers and many regions & countreis to their due obeisance to the great honour, fame, and suertye of this realme and subiectes, and to the terrible drede and feare of all straunge nacions any thinge to attempt or do to the hurte or damage of them or any of them. And albeit that diuers good and profitable statutes in ỳ time of his noble progenitoures & predecessours kinges of this lande for ỳ maintenaunce of archerie and longe bowes heretofore haue ben made, amonge which the right famous kynge of noble memory Henry the. vii. father to our sayde souereigne lorde, by auctority of diuers parliamentes, caused good and notable acts and statutes to be established and made, and that shoting in crosbowes should be set on part & not vsed. And also that great number of bowestaues of ewe should be brought and conueyed by marchaunts repayringe into thys realme from those partes where they grow, vpon certaine paynes in the same statutes limitted and contayned, yet neuertheiesse archery and shotyng in longe bowes is right litle vsed, but dayly minisheth, decayeth, and abateth more and more, for that much part of the comminalty and parcel of ỳ realme whereby of olde tyme the great number and substance of archers hath growen and multiplied. be not of power nor abilitye to by them longe bowes of ewe to exercise shotyng in the same, and to susteyne the continuall charge thereof, and also by meanes and occacion of customable vsage of tenes play, bowles, closhe and other vnlawful games prohibite by many good and beneficiall estatutes, by auctoritee of parliament, in that behalfe prouided and made, great impouerishment hath insued, and many heynous murders roberies and felonyes be committed and doone, and also the deuine seruice, by such misdoers on holy and festinall dayes not harde or solemnised, to the hygbe displeasure of almighty god: wherefore the kynges highnesse of hys moste blessed disposicion, greate wisedome, and prouidence, and also for zaele to the publike weale, suerty and defence of this his realme, and subiectes and their auncient fame in this behalfe to be reuiued and repaired by the assent of his lordes spirituall and tempozall and his comons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorytee of the same, hath ordayned, enacted, and established, that the statute of winchester for archers, be put in due execution. And ouer that, that euerye man beynge the kynges subiecte, not lame, decrepite, nor maymed, nor hauinge any other lawfull or reasonable cause or impedimente. beyng within the age of. lx. yeres except spirituall men, Justices of the one benche and of the other, Justices of Assise, and barons of the eschequere do vse and exercise shotynge in long bowes. And also to haue a bowe, & arrowes redy continually in his house to vse hym selfe, and do vse hym selfe in shotyng. And also that the father, gouernoures, and rulers of suche as be of tender age do teach and bynge

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vp them in ꝑ knowlage of the same shotyng. And that euery man hauing a man childe, or menchildren in his house, shall prouide ordaine & haue in his house for euerye manchilde, beynge of the age of.vii.yeres & aboue, till he shall come to the age of.xvii.yeare, a bowe & ii. shaftes, to enduce & lerne them & bringe them vp in shotyng, & shall deliuer all ꝑ same bowes and arrowes to the same yonge men, to vse and occuppye. And if the same yonge men be seruantes, that than their maisters shal abate ꝑ mony that they shall paie for the same bowes and arrowes of their wages And after all such yonge men shall come to the age of.xvii.yeres, euery of them shall prouide and haue a bowe and.iiii.arrowes continually for him self at his proper costes & charges, or els of the gyft or prouision of his frendes & vse and occupy the same in shoting, as is afore rehersed. And that the Justices of assises, of gaole delyuery, Justyces of peace and stewards of fraunchises leetes, & lawdayes, haue power to enquire of all the premisses in theyr sessions letes and lawdayes and here & determin the same. And also by theyr discrecions examin all persons lackinge and not hauinge bowes, shaftes and arrowes accordyng to the forme afore rehersed. And euery persō that shal be founde by such inquiery or examinacion in defaut, or not prouiding and hauing bowes arrowes & shaftes redy by the space of one month, shal forfait and pay for euery such defaute.xii.d. And where any such forfaiture shall happen to be founden within the precincte of any fraunchese lete, or law day, than the lorde of the same fraunchise lete or law daye shall haue the forfayture thereof. And in all other places, all such forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours. And that all statutes heretofore made agenst thē that vse vnlawfull games, be duly put in execucion & punishment had accordyng to the penalties of ꝑ same as wel against ꝑ offenders & occupiers of suche vnlawfull games, as against thē that be owners or keperes of houses or other places, where any suche vnlawfull games be vsed accordyng to the purporte tenor & intent of the same statutes, & furthermore that all the iustices of peace, maires, bailiffes sheriffes, constables and all other head officers & euery of them finding or knowing any maner person or persones, vsing or exercising any vnlawfull games, contrary to the sayd statute, haue full power & auctorite to cōmit euerye such offendor to ward, there to remayn with out bayle or mainprise, to such tyme he or they so offending, be bounden by obligaciō to the kinges vse in such somme of money as by the discrecion of the said Justices, mayres, bayliffes, or other head officers shall be thought reasonable that they nor any of them shall not frō thenceforth vse any vnlawfull games. And that euery bowier within this realme, alway make for euery one bow of ewe, that he maketh to sell at the leaste .ii. bowes of elme, wich or other wod of meaneprice, & if they or any of them refuse so to do, & it foūdē before iustices of peace in the shire or maires, bayliffes or other head officer of cyties or boroughes wtin theire cities or borowes, by presentment of .xii men

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or by due examinacion before the said Justices of peace, or .ij. of them, or before the sayde Mayres or Bailiffes, that the same Justices, Mayres or bailiffes haue full auctority & power to cõmit the to ward, there to remaine without baile or mainprise by the space of .viii. daies or more, by the discretion of the said iustices, mayres, or bailyffes. And also that buttes be made in euery citty, towne, and place accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and cõtinue such buttes, and to exercise them selfe with long bowes in shotting at the same & eis where on holy dayes & other times conuenient. And ouer that it is enacted by the said auctority, that euery iustice of peace within this realme, or .ij. of them within their seuerall iurisdictions, haue full power and auctority to take, assigne, & appoint bowers in .iii. .ij. or mo places by their discretion, within euery shyre, citye, or borowes, where the most common repayre and resort is of his subiects, & there to inhabite and make long bowes of elme, wyche, or other wodde of litle price and value to serue the cõmaltye for the due exercise of shooting, and to take and cõpell as many of them as they shall thinke necessary by their discretiõs to inhabite at such places for the same. And so in like wise as often as the case shall require & be thought behouefull. And that all bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme to be solde, be open and not solde in bundels nor close, to thentent the byers of theim may haue perfite knowledge of ỳ goodnesse of them, and geue the better price for them, if they be so worthe. And be it also enacted by the auctority aforsayde, that all maires, bailiffes, sheriffes, and all other head officers shall make open proclamation of these presents in euery market & faire to be holdẽ within their seuerall iurisdictions & auctorities. And also that the Justice of the goale deliuere, assises, & Justices of peace do cause ỳ same to be proclamed in their seuerall circuites and sessions before them to be holden. This acte concerninge the makinge of bowes of elme, wich, or other then of ewe, to begyn to take effect at the feast of Lammesse next comming: And the residue of all this act to take effect & be put in execution immediately, & to endure to the next parliament.

Item that no stranger borne out of the kinges obeysaunce (not beinge denyzen) shal not conuey nor do to be conueied into any partes out of ỳ kynges obeisaunce any long bowes, arrowes, or shaftes, without the kings speciall licẽce, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same, wheresoeuer they shalbe taken within this the kinges power, & vpon peine of imprisonment without baile or mainprise, vnto such time he or they (so beynge in warde) haue made a reasonable fine to the kynge for his or their offences, afore the Justice of peace or .ij. of thẽ in their sessiõs in the same coũty, where he or they shall be cõmitted to ward, or finde sufficient surety for the paimẽt of the same fine.

Item that no maner person (not beynge borne within the kinges obeysaunce) not made denizen, vse within the kinges obeisaunce shottinge with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vpon peine of forfaiture of such

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bowes, and bowes, and shaftes, as they shall be founden to shootynge with, & euery of the kynges subiectes may haue auctozity to take and seise the same forfapture to his owne vse.

¶ An acte of protections and licence of alienation for such persons as shalbe in the kinges warres. Cap. iiij.

The kinge our soueraigne Lozde, for diuers causes and reasonable consideracions him mouyng, by the assent of his lozdes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctozity of the same, hath enacted, ozdeyned, and establyshed, that euerye person, of what condicion oz degree hee be of, beynge oz hereafter shall be in our sayde soueraygne Lozde the kinges wages and seruice of warre beyonde the sea, oz vpon the sea, at his pleasure, haue the protection of prosecture oz mozature, cum clausa volumus. And in the exception of the sayde protection there be made omyssion of assisis. And that the sayde protections be allowable in all the kynges courtes, and other courtes, where the sayde protections shall be pleaded oz layed for anye of the sayde persons in all please of assise, as well of nouell disseysyn as of freshefoze without any dyfficulty: And excepte alwaye that the sayd protections be not allowable in actions of debte, taken oz to be taken by our soueraigne lozde the kinge oz by any person to his vse, oz to the vse of our late soueraigne lozde kynge Henry the. viij. oz to the vse of his executours for the perfourmaunce of his wyll, noz in anye appeall of murther oz felonye by anye person oz persons, sued oz to be sued. And that a speciall clause be expressed in the same protection for the same.

Also be it enacted, that the iudgementes to be geuen from henceforth in such Assise, arrained oz to be arrained, shall not be preiudiciall to any of the sayde persons, so beynge in the seruice of our soueraygne lozde the kynge as is afozesayde, whiche haue anye thynge in reuercion oz remaynder in landes oz tenementes, wherof such Assise be arrained, if the names of those persons, which be in the reuercion oz the remainder of such landes oz tenementes, be not in the sayd Assise, but that the sayd iudgemẽt be againste al them boyde: The sayde ozdinaunce to endure and be auayable to euery of the sayde persons as longe as he abideth in the kynges wages and seruice of warre. And if this ozdinaunce, touching the saide persons so nowe abyding oz after this shall so abide in the seruice of the kinges highnes, be not sufficient for the ease and suerty of them: Be it ozdeined and enacted by the same auctozity, that our soueraigne lozde the kynge, and the lozdes of his counsell, for the time beynge, haue full power in all maner of actions, suites and procesle, to graunte to euerye suche persons protections, as shall be in their causes auayable after their discretions, durynge the time that they

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or any of them continue in the sayde seruice of warre

Prouided that this acte be not auayable to any person for any entree, since the first day of this present parliament. Also be yt enacted that if any discents of any landes or tenementes or any other ryght or hereditaments be to any persone or persons (beyng with in this realme or els where) that that discēt be of no greater effect to the damage or hurt of the sayd persōs beynge in the kinges seruice, as is aforesayde, than yf the sayde persons in the kinges seruice so beinge, were within the age of.xxj. yeres.

Also be it ordeyned by the sayde auctorite, that all such persons, as shall passe ouer the sea, or byde vpon the sea in the kinges seruice, as is aforesaid eueriche of them, whiche haue landes and tenemētes holden of the king, or of any other to their onely vse, shall & may lawfully make therof alienatiō feoffementes, & transmutacion of possession by dede or dedes, fine or fines, recouerye or recouueryes, for the performaunce of theyr willes, without any fine for the said alienations, feoffementes, fines, recouerys, or transmutacion of possession therefore to be made. And that they & euery of them, their heyres and assignes, & the heyres and assignes of euery of them, be discharged of all such fines by the sayde acte without letters patentes of licence or pardō, or other discharge to be had in that behalfe. And furthermore be it also ordeyned and enacted by the saide auctority, that if any of the sayd persons, so being in the sayde seruice, whiche holde lands or tenementes of the kyng, or of any other by knightes seruice or otherwise, wherfore his heyres ought to be in warde, and fortune in the sayd seruice to decesse beyonde ꝑ sea or vpon the sea, or that any feoffement of the same landes and tenemētes, be supposed to be made by collusion, the heyre of the owner of the same landes and tenementes beynge within age: that than the feoffes or executours of suche person so deceased, haue the warde and mariage of the heire, so beinge within age, and of the landes and tenementes so holden duringe the nonage of euery suche heyre, to the performaunce of the will of the sayd person so deceassed, without any accompt or other thinge to be yelden, payynge yerely the rentes to the chiefe lord or lordes of the fee: sauing to euery person or persons, other then the said persōs, that shall make any suche alienacion feoffemēt fine, or suffer recouery to be had against them, without payinge therfore anye fine to the kynge or the lorde or lordes, of whom the sayde landes is holden, for the same, suche right, title, vse & interest, as they had before the sayd feoffement, alienation, fine, recouery, or transmutacion of possession, or any of them, made or suffred of any such landes, tenements or hereditamentes, whereof any such feoffement, fine, alienation or recouerye so shall be made.

Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to any capitaines or souldiours that now be or hereafter shall be reteyned within the townes of Caleys, Hamnes, Guisnes, Risebancke, and Berwike, Wales, or any of them, and the marches of the same.

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¶ An acte for payment of wages to souldiours beynge in the kynges warre. Cap. v.

FOrasmuche as the kynge our soueraygne Lorde entendeth, by the grace of god, to sende ouer the sea a great army, trustynge thereby not onely to preserue this his realme in his auncient fame & honor but also to set in perfecte peace & tranquillitie hys subiectes of the same, and þ better to be disposed to serue god. Howe be it many tymes by þ inordinat couetousnes of capitains retained with prices afore this time great parte of the number of souldiours, for whom such capitaynes haue endented with prices at time of nede, haue lacked of theyr number of souldyours, wherby greate ieopardie hath ensued, and irrecuperable damages may ensue, if remedy therefor be not sene and had. Be it therfore ordeyned by auctoritee of this present parlyamēt, that if any captaine be reteined or hereafter shal be, to serue the kinge vpon the sea, or beyond the sea in feat of warre, whiche haue not hys or theyr hole and perfite number of men and souldiours, accordynge as he shall be reteyned with the kynge, or geue not theym theyr full wages without abrydgemente, as he shall receyue of the kinge for them: he shall for such default forfayte to the kinge all hys goodes and catalles, & their bodies to prison. And that euery capitaine pety capitayne, and all other hauinge vnder them retinue of souldiour or souldiours at the kynges wages, shall (vppon the payne aforesayde) paye to the retynue of souldiour or souldyours, and euery of the same, the wages catabiye as is alowed vnto them by the kinge our soueraygne lord, or the treasorer of his warres, without lessinge or withdrawinge of any parte therof. And for as longe tyme as they shall receiue wages for them, this paiment to be made vnto the sayd retinues, and euery souldiour of the same, of their capitaines, and petty capitaines, alwayes within .vj. daies nert and immediatly after that þ said capitaine, petty capitaine or other shall haue receiued their wages of the kynge, or of the treasourer of his warres, or of their lords or maisters. And yf any souldiour, beinge no capitaine immediatly reteined with the kinge, which hereafter shalbe in wages and reteined, or take any prest to serue the kyng vpō the sea or vpon the land, or beyond þ sea depart out of the kinges seruice, without licence of the kinges liuetenaunte there, that such departynge be taken deemed & adiudged felony. And þ he so offendinge, suffre for the sayd offence punishment and execution of felony. And forasmuch as his offence stretcheth to the hurt & ieopardy of þ kinge our soueraine lorde, þ nobles of the realme, & of all the cōmon weale therof, that therfore he or they so offēding (not being withi orders of holy church) enioy not the benefite of his clergy. And that it be ordeyned by the sayde auctority, that the Iustices of the peace of euery shyre of England, where any such offenders be take, haue power to enquere of the sayde offences & the same to heare & determine. as they do & may do of felonies, trespasses.

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and other offences expressed in the kinges commission to theym made, as though the sayd offences were done in the same shyre. And also that the sayde departynge of such souldiours, and also theyr reteynours, if it be trauersed, be tryed in the same shyre, where they bee for such causes arrested & arraygned.

Prouided alwaye that no captayne be charged by this acte for lacke of his nomber reteyned, as is abouesayde, whose souldiours shall happen to dye, or otherwyse depart not in the default of the captayne, so that the said captayne, if hee bee at lande wages, shewe the departyng or lacking of his souldiour within x. dayes after the lackyng of the sayd souldiour, vnto the kings lieutenant there & to ỳ treasourer of the warres. Or if the captaine be at the sea wages, if he shew the departing or lacking of the souldiour so lacking, to the admiral of the nauy, where he is receyued at ỳ next meting wyth the sayd admiral. Prouided alway that this acte extend not to any captaynes or souldiours that now be or hereafter shalbe reteyned wythin the townes of Caleis, Hammes and Guisnes, Risebanke, Berwike and Wales, or anye of them, and the marches of the same.

Prouided alway that this acte be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to ỳ said captaynes petie captaynes nor any other, hauynge vnder them retinue of souldiours, nor any of them, for none paymẽt of the kings wages to their householde seruauntes and other, to whom they shall daily fynd and giue meate and drincke during the sayd seruice of warre.

An acte concerning true makyng and drapyng of wollen clothes. Cap. vj.

For the deceytfull drappynge and makinge of wollen clothes made and draped wythin this realme, & also for mesurynge in sale of the same, our souereygne lorde the kyng, by the aduyse & assent of his lords spyrytual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same, hath ordeyned, established & enacted diuers ordinances & statutes for the true making & drappyng of such wollen clothes and for measuring in sales the true cõtent of the same, in maner & fourme folowyng. Fyrst that the woll, which shalbe deliuered for or by the clothier to any person or persons for breaking, kimbing, carding, or spinninge of the same, the deliuery therof shalbe by euen, iust and true poyse and weyght of haberdipoyse, sealed by auctoritie, not exceedyng in weight after the rate of xii. pounde wolle scimed aboue one quarter of a pounde for the waste of ỳ same wolle, and in none other maner. And that the breaker or kember to deliuer agayne to the sayd clothier the same wollen so broken and kempt, and the carder and spinner to deliuer agayne to the same clothier yerne of the same wolle by the same euen iust and true poyse and weight (the waste therof excepted) without any part therof conceling, or any more oyle, wa-

ter, or other thing put thereunto deceiuably vpon peine to be set vpon the pillorie, or the cucking stoole, man or woman as the case shal requyre, vpon due proofe of such deceite afore and by the discretion of the mayre, baily or other head officer of Little, borough or towne, where ẏ deceit shall appere, the same mayre, baillie or heade officer, callinge to him such persons as shall seeme to him conuenient for the proofe of such deceite.

Item that the weauer, which shall haue the weauinge of anye woollen yarne to be webbed into cloth, shal weaue, werke, and put into the webbe for cloth to be made thereof, as much and al the same yarne, as the clothier or any person for him shall deliuer to ẏ same weauer wyth his vsed marke put to the same, without changing, or any parcell there of leauinge oute of the same webbe, or to restore to the same clothier the surpluis of the same yarne, if any be left not put into the same webbe, & without any more ople, breme, moisture, duste, sand, or other thing deceyuable putting to or casting to ẏ same webbe, vpon peine to be set vpō the pillory, by proofe, discretion, and in maner as is aforesayd.

Item that no maner person bie any coloured wolle, or coloured wollē yarne of any carder, spinner, or weauer, but onely in open market, vppon peine to be set vpon the pillorie in maner aforesayd.

Item that the walker and fuller shall truly walke full, thicke, & werke euery webbe of woollen yarne, which hee shall haue to walke, full, thicke, or werke, wythout any slockes, or any other mayer deceite to be vsed within the same, and shal not rowe nor werke any clothe or webbe wyth any cardes on the right syde, nor on the wrōg syde, vpō peine to be set vpō the pillorie in maner afore rehersed.

Item that ẏ clothier, nor other person, what soeuer he be, after the feaste of Midsomer nert comming, shall not put any clothe to sale, which whan it shalbe full wet, shall shrincke more than one yarde in all the length, & one quarter of a yarde in the bread, for the more part therof. And clothes called naro w or straites after ẏ rate, vpon peine to forfaite for euery cloth otherwyse put to sale iii. s. iiii. d. And besyde ẏ to reduete of his price for ẏ same, to be rebated to the bier thereof as muche after the rate as the same cloth so otherwyse put to sale, being ful wet, shall shrincke more than a yarde of that it was in length, at the time of the same sale, and as it being wet, shall want of the bread of one yarde, and iii. quarters of a yarde.

Item that the bier of woollen clothes (denizin or alien) after the bynge therof, shall not drawe, nor cause to be drawen in length, nor strayne, nor do to be streyned in breadth ẏ same clothes nor any of them, by tētor or winch or by any other meane, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery of ẏ same clothes, so to be drawen or strayned C. s.

Prouided alway, that if such bier of clothes, for proofe, cause such clothes to be full wet, he may drawe & streine them for eueninge of them onely, so that excede not one yard in length more thā it shalbe whā it shalbe ful wet.

Item that no maner person, what degre or conditiō soeuer he be of, werke

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or put vpon any wollen clothes any flockes, or other deceiuable thing, vpō peine to forfaite for euery clothe, so wrought deceiuably with flockes, or other deceiuable thinge xl.s. and beside that to bee set vppon the pillorie, in maner and forme afore rehersed. Item that no maner person or persons, denizen nor alien, shall not drawe nor straine, nor do to be drawen nor strayned within this realme, nor any of the parties beyond the sea, any wollen clothes, of the makinge and drapinge within this realme, in length nor in brede, more nor in other maner than is aforesaid, nor after the saide feast of Midsommer, sende or conuey, nor cause to be sente or conueyed into any of the parties of beyonde the sea, there to put to sale, anye wollen clothes of ỹ making or drapinge of this realme, drawen & strayned in length or breede, more than is afore rehearsed, after the rate of xxiiij. yards for a brode clothe vpon paine to forfaite for euery cloth so more drawen & streined in lengthe and brede, than is aforesaide xx.li. Item that no maner person denizen nor other, bie or sell any wollen clothes by other measure more or lesse than after the true content therof to be mette & measured by the yarde, adding to euery yarde one inche of the rule of the true measuring for the contente of the same clothes. vppon paine to forfaite for euery cloth to the contrary measured C.s. Item that euery clothier, and other person, which shall put or deliuer to any person any wolle to breake, kembe, carde, or spinne, or yerne to weauers to webbe, or the webbe to the fullers to full, walke, & thicke, shall withoute deceite or male engine, satisfie content and pay to the same breker, kember, carder, spinner, weauer and fuller for the same theyr labour and workemanship redie money of the kings coyne, without to deliuer for paimente of such labour or workemanship, or any parte thereof, in wares or bitailes, vpon paine to forfaite for euery default in that he or they shal deliuer for such paiment for such labour and workemanship, any wares or bitaple x.s.

Item that the aluager or sealer after the saide feast of Midsomer next cōminge, reasonably required, shall put to euery wollen clothe, made & draped within the circute or precincte of his office to be solde, the kinges seales of lead, and not put to any such clothes any seales of ware in any wise, vpon paine of forfaiture for euery clothe sealed otherwise thā with lead iij.s.iiij.d. The one moitie of all the said forfaitures, conteyned in all the saide ordinances, made for making & draping of wollen clothes, & for the measuring therof, to be to our soueraigne lord the king, & to euery person, which will & shal sue by writ bill or other action in that behalf against any person doing to the contrary of the same ordinances, that ther moitie. And that the defendant in any plea vpon any such action, be not admitted to wage his law, nor any protection nor essoyne for any such defendaunts be alowed in the same. The said actes & ordinaunces to endure to the nert parliamente. And bee it furthermore ordeyned and enacted, by the aduise and auctority aforesaid, that the king our soueraigne lord, or any other persons, take not any aduauntage or profite of any penalties or forfaitures by an act made

in the parliament holden at weſtminſter the xviiii. day of January, in the fyrſt yere of the reigne of Richard the third, late in deede and not in right king of England, concerning the making and drapynge of wollen clothes geuen, limitted or aſſigned for any cloth made or hereafter to be made, but onely accordinge to the ſayd ordinaunces and ſtatutes now made in this preſent parliament, any acte ſtatute ordinaunce or proviſion to the contrary heretofore made not wythſtanding.

Prouided alway ỳ this acte extende not to wollen clothes, called kendals, nor clothes called carpenel whites, cõmonly made for lining for hoſe. And prouided alſo ỳ this act extend not to wollen clothes called toſſocks, made in the countye of Deuonſhyre, for medling flockes wyth theyr woll, ſo they make the ſame clothes onely of wolle growinge in the countye of Deuonſhire and of none other wolle, ſo that they drawe not ſtrayne the ſame clothes more, nor in other maner than is aforeſayd.

Prouided alſo that this acte or any penaltye or article therin conteyned, extende not ne in any wyſe be hurtfull or preiudiciall to any clothmakers, for making of any cloth wythin the county of Cornewal, but that all cloth makers wythin the ſame countie, may make cloth & vſe cloth makinge as they before the making of this act haue vſed & accuſtomed: this act or any thing therein conteyned not withſtanding. Prouided alſo that this acte extend not or be preiudicial of or to ỳ maker marchaunt or vier of any wollen clothes, called baſtards, made with cremill liſtes.

An acte concerning wollen clothes to be full wrought, barbed, rowed and ſhorne, er they be caryed out of this realme. Cap. viii.

Where at the parliamẽt holde at weſtminſter the ix. day of Nouẽber, the thyrd yere of the reigne of our late ſouereine lord king Rẽry ỳ vii. (whoſe ſoule God pardõ) it was ſhewed by ſhermẽ fullers & other artificers, that ſhould liue and obtayne their nedie ſuſtẽtacion by meane of drapery, made and draped within this realme, as well throughoute the ſame realme as within the citie of London, that where as in a ſtatute made the vii. yere of the reigne of king Edward the iiii. amõges other it was cõteyned, ỳ no perſõ (denyzẽ nor ſtraunger) ſhould cary, or do to be caryed to any partyes beyõd the ſea, any wollẽ yarne nor cloth vnfulled, but ỳ wollẽ yarne to be made in this realm, ſhould be wouẽ in the ſame, & alſo al cloth, wtin the ſame made ſhold be fulled & fully wrought wtin the ſame, before ỳ any of the ſame ſhould be had or caryed out of this realme, vpõ peine of forfayture of ỳ very value of ſuch yarne not wouen, & cloth not fulled, had or caryed out of this realme. The one halfe of ỳ ſame forfaiture to be leuied to the vſe of ỳ king, & the other halfe to him or them ỳ ſhould eſpie or make proue of any ſuch yarne not wouen, or clothe not fulled, caried to any place beyõd the ſea. And foraſmuch as in the ſayd ſtatute of king Edward there is none expreſſe mẽcion made, ỳ the ſaid clo-

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thes ſhould be rowed and ſhorne before that they be caried & cõueied out of this realme, wherby the ſaid poore cõmons of the craftes aforeſaid might be ſet in labour & occupacion: therfore the ſaid clothes then wear & yet ben in great numbre & plentie caried & conueied out of this realme vnrowed, and vnſhorne, into the parties of beyonde the ſea, aſwell by denizens as by ſtrangers wherby outlandiſh nacions with the ſame drapery ben ſet to labour and occupacion, to their grate enriching, & the pore commons of the craftes aforeſaid through all this realme, which of naturall reaſon as the kinges true liege men ſhould haue and obtaine their nedy ſuſtentacion & liuinge by meanes of the ſame draperie for lacke of ſuch occupacion, daily fall in greate numbre into idelneſſe, and pouertye, to their vttermoſt dyſtruction, if it ſhould than any longer continue. whervppon our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde kynge Henry the .vii. by thaduiſe of his lordes ſpirituall and tempozall and at the praiers of the commons in his ſaid parliament aſſembled, and by auctozitye of the ſame ozdayned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no ſtranger noz denizen ſhould cary, oz make to be caried out of this realm any woollen clothes, but that they before be barbed, rowed, & ſhorne within the ſame realme, for the relefe and ſettinge awozke of the ſaide poze commons of the craftes aforeſaid vppon peine of the forfayture limitted in the ſayd ſtatute of kyng Edward, made vppon cloth caried out of this realm not fulled, to be deuided in maner & forme as in the ſame ſtatute is contained. So that clothe called beſſes, raies, ſayling clothes, & all other clothes cõmonly ſolde at .xl.s. oz vnder be not cõpriſed in ẏ ſayd act, made the ſaid thirde yere of the raygne of our ſaid late ſoueraigne lozd kynge Henry the vii as by ẏ ſame acte moze plainly appeareth. And for lacke of due execucõ of the ſaid actes, litle effecte oz profit hath folowed oz growen of the ſame to the ſame pooze craftes men, beyng naturall ſubiectes, which for lacke of wozke and occupacion daily fal in idelnes & pouertye. Be it therfore ozdained eſtabliſhed and enacted by the kinge our ſoueragne lozde, and ẏ lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſẽbled, & by auctozitee of the ſame that ẏ ſaid actes and ozdinances may ſtãd and continue in theyr full ſtrengh and vertue. And that they from henſforth bene dulye put in execucion, accozdinge to the tenour purpozt and effect of the ſame and of either of them. And that euery perſon, that will ſue for the ſame forfaytures, be admitted to his action of dett, by bill oz informacion in any of the kinges courtes of recozde, where the ſame may be determined after the courſe of ẏ cõmon law, & that ẏ defendant in ſuch behalf in no wiſe be admitted to wage his law, noz that any protectiõ oz eſſoine be in the ſame allowable: Neuertheleſſe for that the draping & making of ſuch clothes, cauled beſſes, raies, ſailing clothes, & other clothes, which tyme of making of the eſtatute of kinge Henry the ſeuenth were commonly ſolde at .xl. s. oz vnder, the maker thereof and clothyer of tymes paſſed and now is and hereafter is lyke to be at greater charge, about the drapyng and making of the ſame, and alſo of all other clothes, for the wolle

is of farre greater price, and also the costes and charges for the workemã-
ship of such clothes is farre more chargeable, thã it was at ỳ tyme of ma-
kinge of the said estatute. Be it therfore prouided by ỳ auctority aforesaid
that clothes called besses, rates, saying clothes, and other clothes now cõ
monly solde at foure markes or vnder, be not comprised in this or any of
the said actes, but may be caried and conueyed out of this realme into the
partye of beyonde the sea, not barbed towed nor shorne, this or any ỳ sayd
actes not withstanding.

An acte repelling the act made at yorke for sellyng of vittailes by head officers. Cap. viii.

Where in the parliament of king Edward, sonne of king
Edwarde, holden at yorke, in the .xii. yere of his reigne
amonges other thinges, it was accorded and enacted,
that no minister in citye or borough, which by reason
of his office ought to kepe assises of wynes & vittayles,
as long as he should be attendant to that office, should
marchaunte wines or vittayles in grosse, or at retayle,
vpon certaine paine limitted & expressed in the said statute, as in the same
more plainly doth apeare. Sithen the making of which statute and or-
dinaunce, many and the most part of all the cities, boroughes and townes
corporat with in this realme of England be fallen in ruine and decay, and
not inhabited with marchauntes and men of such substance, as thei were
at the tyme of the makyng of the foresayd statute and ordinaunce: for at
this daye the dwellers and inhabytauntes of the same Cytyes, and bo-
roughes be moste commonlye, bakers, brewers, vintners, fishemongers,
and other vyctaylers, and fewe or none other persones of substaunce bee
within many of the sayde cytyes, boroughes, and townes, corporate o-
ther then the foresayde vittaylers, at this daye able and sufficyent to beare
office within the same, and to contente, aunswear and paye vnto the kyn-
ges grace his fee ferme, wherewith they be charged. In consideracion
whereof, and for the ease, comforte, and relefe of the foresayd poore cityes,
boroughes and townes corporate, and of the inhabitauntes of the same:
Be it ordayned established and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde,
by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of
this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of ỳ same, that whan
soeuer and as often as any vittailer is chosen to beare any office within a-
ny citye borough, or towne corporate, which for the time that he shal stand
and be in such office, should haue the assising and correction for sellynge of
vittayls, that than twoo discrete and honeste persons of the same city bo-
roughe or towne corporate, not beyng vittailers, ne any of them beynge a-
vittailer, shall be chosen by the comminaltye of the same citye, borroughe,
or towne corporate in lyke fourme as the sayd officer shall be chosen, which

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two persons, wyth the sayde officer, shall be swoorne truely to cesse and set the prices and assises of victayle there, for the time that any such victayler shall abide in his saide office. And that than it shalbe lawfull to all and euery of the sayde officers, after the same victailes be set and cessed by ꝑ same officer and the sayde ij. persons, or one of the same ij. persons, the other beinge absent, to marchaunte and sell wynes, and all other victaile in grosse and at retaile, duryng the time that he shall be in any suche office, without any thynge therfore to forfaite. The sayde statute acte and ordinaunce, or any other acte or actes, ordinaunce, or statute to the contrarye made in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouyded alway that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, extende not to discharge any minister of the cities of London, Yorke and Couẽtre, nor none of them, for any wine or victaile to be solde by any retaile within any of the sayd cities of London, Yorke, and Couentree.

An acte againste Mummers. Cap. ix.

FOr as muche as lately within this realme, diuers persons haue disguysed and apparelled them, and couered theyr faces with vysours or other thinges, in such maner that they should not be knowen, and diuers of thẽ in a companye together, naminge thẽ selues mũmers, haue cõmen to the dwelling place of diuers men of honour & other substanciall persons, & so departed vnknowen, wherupon murthers, felony, rape, & other great hurtes & inconueyences haue afore time growen, and hereafter be lyke to come by ꝑ colour therof, if ꝑ sayd disorder should continue not reformed. Wherfore be it ordeined & enacted by the king our souereigne lorde, and by the lordes spirytuall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, that yf anye person hereafter dysguyse or apparell them with visours, or otherwyse vppon theyr faces, and so disguised or apparelled as mummers or persons vnknowen, by reason of theyr apparell, associate or accompany them together or apart, & attempte to entre, or entre into the houle of any personne or personnes, or assaute or affrayes make vpon any person in the kynges hye way, or any other place, in forme aforesayde disguysed, that than the said mummers or disgised persons, and euery of them, shalbe arested by any of the kinges liege people, as suspectes or vacabundes, & be committed to the kinges gaole, there to be imprisoned by the space of iij. monethes without baile or mainprise, and than to make fine to the king by the discretion of the Justices, by whom they shalbe deliuered out of prison. And also it is ordeined and enacted by the sayd auctoritye, that if any person or persõs sell or keepe any visours or visour in hys house, or in any other place within this realme, after ꝑ feaste of Easter nexte comming, & after this act proclaimed, that the sayd person (that keepeth the

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sayde vitour or vitours) shall forfayt to the kynge our soueraigne lorde for euery vitour xx.s. And farther shall suffer imprisonmente, & make fine after the discretion of the Justices, afore whom he is therfore conuicted by examinacion, or by inquisicion after the course of the commō law. And that ỹ Justices of the peace in theyr sessions, & Justices of the goale deliuery, & all other the kinges Justices, haue auctority to enquyre, here, and determine all the premisses, as well by examination as by inquisition, after the course of the common lawe. And this act to endure to the nert parliament.

¶ An acte for curriours to haue serche of leather. Cap. x.

IN their moste humble wise sheweth vnto your highnes, and to your moste honorable counsell, youre poore subiectes and daily oratours, the wardeins & felowship of the craft of curryours within your citye of London that wher at diuers parliaments, holden as well in ỹ second yere of one of your noble progenytours kynge Henrye the .vj. as in the fyfte and xix. yeres of the reigne of your most noble father of famous memory kynge Henry the .viij. dyuers ordinaunces and estatutes were made, enacted, and established, that no tanner shoulde vse or occupy the crafte of a cordwayner or corriour, neither no cordwainer should vse or occupy the craftes of a tanner or corriour: neither no corriour should vse or occupy the crafte of a tannar or cordwainer. And that any person, occupyinge any of these thre occupations, whyle and as longe as he occupieth one of theym, not to occupy any of the other two, vpon dyuers peines conteined in the sayd estatutes. And where as all maner of straungers alientes, borne out of this your realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, calets, or the marches of the same occupiynge the crafte or mistirye of cordweyner, dwellinge as well within the city of London, the fraunches of saint Katherines, saint Mattens, and also in the suburbes of the same city, as in the towne of westminster, the borough of Southwarke, and other places within and about the sayde citye, vse dayly to dye leather, as in Innes, corners, and other secret places, and not in the open market, where the allaye and seale for such causes is kepte, that no disceiptfull ware, vnsufficiently wrought or tanned, should be vttered to your liege people, but to be forfaited: whiche leather so disceiptefully and insufficiently tanned, and by the sayde persons of fraunchises and suburbes afore sayde so boughte, the same persons courye and dresse in theyr owne houses, and in other places by them secretly hired therfore, and for their singuler lucre and auantage sell & vtter the same to your liege people, to the great damage and vntuersall hurte and disceite, as well of all other your liege people, as to your sayd oratours, and hyther to vnpunished, for as much as none acte ne ordynaunce extendeth vpon any such person or persons so franchised. In tender consideration whereof, it maye please your sayd highnes, by the assent and consent of your sayd lordes spi-

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rituall and tempozall, and the cõmons at this pzesent parliamẽt assembled and by auctozity of the same, to establishe and enacte, that no straunger alien, not bozne wythin your sayde realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleis, oz the marches of the same, dwelling wythin such fraunchises places oz wythin the subburbes, oz aboute other places of the sayde cittie, bye oz cause to be boughte to his oz theyz vse, any such leather oz wares in any secrete places, but only in the open market, where it may be seene, assayed, sealed and abled good and sufficiently tanned and cozried, vnder the peyne of fozfayture foz euery hyde so bought vj.s. viii.d. The one halfe thereof to the kynge oure soueraigne lozde and the other halfe to the taker, finder, oz shewer of the same. And also that from thẽcefozth the wardens of the said felowship of cozriours (foz the time beinge) and theyz successours, oz theyz sufficient deputye oz deputies, duly and substancially assigned, maye haue search, as wel wythin the felowshippes of tanners, as the felowshyppes of straungers alientes occupyinge the sayd craft of cozdwayners, and also in theyz owne proper crafte of cozriours, dwellinge wythin the sayde fraunchises, subburbes, and other places, as is aboue sayde, foz all maner suche leather insufficiently tanned, sealed & cozryed, as often as they shal thinche conuenient. And the same leather so found in sufficiente, to be fozfayted, & the owner thereof to be committed to ward, there to remayne wythoute baile oz mayneprise by the space of fyue dayes, and to paye foz a fyne foz euery time so offending xx.s. The one halfe of the sayde money (so fozfayted) to the king oure soueraygne lozde, and the other halfe of the sayd money to the party that wyll sue therefoze. And if any person oz personnes fraunchesed oz vnfraunchesed, of what degree soeuer he be, interrupte, let, oz disturbe the sayde wardens of cozriours, oz their successours, deputie, oz deputies, to make due serche, in maner and fozme aboue sayde: that then ỹ sayd interrupters & letters thereof to be broughte to gaole oz prison, there to remayne wythout baile oz mainprise by the space of x. dayes, and to pay foz a fine xl.s. The one halfe thereof to the kinge out soueraine lozde and the other halfe to the sayd fellowship of cozriours and chamber of the sayd cittie, to the vse of the comminaltie of the same citie. And the lozds of all ỹ fraticheses afozesayde, and theyz successours, euery of them to haue to their owne vse all such leather so fozfayted wythin his owne fraunches, as oft& as any such fozfayture shall be found by the sayd wardeynes, oz theyz sufficient deputie oz deputies, in maner and fourme aboue rehersed. And the suite foz the recouerie of the premisses, and euery part therof, to be by actiõ of det. And that the defendaunt in any wyse shall not wage his lawe, noz be by protection oz essoyne, noz the party to be barred by the kinges pardõ, noz be delayed by any plea to the disablement of his person.

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An acte concerning the approbacion of Phyſi-cions and Surgeons. Cap. xi.

TO the king our ſouereigne lord, and to all the lords ſpyri-tuall and temporal, and cõmons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled. Forasmuch as the ſcience and cũning of Phi-ſick & ſurgery (to the perfect knowledge wherof, be requi-ſite both great lerning & ripe experience) is daily within this realme exercyſed by a great multitude of ignoraunt perſõs: of whõ the great part haue no maner of m ſight in the ſame, nor in any other kinde of lerning, ſome alſo cã no letters on the booke, ſo farforth that cõmon artificers, as ſmithes, weauers, & women boldlye & cuſtoma-bly take vpon them greate cures & thinges of great difficulty: in the which they partly vſe ſorcery and witchcraft, partly apply ſuch medicins vnto ỹ diſeaſe, as be very noyous and nothinge metely therefore, to the highe diſ-pleaſure of God, greate infamy to the faculty, and the greeuous hurte, da-mage and deſtruction of many of the kinges liege people: moſt ſpecially of them that cannot diſcerne the vncunning from cunning. Be it therfore (to the ſurety and comforte of all maner people (by auctoritie of this preſente parliament enacted, that no perſon within the cittie of London, nor wyth in ſeuen myles of ỹ ſame, take vpon him to exercyſe & occupie as a Phyſi-tion or Surgion, excepte he be fyrſt examined, approued, and admitted by the biſhoppe of London, or by the deane of Paules, for the time being, cal-ling to him or them foure doctours of Phiſicke, & for ſurgery, other experte perſonnes in that faculte, and for the fyrſte examinacion ſuch as they ſhall thincke conuenient, and afterward alway foure of them that haue bene ſo approued, vpon ỹ payne of forfayture, for euery moneth that they do occu-pie as Phiſicions or ſurgeõs, not admitted nor examined after the tenour of this acte, to v.li. to be employed the one halfe thereof thuſe of oure ſoue-raine lord the king, & the other half therof to any parſon that wil ſue for it by action of det, in which no wager of law nor protection ſhalbe alowed. And ouer this, that no perſon out of the ſayd cittie and precinct of vij. mi-les of the ſame, except hee haue ben (as is aforeſayde) approued in the ſame take vpon him to exercyſe and occupie as a phiſicion or ſurgion, in any dio-ceſe within this Realme, but if hee bee firſt examined and approued by the biſhop of the ſame dioceſe, or he being out of the dioces, by his vicar gene-ral: eyther of them calling to them ſuch expert perſons in the ſayd faculties as theyr diſcretion ſhal thincke conuenient, and geuing theyr letters teſti-monials vnder their ſeale to him that they ſhal ſo approue, vpon like peine to them that occupie contrary to this act (as is aboueſaid) to be leuied and employed after the forme before exprefſed.

Prouided alway, that this acte nor any thinge therein conteined, be pre-iudicial to the vniuerſities of Oxford and Cambridge or eyther of them, or to any priuiledges graunted to them.

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An acte concerning the reformacion of impanels for the king. Cap. xii.

WHere as great extorcions and oppressions be and haue ben within the more party of all the countyes & shyres within this realme of Englande, by the subtilty & vntrue demeanour of sheriffes and theyr ministers, committed and done vnto many persons in great nomber of ỳ kinges subiects, by meane and making and returning at euery sessions holden wythin the sayd cõtties and shyres for the body of the shyre, in takynge and putting in and retourning of names of such personnes, as for the singuler aduauntage, benefite and gayne of the sayd sheriffes and theyr mynisters wyll be wilfully forsworne and periured, by the sinister labour of the sayd sheryffes and theyr mynisters: by reason whereof many and diuers substanciall persons (the kynges true subiectes) contrary to good equity and ryghteousnes, haue diuers tymes & many, wrõgfully ben indited of diuers murders, felonies, & other mysbehauour, by theyr couin and falseheade, to the vtter vndoinge of theyr lyues, losse of theyr goodes and theyr landes: by reason wherof they and euery of them, in aduoydinge the vntrue trouble and veracion, which to them might come and ensue by reason and occasyon of the same false inditements, and also sometime by labour of the sayd sheriffes diuers great felonyes and murders conceled, and by the sayd persons: Also by the sayde sheriffes and theyr mynisters partially retourned not presented, bee & haue ben compelled to make fines and geue rewardes to the sayd sheriffes and theyr mynisters. Wherefore bee it enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed by the kyng our souereigne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons of this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, that all panelles to be retourned, which be not at the suite of any party, that shal be made and put in by euery sheryffe & their mynisters afore any Justice of gaole Deliuerie or Justice of peace, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, in theyr open sessions to enquere for the kynge, shall be refourmed by putting to and taking oute of the names of the persons, which so be enpanelled by euery sheriffe & theyr mynisters, by the discretion of the same Justices, before whom suche panelles shalbe returned. And that ỳ same iustice and Justices shall cõmaund euery sheriffe, & their ministers in his absẽce, to put other persons in the same panel by theyr discretions: and that the same panels so refourmed by the saide Justices, be good and lawful. And ỳ if any sheriffe, or anye theyr mynister, at any time do not retourne the same panels so refourmed: that thã euery such sheriffe or mynister so offendinge, for euery such offence shall forfaite xx. li. sterlinge money of England: the one halfe thereof to our soueraygne lord the kinge or his heyres, and the other halfe thereof to him or theym of his subiectes that will sue for the same by action of dette at the common lawe, or

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bill, or complaynte, where it shall fortune any such to fall and be: and that none essoyne ne protection be allowed for the defendant or defendauntes in that action or plaintes, nor that the sayde defendaunt nor defendauntes therein be admitted to wage theyr lawe. And that the kings pardon shall bee no barre agaynst the party and parties in the same, that any such actions shall sue.

An acte abrulling shooting in crosbowes. Cap. xiii.

Where in the xix. yeare of the reigne of our late soueraigne lord king Henry the viii. for vsynge of longe bowes, and encreasse of archers, which is and hath ben a great surety and defence of this Realme, it was enacted, that no person wythin this realme, of what condicion or degre he were of, except he were a lord, or that he might spend of landes and tenementes of freeholde to the yerely value of CC. markes aboue the charges, or els had the kinges speciall lycence vnder his placarde, signed and sealed wyth his priuie seale or signet, should occupie or shoote in any crosbowe wythin this Realme, but onely for lawful defence of his house, vppon diuers peynes expressed in the sayd statute. And since the sayde statute made, so many men haue obteyned licence to shoote in crossebowes by placardes, made by the sayde late kinge, and by the king our soueraygne lord that now is. And many men pretending to haue landes and tenementes to the yerely value of CC. markes, shoote daily in crosbowes, so that shooting in crossebowes is litle or nothinge aminished since the sayd statute, but rather increased. Be it therfore ordeyned by auctority of this present parliament, that the said statute made the sayd xix. yere, stand in his force, and be executed in euery article thereof, except that all placardes of licence, for shooting in crossebowes, made by the sayd late king, or by the king our soueravne lord, afore the fyrst day of this present parliament, be voyde. And that no person, if he be a lorde, or haue lands or tenementes of freeholde or other to his vse, to the yerely value of CCC. markes, ouer al charges, shoote in any crosbowe, otherwyse than in the sayd act is expressed for defence of his house. And that the penalties in the sayd statute comprysed for such persons hauing lands or tenements is to the yerely value of CC. markes, for suffring of theyr seruaunts to shote in crosbowes, otherwyse than to assay his maysters bowes, or to vnbend the same, extend to the sayd persons, that may expende CCC. markes, and all other penaltyes comprysed in the same statute.

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¶ An acte concerninge vnlawfull oyles to be serched and seene, that they be good and lawfull. Cap. xiiij.

PRaien your highnes the cõmons in this p̃sent parliament assẽbled, that where as diuers maner of oyles bene brought into this realme, aswell into ẏ̃ citye of London, as to diuers other places within ẏ̃ same realme, which be dayly vsed and ministred aswell for mans sustenãce and comfort, as for necessaries for drapinge of wollen clothes, and for other dyuers necessaryes, vsed for the weale of your subiectes, & for lacke of good ouersight serch and correction of suche oyles manye simple persons (biers of the sayde oyles to sell after warde) falsely and deceiuably by crafty meanes do mixe and alter the same oyles from their former nature and goodnes, to the greate losse, ieoperdy, daunger, & deceit of your subiectes, wherfore be it by your highnesse, by thaduise & assent of your lordes spirituall & temporall & of your cõmons in this p̃sent parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same ordeined, enacted and established, that the maire of the citty of London for the tyme beynge, with the maister and wardeins of ẏ̃ misterye or crafte of Talloughchaundelers of the same citty for the time beinge, shall from hencefoorth haue full power and auctorite to serche all maner of oyles brought into the sayd citty of London to be solde, in whose handes soeuer they be or shalbe founde, and that as often as the case shall require. And that ẏ̃ sayd mayre, with the sayd maister and wardens of the sayde mistery or crafte of talloughchaundelers, for the time beinge, shall truely serche & ouersee, that the same oyles to be put to sale, be not mixt nor altered frõ their right kyndes, but that they be good & lawfull as they ought to be. And that it shall be lawfull to ẏ̃ sayd mayre, with the sayde maister & wardeins for ẏ̃ tyme beinge, to damme, auoyde, and vtterly to cast away all such oyles as they shall fynde defectiue, or falsely or deceiuably mixed and altered from theyr right kindes, as is aforesayd, without any let or yturbance of any perso̅ or persons whatsoeuer they are, or shalbe. And also the saide maire, maister, & wardeins to commit such person or persons as shalbe founde defectiue for vsinge of such disceipt or crafte, to warde, and to punish him or them therefore by theyr dyscretions, accordynge to the lawes and customes within ẏ̃ sayd citye or liberty of London vsed, had and made of and for other mysdoers, and offenders in the sayde citye. And be it farther enacted by ẏ̃ sayde auctho̅rity, that the mayre in euery citye borough, and towne within this realme, where a Mayre is (for the time beinge) or the gouernour or gouernours or rulers of euerye other Cytye, Borough̃e and Towne corporate within this realme also for the time beinge, shall haue within theyr Jurysdyction, lybertye and fraunchise, euery of them like auctorite and power to make and do like serche, order, direction, correction, punishemente, and execution of the same, of for and vppon all Oyles beynge defectiue, or dysceiuably or falsly myxed and altered, by any person or persons within theyr

liberties and fraunchese, in maner and fourme as is afore reherced, as the sayd maire, maisters, and wardeines of ỳ sayd city of London, by this present acte haue or might haue, of, for, or vppon any ople solde or to be solde within the sayde Citye of London.

¶ An acte concerninge the makinge of cappes and hattes. Cap. xv.

WHere by the workers and makers of cappes and hattes within this realme of Englande, haue dayly occupied and set on worke in making of cappes and hattes of the kinges naturall subiects that is to say, men, women, maidens, and chyldren (borne within this realme of Englande) to the greate relefe and comforte of poore prisoners within this realme, to the nombre of thre score thousand persons and aboue, in cardinge, spinning, stitching, knitting, thickinge, dressynge, dying, sheryng, and pressyng, with other certain feates concerning the worckinge and makinge of cappes and hattes, made and wrought within the citye of London, and in diuers and many other cities, borroughes & townes within this realme, whereby the kynges subiectes here naturallye borne, haue had theyr poore liuing time out of mind, till of late yeres, past that so great abundance of cappes and hattes (redy wrought and made) haue bene and dayly be brought from the parties of beyonde the sea into this realme, and heare haue bene and dayly bene vttered and solde, to the great profit, occupying, encrease, and relefe of straungers of other realmes, whiche had and haue the worckyng and makynge of the same cappes and hattes: And to ỳ great idelnes, enpouerishyng, and vtter vndoyng of great multitude of the kinges naturall subiectes, borne within this sayd realme. By reason wherof the kinges subiectes, borne within this sayde realme, haue not theyr poore liuyng, nor be not occupied, nor set on worke in making of cappes and hattes, as they were wonte to be. By occasion wherof they fall to idelnes and other inconueniences, to beggynge, and manyfolde sickneſſe, to the greate impouerishment of the commons of this realme.

In consideration of the premisses, be it ordeined, enacted, and eſtablyshed, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of ỳ same: that from the first day of May nexte cõminge, there be no cappes nor hattes, made and redy wrought in any partye beyonde the sea, bought by any of the kynges subiectes, borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, except lordes or knightes, vppon peyne of forfaiture of euery suche cappe or hatte so by thẽ or any of them bought. xl. s. the one moity of the same forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, & the other moity to him or them that will sue for the same by action of dette or otherwise, in whiche action the party defendant shall not be admitted to wage his law, nor protection nor essoine to be allowed in the same action. Furthermore be it enacted by the sayde auctorite, that no capper nor hatter, nor other persone, sell nor put to sale any hat or cappe that shalbe made within this realme, after ỳ feast

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of midsomer next cõmyng, but that it be sufficiently wrought, and of a sufficient colour in euery point after the goodnes and fines of the woll, wherof they shalbe made, vpon peine of forfayture of euery cappe or hat so solde vj.s.viij.d. And that the capper, nor none other person, shall not take by him selfe or any other person to his vse, for any cap made of the finest Leeminster wooll, aboue.iij.s.iiij.d. nor for any cap made of ỳ seconde sorte of the same Leeminster wooll aboue .ij.s.vj.d. nor for any cappe made of the thirde sorte of Leeminster wooll aboue.xx.d. nor for any cappe made of the fourth sort of the same Leeminster wooll aboue.xij.d. And that no capper, hatter nor any other person, shall not take by him selfe, or any other person to his vse, for any cap made of the finest Cotteswolde wooll aboue.ij.s. nor for any cap made of the seconde sorte of the same Cotteswolde wooll aboue xvj.d. And that all other cappes & hattes of other wooll, to be solde at such price as the bier and seller may reasonably agree. The cap made of the sayd finest Leeminster wooll to be marked with this marke in the lining of the same cappe with a letter L. the cap made of the second sort of the same Leeminster wooll, to be marked with thys marke L.R. The cap made of the finest Cotteswolde woll, to be marked with a letter C. in the lining therof. And the cap made of the seconde sorte of Cotteswolde wooll, to be marked with this marke. C.R. And the hatter capper nor other person by him selfe nor any other person to his vse, shall take of any of the kinges subiectes, for any hatte of the best making, not ingrained, more than.ii.s. And if any capper, hatter or other person take more money for any cappe or hatte, contrary to this acte, he to forfaite for euery cappe and hat, for which he shall take more than is afore rehersed.xl.s. The moity therof to be to the kynge oure soueraigne lorde: And the other moity to the party greeued, or any other person that would sue for the same forfaiture by writ, bill, or plainte at the cõmon law, or after the custome of the citie or towne, wher it shall fortune such forfayture to be, by like processe as is vsed in actions of det, in courte where it shalbe pursued. And that the defendant in that behalf be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor that any protection or essoyne be to him allowed. And that al and singuler estatutes heretofore made concerning hattes or cappes, be from henceforth repelled and adnulled by vertue of this present parliament.

God Saue the Kinge.

God Save the King.

ANNO QVARTO HENRICI VIII.

THe kynge our soueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conquest, by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Westminster the iiij. day of Nouember, in the fourth yere of his most noble reygne, after the prorogation to the honour of God and holye churche, and for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in thys presente parliament assembled, & by auctholitye of the same, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine statutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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An act concerning making of Bulwarkes on the sea syde. Cap. I.

PRayen the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that for as muche as the lande of Britayne, and also the hauen of Brest lyeth streight agaynst the South sea costes of the county of Cornewall and that the Frenchmen (our auncient ennemies) and Britaynes enemyes, by reason of their rillyng vpon the sea costes, know as well every hauen and creeke wythin the sayd countie, as every lading place, in as large maner as anye subiecte of our soueraine lorde the kinges doth. And that the sayde countye is lxx. myle in length, and the substaunce thereof rightе little more than vi. mile in breade from the south sea to the north sea: by reason whereof they also know that great multitude of people cannot shortly resorte to put them of at their landing: and that in diuers and many of the sayd landinge places, nother pile, blockhouse, ne bulwarke is made to greue or annoye them at theyr landing, which consideracions, vnto our said enemies greate audacitie comforte and courage, geueth to arriue and lande in the same parties, to the great annoyaunce of our sayd soueraigne lord his subiectes there, and to the vtter vndoing of diuers and many of them, vnlesse a remedy be the sooner prouided.

Therefore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, his lordes spyrituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctority of the same, that the Justices of the peace and sheriffe of the sayd county, do ryde and view all the sayde South coste, from Plymmouth westward to the lands end. And that done, incontinent to appoint wythin themselues suche boroughes, townes, and parysshes, as they shall thincke reasonable to make bulwarkes, brayes, walles, ditches, & all other fortifications for the same cause, in maner, forme, and fashion, as shall bee thoughte by theyr discretion in euery of the sayd landing places betweene this and the fyrst day of March next now comming. And farther be it enacted, by the sayde auctoritie, that euery Mayre and constable of the sayde countie, by the sayd Justices of peace or sheriffe appointed, do commaunde all thinhabitauntes within the precinete of theyr office, to be at the sea side wyth such instrumentes as they haue or can get for the making of the sayde bulwarkes and other the premisses, in such lading places, as shalbe assigned by the sayd Justices of the peace or Sheriffe. And that the said maire or constables do commit to warde all such wilfull personnes as wyll not obey, come, nor sende any other person to the sea syde, to make the said bulwarkes, and other the premisses, at the day and time by the sayde Maire or constables to bee appointed, and there to remaine without bayle or mainprise by the space of tenne dayes or lesse, at the discretion of the sayde Mayre or Constables: And if any of the sayde Mayres or Constables do not their duetie, as is aforesayd: that than the Justiceys of the peace nexte

adioyning,do committe to warde the same Mayre or Constable,so offending, there to remayne wythoute baile or mayneprise by ỳ space of a moneth,or els at the discretion of the Justice of peace.

And also be it enacted by the said auctority,that good and substanciall bulwarkes,hayes, walles, ditches,and all other fortifications in euery lading places(in maner fourme & fashion as is aforesaide)as wel frō p̄ limmouth aforesayd by the sea costes Estward,as in al other parts within ỳ realme of England,be made there,as the Justices of the peace & Sheriffe within that shyre, where any such landing places be,shal thincke nedeful. And that euery Justice of peace,Mayre,and constable within euery shyre, where any suche landinge places bee, haue lyke and as good auctority by this present acte to commaund the inhabitantes of euery borough,towne, and parish adioyninge to the sea syde or els where,after the discretions of the Justices of peace, to make the sayd bulwarkes & other the premisses: and also commit to warde all such wilfull persons as wil not obey,in like maner as the Justices of the peace,Mayres,& constables of the said countie of Cornewall may do by any of the actes aforesayd.

And ouer this be it enacted by the sayde auctority, that it be lawfull for euery of the kynges subiectes within this realme of Englande,by the aduise and assignement of the sayde Justices of the peace or sheriffe to make all maner of bulwarkes and other the premisses in euery mans grounde, of what estate or degree he be of:and also to digge and to delue as wel for earth stones and turfes,as to cut and to hew heth in any mans grounde for the makynge of any suche bulwarkes and other the premisses, as ofte and as many times as neede shal requyre,and the sayd erth,stones,turfes, and heth to take and occupie and cary away oute of the saide grounde to any other mans ground, for the making of any such bulwarkes and other the premisses: in whose ground so euer the sayde earth,stones,turfes,and heth happen to bee, wythout any interruption or let of any person or persons beingloyd or lords of any such ground, or hauinge any other interest in the same. And without any maner of payment to be demaūded for any of the premisses,or any maner of action by any maner of person or persōs. at any time hereafter to be attempted,or in any wyse mainteyned against any of the kinges subiectes for any such matter or cause. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

An act for punishment of murther. Cap.ii.

Where as robberies, murders & felonies daily encrease more and more,and bene committed and done in more heynous open and detestable wise thē hath ben oft seen in times past: And the persons so offendinge little regarde the punishment therof,by the course of the common lawe,ne by reason of any statute heretofore made, but beare theim bolde of theyr Clergie, and imagininge and pleadinge of

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feygned and vntrue forayne pleas, triable in forayne cõtryes, to thintẽt to be remoued from place to place, by colourable and vntrue suggestions and for to be vntruely acquite by fauour might and corrupcion: so that they liue in maner without feare or drede. For reformacion wherof, and for ỳ common weith of this realme, and to put the sayde murderers, felons, and offenders in more feare and drede so to offende: Be it ordeined establisshed & enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commõs in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that all persone or persones, hereafter committinge murder or felony in any churche, chapell, or halowed place, or of and vppon malyce prepensed, robbe or murder any persõne or persõnes in the kinges highe waye, or els robbe or murder any persone in his house, the owner or dweller of the house, his wife, child, or seruaunt than being therin, & put in feare or drede by the same, that such persons so offending, be not from henceforth admitted to his or theyr clergy, suche as bene within holy orders onelye excepte. And ouer that be it enacted by the sayd auctority, that if any murderer or felon, vpon his arrainment hereafter do alledge, that he had taken anye church or churchyard for murder, felonye or other place preueleged for the same in a forayne county, and against his will taken out thereof: that than the kynges attournay, or any other person that will sue or alledge for the kinge: that the sayde murderer or felon so arayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is so arayned: that than the same allegeaunce and issue to be tried by thenquest that should try the sayd murder or felony within the same shyre, and before the same Justice, where the sayd murderer or felon is arrained, as though the sayde forrame plea had not be pleded by the sayd felon. And if it be founden by ỳ same inquest, that the sayd murderer or felon was taken within the same shire (as is aforesayde) that than he to haue none auantage or benefit of ỳ matter alleged by him for takinge out of the church or churchyard, or other place priuiledged, in any suche forraine shire. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerninge Juries in London. Cap. iij.

WHere at a parlyamente holden at Westmin. the .xj. yeare of the reigne of king Henry the .viij. for the good due administracion and erpedition of Justice, it was ordeined, and amonge other thynges enacted, that euery person hereafter to be empanelled or sommoned to appeare in any Jury or inquest, in any courte within the city of London, before any Judges of the same city, making default at the first sommons, should lose & forfaite .xij. d. And at the second defaut .ij. s. And so at euery such defaut after that, the issues and penalties to be doubled. And also such issues lost in ỳ Maires courte should be forfaited leuied, and perceiued to thuse and behoue of the maire and ỳ comminalty of the sayd city. And that all such issues loste in the sheriffes court or cour-

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tes, shoulde be forfayted, leuyed, and percepued to the vse of the sheriffes of the same city, for the time being, toward their fee ferme, as by the same act more plainely doth appeare: in the whiche acte is not expressed, howe or by what meanes ỳ foresayde issues, so lost & forfayted, for none apparãce of the persons so impanelled and sommoned, should be leuied. The lacke whereof is the cause, that suche persons as haue bene impanelled and sommoned, as well for the kinge as betwene party and party (beinge substanciall and indifferẽt) haue made many tymes defaut, and woulde not appere. And so it remaineth in like mischiefe as it was before ỳ makinge of the foresayd act, to the great let of Justice, and the delaye aswell in the kynges causes, as in other causes betwene parties. wherfore for ỳ good execution of the said statute and perfit remedy in this behalfe to be had. Be it established ordeined, and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde by thassent of ỳ lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente Parlyamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that for all such issues (in forme aforesaid) hereafter to be lost or forfaited in the maires court, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde mayre, and to his successours, to distreine, and the same distresse to reteine till he or they be satisfied of the said issues. And in like maner that it shalbe lawfull to ỳ foresayd sheriffes, and their successours, to distraine for suche issues lost in their court or courtes, and the sayd distresse to reteine till they be satisfied of the sayde issues. Item for as muche as after issues ioigned in actions and sutes commenced taken or dependinge in the kinges courts before hym selfe in his bench, and before his Justice of the commen benche: And also in his estheker at the kynges suite, or at the suite of the parties triable in the sayd city of Lõdon, as well ỳ kinge as the parties haue suffered great delay many times for defaulte of apparatice of the iurours impanelled to trye the sayd issues, and many times for lacke of iurours not hauing landes & tenemẽtes of the yerely value, of. xl. s.

Be it ordeyned and enacted by the sayd auctority of this present parliament, that the sheriffes of London (for the time beinge) haue full auctority and power to retourne in panelles or arraies of all actions & suites nowe dependinge, or that shal depend in any of the sayde courtes or estheker, persons beinge citizens hauinge goodes to the value of. C. marke or aboue, to trie the issues ioygned or to be ioygned in euery suche action or suite. And the persõs so retourned (hauinge goods to the value of. C. marke or aboue) shalbe swozne and do in all such iuries in likewise in euery thinge, as other persons shall do hauynge landes and tenemẽtes of the yerely value of. xl. s. ouer all charges. And ouer that be it ordeyned by the sayde auctority, that the sheriffes of the sayd city (for the time beinge) shal retourne vpon ỳ first distresse in euery such action or suite vpon euery of the iuries impanelled to trye the issues thereof. xx. d. And vppon the seconde distresse, vpon euery of the same iurours. xl. d. And vppon euery distresse after that, vppon euerye of the same Jurours the double, tyll a full Jury in euery such Action and suite shall appere and be swozne to trye the issues ioygned in the same. And

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that the sheriffes, that shall make any retourne vpon such distresse cõtrary to the fourme aforesayde, shall forfayte for euery suche defaulte.x.li. the one halfe thereof to be to the kynge, and the other halfe therof to the party that will sue therefore. And that the defendaunte in any suche action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection therin for him alowed.

¶ An acte of proclamations to be made before erigentes be awarded in forraine countries. Cap. iiij.

The kynge our souereigne lorde, callynge to his moste gracious remembraunce, howe that before this time dyuers of his subiects of this his realme of England, haue bene greuously vexed and troubled by reason of outlawries had against them in forraine counties and sondry action personelles, at the suite of dyuers malycious persons, whyche cruell mynde attempted suche actions personelles, more for malice than for any iuste cause of action that they had against the parties defendauntes named in the same. And of the which outlawries so had in forraine counties, the partye defendaunte, named in suche forrayne actions, had neuer knowledge ne monition, to such time as the outlawrye were agaynst them had and certified, and some of thē neuer came within the countye, where such actions were agaynste them sued, ne neuer were dwelling ne conuersaūt within the sayd county. Neuertheless the parties (so outlawed in forraine counties) haue loste their goodes and substaunce to theyr vtter vndoynge. Wherfore in auoydinge of suche malicious and forraine suites hereafter to be sued, the kinge our souereigne lord intending the restfulnes of his sayde subiectes, and that indifferente Iustice shoulde be admynistred to euerye person, as well to the poore as to the ryche, and that euery person should haue lawfull knowledge and monition of such actions, as hereafter be, to be attempted and sued agaynste hym in any of the kinges courtes, by the assente of the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parlyamente assembled, and by auctorytye of the same, hath ordeined established and enacted, that from hencefoorthe at the same daye that any erigente is awarded or to be awarded agaynste anye person or persones in anye action personell, yf yt dooe appeare by the vlinge of the same action, that the partye defendaunt is dwellinge in another countye, than in the same countye where the same action is sued: that than the Iustices, before whom any such erigend is to be awarded, award one writ of proclamation, to be direct to the sheriffe of the counti where it doth appeare by the vling of such action, that the party defendaūt is dwelling, the which writ of proclamation shal contein theffect of the same actyon. And that the sheriffe of the countye, to whome any suche writ of proclamation shall bee dyrected, make proclamation .iij. seuerall dayes in hys plaine county, whereof one of the sayd proclamations to be made at the generall sessions in those parties, wher the sayd party is supposed to be dwellinge

linge, in that the partye defendaunt yelde him selfe to the sheriffe of the forraine county, to whome any such erigende in any action personall shall be awarded, so that the sheriffe of suche forraine county may vppon hys pealdinge haue the body of the defendaunte before the Justices, before whom any suche erigende is awarded at the day in the same erigende comprysed, there to answere to the plaintife in the same accordinge to ẏ law. And that euery such writte of proclamacō haue the same day of returne, as the writ of the erigende vpon such forrayne actions so awarded shall haue: and that euery such writ of Proclamation be deliuered of record to the shyrryffe or his deputye of the county, into the which any such writ of proclamation is to be awarded. And that the sheriffe of the same county duely execute the same, and therof make due retourn at the day in the same writ appointed vpon peine to forfaite such amerciament, as by the Justices, before whom such action is vsed, shalbe sessed. And that the felissour or erigēter, in whose office such sute is taken, make out the sayde writ and writs of proclamacion, as after shalbe awarded in any of the sayde courtes. And that the same felissour or erigenter take no more for the makinge of any such writ of proclamation and the enteringe of the same record, but only fyre pence.

And if any outlawry hereafter be had or promulged against any person or persons, in any action personall in a forraine county, and no writ of proclamation, as is before sayde awarded, retourned: that than all and euery such outlarie to be vtterly voide and of no force ne effect in the lawe. And this acte to beginne and take effect at the feaste of the p̄ urificatiō of our Lady sainct Mary next cōminge, and not before.

And also be it enacted by the sayde auctoritye, that in all actions hereafter to be taken in London, or in ẏ county of Midd. wherin processe of outlarye lieth agaynste any person or persons, callinge or naminge theym late of London, that before the erigende be awarded in the same action, that ẏ partye plaintife or his attourney, after the .iij. capias retourned, sue a lyke writ of proclamation, in maner & fourme as is afore specified in the county, where the same person or persons so sued or to be sued, be conuersaūt or dwelling at the time of the sayd writ awarded, or els all outlawrys so had made pronounced or retourned against all suche persons, to be voyde & of none effect. And this acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte reapeallinge penalties for geuinge of wages to labourers and artificers. Cap. v.

PRaien the commons in this present parliament assembled, that wher for defaut & lacke of due executiō of the statute labourers because of a statute and ordinance had and made in ẏ .xij. peare of the reigne of kynge Richarde the seconde, that geueth penalties, peynes and forfaytures agaynst the Mayster and geuer, as well as agaynste Seruauntes, Labourers, Artificers, and craftismen, so that the maister

maister and giuer for feare therof, dare not put the said estatute and other estatutes therof made in execucõ: wherfore by ỹ kinge our soueraigne lord and by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, be it established and enacted, that all penaltyes, peynes, and forfaitures conteyned in the sayde estatute, and in all other estatutes had & made concerninge seruauntes labourers of husbandry, labourers, artificers, and craftesmen, be onely to and against the sayde maister and geuer fro henceforth voide & of none effect. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte cõcerninge customers and comptrollers for sealinge of cloth of golde and siluer, & all other silkes. Cap. vj.

Where at a parliament holden in the .xij. yere of ỹ reygne of king Edwarde ỹ .iij. amõges other it was ordeined established and enacted, that the collectours of the subsidye and the comptrollers, should at all times be redye whã thei should be required, to seale any maner of cloth of golde, of siluer, baudekin, veluet, damaske, saten, sarsenet, Tartron, Chamlette, and euerye other clothe of silke, and euery corse of sylke and golde, and euery corse of sylke of the makinge beyonde the sea, and the same marchaundises shoulde seale at euery time whan they should be required without delay, taryinge, or any thynge for their sealinge to take by any meane, vpon the peyne of forfayture to the owner of suche marchaundises .xx.s. by euerye of the sayde collectours and comptrollers at euery time whan they refuse to seale any such marchandises after suche requeste made, or take any thynge for sealynge of any suche marchandises, as by the same acte amonges other thynges more playnely appeareth. Sithen the makynge of whiche acte the sayde collectours and comptrollers, and their clerkes, not fearinge the penaltye limitted in the same acte, haue vsed and dayly vse to take for sealinge of euery peece of the same marchaundises, aboue rehersed .ii.d. to the greate hurte and damage of the marchauntes owners of the same. For the same marchantes at many times bringe & conueighe in one shippe .iii. or .iiii. M. peeces of the same marchaundyses, whyche amounteth to .xxx or xl.li. after the rate of ii.d. a peece. And for as muche as the forsayde penaltye, expressed in the sayde statute, is but .xx.s. therefore the sayde collectours, cõptrollers, nor theyr clerkes feare not to runne in ieoperdy of the same: wherfore be it ordeined and enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that from henceforthe the collectours and comptrollers of the sayd subsidy, nor their clerkes, nor any of them, take for the sealyng of any peece of the said marchandises (aboue rehersed) any thing, vpõ peine of forfaiture at euery time .xx.li.

And also be it enacted by the same auctoritye, that if and as often as the same collectours and comptrollers, or any of them, vnreasonablye delay or tary the sayd marchaūtes, or any of them, for and about the sealinge of the same marchandises: that than and as often the same collectours and comptrollers, and euery of thē, so vnreasonably delaying and tarynge the same marchantes, or any of them, to forfait for the same .xl.s. The one moite of euery of the sayd penalties (so forfaited) to bee to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moity thereof to the marchaunte so greeued, that will sue for the same by way of information in the kinges eschequer, or by actiō or bill of debte after the order of the common lawe, as in other actions of debt is vsed: in whyche action the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection, nor essoyne to be to him allowed in the same suite, for the said forfaiture.

¶ An acte concerninge peuterers and true weightes and beames Cap. viij.

For almuche as a certaine acte was made and establyshed, in the parliament holden at Westminster the .xix. yere of the reigne of the late most famous king youre father henry the viij. whom god pardon, concernynge peauterers, and brasiers, hauking and waikinge about the countreis, and also concerning false beames, scales and weightes, with a prouision for casting of fine mettall and of perfit goodnesse: whyche acte was made to endure to the nexte Parliamente, the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth: That where manye simple and euill disposed persons of this youre realme of England (vsynge the sayde craftes) dayelye goe aboute this youre realme from village, from towne, and from house to house, as well in woddes and forestes, as other places, to bye peauter and brasse, and that knowynge, theues and other pickers, that steale as well peuter and brasse, belongynge to youre hyghnes, and vnder youre marke, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall, as to your subiectes of this your realme, bringe such stolen vessels vnto them in such hid places to sell, and sell it for litle or nought, and about they bring it to priuye places, or into corners of cities or townes, and there sell muche part of it to straūgers, the which cary it ouer the sea by stelth. Also the sayd persons (so goinge aboute) and diuers other vsinge the sayde craftes, vse to make newe vessels, and mixe good mettall and bad together, and make it nought, and sell it for good stuffe, where in deed the stuffe and mettal therof is not worth the fourth party that is solde for, to the great hurt, disceipte and losse of your subiectes. Also diuers persons, vsynge the sayde craftes, haue disceyuable and vntrue beames and scales, that one of theym wyll stande euen wyth .xij.li. weyghte at the one ende, agaynste a quarter of a pounde at the other ende, to the synguler aduauntage of them selfe, and to

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the great diſceite and loſſe of your ſubiectes, biers and ſellers wyth them. For reformacion of the premiſſes it woulde pleaſe your highnes of your moſt aboundant grace, with thaduiſe of your lordes ſpyrituall and temporall & the cõmons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, & by auctorite of the ſame, to enacte and eſtabliſhe, that no perſon nor perſons, vſyng the ſayde craftes of peauterers and braſiers, from henceforth ſhall ſell or chaunge any peauter or braſſe, newe or olde, at any place or places within this your realme, but onely in open fayres or markettes, or in theyr owne dwellinge houſes, but if they be deſyred by the ſayd biers of ſuch wares, vpon payne of forfayture to our ſouereigne lord the king for euery ſuch defaute x.li. Alſo by the ſame auctorite it may be enacted and eſtabliſhed, that no perſon nor perſons, of what cõdicion or degree ſoeuer he or they be from henceforth within the citie of London and Yorke, or wythout either caſte or wourke any pewter veſſels or braſſe at any place or places within this your realme, but that it be as good fine metall, as is the peauter and braſſe caſte and wrought after the perfect goodnes of the ſame, wythin ẏ citie of London, & by the ſtatutes of the ſame owe to be, vpõ peine of forfaiture of all ſuch peauter and braſſe, ſo caſt & wroughte of worſe peauter or braſſe than ought to be wrought in the ſame cities: the one halfe of euery ſuch forfaiture to be to the vſe of your highnes, and the other halfe to ẏ vſe of the finders thereof.

Prouided alway ẏ this forfaiture in no wiſe ſtretch ne extend to braſſe or peauter, being in the poſſeſſion of any perſon, other than the workers of the ſame, or ſuch as haue the ſame to ſell, and beinge of the craftes or myſterie. Alſo that it may by the ſame auctorite be enacted and eſtabliſhed, that no maner of perſon or perſons, of what degree or condicion ſoeuer he or they be, from hẽceforth make no hollow wares of peauter, that is to ſay ſaltes and pottes, that is made of peauter called laye mettall, but that it may be after thaſſiſe of peauter laie mettal wrought wythin ẏ citie of Lõdon. And that ẏ makers of ſuch wares ſhall marke the ſame wyth ſeuerall markes of theyr owne, to the entent that the makers of ſuch wares ſhall auow the ſame wares by them (as is aboueſayd) to be wrought. And that al and euery ſuch wares, not ſufficiẽtly made and wrought, and not marked in forme aboueſayd foundẽ in the poſſeſſion of ẏ ſame maker or ſeller to be forfayted: and if the ſame ware be ſolde, the ſayd maker to forfait the value of the ſame ſo vnlawfully wrought and ſould, the one halfe of ẏ ſaid wares, or the value thereof, to be to the vſe of your highnes, and the other halfe to be to the vſe of the finder or ſercherꝭ of the ſame. Alſo that it may by the ſayd auctority be enacted and eſtablyſhed, that if any perſon or perſons hereafter, vſyng bying and ſelling of peauter or braſſe, that hereafter occupy any diſceiuable or falſe beames or weightes of the ſaid wares, that euery ſuche perſon or perſones, vſynge or occuppynge ſuche dyſceyuable and vntrue beames or weyghtes, to forfaite .xx.s. the one halfe to the kynge, and the other halfe to the partye that thereſore ſhall ſue by action

of dett: and that in the said action no protection nor essoyne shalbe allowed. And also the saydepart yes offendinge, shall forfaite his beame to him that shall sease it: and if the sayd offender or offenders be not sufficiente to pay the sayde somme or somines by theym so forfayted, that then it shall bee lawfull to the Mayres, bayliffes, or other heade officers of suche place or places, where any such offenders shalbe found to put them in the stockes, and them so to kepe till ẏ next market day nert adioyning, & in ẏ market place to put them in the pillorie all the market time. And furthermore that it be lawfull by the sayd auctority, that the maister & wardeins of ẏ sayde craft of peuterers win euery citie and borough of this realme, where such wardeins are, and where no such wardens are, the head officers or gouernours of ẏ same citie or borough, to appoint certeyne persons most expert in knowledge of ẏ same, to make serch within ẏ sayd citties or boroughes where they dwell. And ouer this ẏ Justices of peace within euery shyre at the generall sessions holden at Mighelmas, shal assigne and appoint two certaine persons, hauing experiẽce therin, to make serch in the premisses in euery part of that shire, as well within the fraūches as without, sauing in cities or borowes, wher serchers be appointed by the heds or gouernours of the same. And that all such vnlawfull peauter or brasse, as the sayd searchers shall find, the one halfe to the vse of your grace, and the other half to the said serchers. And that in the defaute of the said maisters & wardeins of the sayd occupacions not serching in forme as is aforesayd, and wherby that any such vnlawfull mettels is caste or made, or vnlawfull weightes vsed: that then it shal be lawfull to any person or persons, hauing sufficient cunninge & knowledge in the said occupacions, by ouersight of the maire bayliffes, or heade officers of the sayde citties, boroughes and townes, to search al the sayd places, and to put the sayd auctoritie and acte in executiõ in forme aforesayd. Pleaseth it therfore your grace and wysedomes, in so much as the sayd acte is thought good and profitable, that it be ordeyned enacted and established, by the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that ẏ sayd act may endure for euer. And ouer that be it enacted by the sayde auctority, that if any vntrue or deceyuable mettell or worke-manship of Tinne or peauter, be founden either in platters, chargers, dis-shes, saucers, potengers, trenchers, basins, flagons, bottels, pottes, salte-sels, goblettes, spones, cruettes, or candelsticks, or any other suche wares of tinne or peauter, whersoeuer it be cast, made, or wroughte wythin this realme or wythout, and brought to be sould within the same realme: that than it shal be lawful to the mayre of the cittie of London, and the maister and wardẽs of the craft of peauterers (of the sayd city for the time being) and theyr deputies, to haue serch of the same wythin the cittie of London, and the suburbes of the same. And that in all other citties, boroughes, and townes, where any wardeins bee or shall bee, the Mayres, bayliffes, or heade officers, and wardeynes to haue like auctho̅itie. And

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where no wardeins be, than the head officers or gouernours of the same citties, boroughes, and townes to appoint certaine persons most experte & cunning in knowledge of the same, to make serch wythin the sayd cities, boroughes and townes where they dwell. And if any such new wares wrought of tinne and peauter, as is aforesayd, be found defective, & beinge in the possession of the sellar, that then the same person or person that putteth any such newe wares of peauter to sale, shall forfaite the same wares, the one halfe to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king, and the other halfe to the serchers or finders of the same.

Prouided alway that this act concerning the forfayture be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any person or persons, hauing gratit of our soueraigne lord the kinge, or of any of his noble progenitours by his letters patents of such forfayture, but that they and euery of them shal & may enioy the same according to theyr former grauntes and libertyes.

An act concerning Richard Strode. Cap. viii.

LAmentably complayneth & sheweth vnto your most discrete wysedomes in this present parliamēt assembled, Richarde Strode gentleman of the county of Deuonshyre, one of the burgeis of this honorable house, for ỳ burghe of Plimton in the countie aforesayd, ỳ where ỳ said Richard condescended and greed wᵭ other of this house, to put forth certeine billes in this present parliament against certaine persons, named tinners in the countie aforesaid, for the reformacion of ỳ perishing, hurting, and destroying of diuers portes, hauens, and creekes, and other billes for ỳ cōmon weale of the sayd countie, the which here in this high court of parliament should and ought to be commeuded and treated of.

And for because the said Richard is a tinner, for the causes and matters afore rehersed, one John Furse tinner, vnderstewarde of the Steimerie in the sayd countie, in and at foure courtes of the sayd Steimerie at diuers places and times before him seuerally holden in the sayde county, he and other haue condempned the sayd Richarde in the somme of cix.li. That is to wete at euery court day rl.li. and that by the procurement of the said John Furse, at the sayde foure seuerall courtes and lawdayes, in the sayd Steymerie by him holden, in this maner published and sayde, that the same Richard at the last parliament holden at Westminster, woulde auoyded and vtterly destroyed all liberties, priuiledges, & fraūches concerning the Steimerie: by reason whereof the sayde Richarde, vppon foure billes had and made therof by the sayd John Furse and other, caused ỳ the sayd Richard was presented & founden gilte of the premisses in euery of the sayde courtes in rl.li. to be loste and forfaite by him, by reason of an acte and ordinaunce by tinners made and had at a place in the sayde countie called Crokerentor: the tenour of the which acte appeareth in Cedule to this bill

annered: to the which the sayd Richarde was neuer warned nor called to make answere to the premisses, contrary to al lawes, right reason, & good conscience. And for the execucio of the same, one John Agwilliam vpon a surmise by him made to the kinges highnes to the sayd condempnacio to be to his grace forfaite, therof attainted a bill assigned of xx. li. percel of the sayd cli. li. to be to him graunted by the sayd kyngs highnes: whereupon ꝑ sayd John Agwilliam and other caused the sayd Richard was take & imprysoned in a dongeon and a deepe pitte vnder the ground in the castel of Lidford in the sayde county, and there & els where remayned by the space of thre weekes & more, vnto such time he was deliuered by a writ of priuiledge out of ꝑ kings eschequere at Westminster, for that hee was one of ꝑ collectours in the sayd countie for the fyrst of the two quindeims graũted at and in this present parliamente: the which prison is one of the most annoious, cõtagious, & detestable places wythin this realme: so that by reason of the same imprysonment he was put in great parell & ieoperdy of his life, and the sayd Richard so being in prison, and the said John Agwilliam seing the same cruell imprysonment of the sayd Richard, entreated and instantly desyred one Philip Furse) thã being keper of the said prison) straitly to kepe the said Richard in prison, & to put yrons vpon him to his more greater payne & ieoperdy, and to giue him but breade and water onely, to thentent to cause the sayd Richard to be faine to content & pay him the said xx. li. And for the same promised ꝑ sayd keeper foure markes of money: for the which foure markes the sayd Rychard for to be eased of his yrons and peyneful imprysonment aforesayd (for sauegarde of his life) promised and graũted to pay the sayd keeper foure marke: wherof he payed the sayd keper in hand xiii. s. iiii d. And ouer that the sayd Richarde for to be eased of his sayd paynefull imprysonment, was also of necessity driuen to be bounden to Thomas Denis, deputy vnto sir Henry Marney knighte, warden of the said Stelmerie, in an obligation of the somme of C. li. Upon cõdicio whereof party is as hereafter followeth: that is to saye, that if the aboue bounden Richard Strode, defende and saue harmeles the sayde Thomas Denis, and to vse himselfe as true prysoner, durynge the tyme it shall please the kyng to haue him prysoner in the castel of Lidforde, and also to do nothing, wherby he shall in the law be deemed out of prison, & other articles comprised in the sayd cõdicion, the which the sayd Richard perfectly remẽbreth not: wherfore the premisses by your great wysedomes tenderly cõsidred, the said Richard humbly prayeth, that it may be ordeyned, established and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and by the lords spyrituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that the said condemnacion and condemnacios of the said cli. li. and euery parcell therof, and iudgementes and executios had or to be had for the premisses or any of them, to be vtterly voyd against the said Richard and of none effect.

And ouer that be it enacted by the said auctoritie, that all suites, accusements

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ments,condemnations, executions,fines,ametrementes,punishmentes, corrections,grauntes,charges,and imposicions put or had,or hereafter to be put or had vnto or vpon the sayd Richard,and to euery other of the person or persons afore specifyed,that now be of this present parliament, or ỹ of any parliament hereafter shalbe,for any bill,speaking,reasoning,or declaring of any matter or matters,concerning the parliament to be cõmuned and treated of,be vtterly voyde and of none effect.

And ouer that be it enacted by the sayd auctority,that if ỹ sayd Richard Strode,or any of all the sayd other person or persons,hereafter be vered, troubled,or otherwyse charged for any causes,as is aforesayd, that thã he or they and euery of them so vered or troubled,of and for the same,to haue action vpon the case agaynst euery such person or personnes,so veringe or troubling any contrary to this ordinaunce and prouision, in the which action the party greeued shall recouer treble damages and costes.And that no protection,essoyne,nor wager of law in the sayd action in any wyse be admitted nor receyued.

BE it enquyred for our soueraigne lord the king,that where as at the parliament holden at Crokerẽton, before Thomas Denis,deputie to syr Henry Marney knight,wardẽ of the Stanerie, the xiiij.day of September,the secõd yere of the reigne of king Henry the viii.It was ordeyned established and enacted,that (from the day aforesayd) it shalbe lawfull for euery man to digge tinne within the county of Deuonshyre,in all places where as tinne may be founden.And also to carie the water to theyr workes without any let or trouble of any person or persons, accordyng to our vsages & confirmacõs of our charter,& accordyng to our custome out of mynde . And if any persõ or personnes let,trouble, or vere any man to digge tinne,or to cary water for the same,contrary to our olde custome and vsage , and if it be founden by verdict of xii.men at the law day,he that so letteth,vereth,or troubleth any such person or personnes,shall fall in the penaltie of xl.li.as oft as he so vereth or troubleth: the one halfe to my lord Prince,and the other halfe to him ỹ was so letted,vered,or troubled. And a fieri facias to be awarded, as well for my lord prince as for ỹ party,if one Richard Strode of Plimton tinner,at the parliamẽt holden at Westminster the fourth day of February last past,letted,vered,and troubled one William Rede the yonger, and Elis Elforde tinner,and al other tinners in the same parliamente for digging of tinne in the seuerall soyle of the sayd Richard and other persõs contrary to this our acte made.

God saue the king.

God save the King.

ANNO QVINTO HENRICI VIII.

The kynge our soueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conquest, by the grace of God kyng of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Westminster the xxiij. daye of Januarye, in the fifte yere of his most noble reygne, after the prorogation to the honour of God and holye churche, and for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the assent of the lords spirituall and temporall, & the commons in thys presente parliament assembled, & by auctho[r]itye of the same, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine statutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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WHere as the kinge our soueraigne lorde greatly desyryng to recouer the realme of Fraunce, his very true we patrimonye and inheritaunce, and to reduce the same to his obeisance, and for the same purpose and intente lately made preparacions of great royal armies aswel by sea as by lande, to his ryght great and merueylous costes and charge, And sithen that by his greate worsedome and singular policie hath nowe reduced the citres and townes of Tyrewin and Turneie, to due obeisaunce; by reason whereof nowe shall folowe & ensue greate amitye, familiarites & entercours in bienge & sellinge marchaundises wares and other wise betwene the citizens & inhabitantes of the sayd citees townes and precinctes of the same, and the kinges naturall subiectes inhabitaunte in this his realme of England. Therefore the kinge our soueraygne lorde willinge and intendinge, that true we and indifferent Justice shalbe ministred in all matters and causes as well to citezens and inhabitauntes dwellinge and inhabityng in the same cities townes, and the precinctes of the same, as to his naturall subiectes dwellinge within this his realme of England: and to the same entente the kyng our soueraygne lorde hath deputed and ordayned in the sayde citye and towne of Turney, and in the bayliwike, & precinct of the same, diuers officers and ministers, & amonge other two of them called Notaryes, otherwise called Graffers, to accept take and receyde the knowlage of all contractes bargaines cõuencions pactis and agrementes made and to be made with in the sayd citye and towne of Turnay, bayliwike, & precinct of the same, by all maner of persones, that will and shall resort and come before them to make knowlege of the same: which Notaries or Graffers shall pfesente & deliure in wrytyng all such knowlege, as shalbe so taken vnder their sygnes vnto another officer of the same citee & towne, which our said soueraigne lord hath there made and deputed to accept and take of them the same: which officer for the more affirmaunce therof shall sette thereto the seale of our soueraygne lorde made and left in the kepyngs of the same officer for the same intente. the kinge our soueraygne lorde by the assente of his lordes spirituall and temporall & the commons in this pfesente parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same hath ordayned & enacted, that hereafter euery wrytyng obligatorie and knowlage to be made of all contractes, bargaines, cõuencions, pactes, and agrementes, signed and sealed in forme above reherced, by any of the kinges subiectes inhabited in this realme of England or any citezen or inhabitaunte within the said city and towne of Turney, bayliwyke, or precincte of the same, or bye any citezen or inhabitaunte within the same citie, towne, bailiwyke, or precinct, to any other of the same, or els by any citezen, or inhabitaunte of the same citye, towne

towne, bayliwike, or precincte to any of the kinges subiectes inhabyted within the realme of England, or by any of the kinges subiectes inhabited in the realme of englande, to another of the same subiectes shewed and exhibited to the chauncellour of Englande (for the tyme beynge) the same Chauncellour haue full auctoritee and power vpon the sighte of the same, to sende a sergeaunt of armes or an other officer, to the persone so bounde to requyre and cõmaund the person so bounden to perfourme the contentes of euery such wrytyng obligatorie and knowledge. And if the same persons so bounden denie so to do, and obiect or alledge any cause why he should not so do, that the same sergeaunt or officer immediatly shal bringe the same person so bounden before the Chauncellour of Englande to answere to the premisses. And if the person so bounden brought before the sayd Chauncellour, obiect or allege any matter or cause reasonable why he should not perfourme the Contentes of the same writyng obligatorye and knowlage, that than he shalbe adiudged to bringe in sufficient gage and pledge to the very value of the contentes of the same wrytyng obligatorie into the kinges courte of Chauncery, or els to remayne in warde. And than the said Chauncelour by his wisdome and discretion shal prefixe and assigne vnto him a conuenient peremptorie daye to proue his obiection and allegacion. And if the partye so bounden proue not his obiection and allegacion before the sayd Chauncellour to be trewe before or at the said day prefixed: that than ye saide partye so bounden without delaie shall perfourme the contentes of the sayde obligacion, and knowledge, than not performed, or els to forfait the said gages & pledges to the party, to whõ the said obligation or knowlage was made. And in likewise vpon all recognisaunces to be made before the kinge in his Chauncerye or in his bẽch or in any other the kinges courte of recorde within the realm of England. And also vpon al wrytinges obligatorie to be made & knowledged before the maire of the staple of Calyce of all debtes, contractes, and bargaines by any of ye said citezens or inhabitauntes of ye said citie or towne of Turney or bailiwike or precincte of the same, to any of the kinges subiectes, and the same knowlage or wrytyng obligatorie be than certified to the bailiffe of the same citye and towne by the Chauncellour of Englande, vnder the kynges great seale of Englande, that than the baylye of the same citye and towne for the tyme beynge, or his deputye, haue full auctority and power to send and shall sende a sergeaunt or other officer of the same citye & towne to ye person so bounden, to require and commaund the same persõ so bounden to perfourme the contentes of ye same knowlage and wryting obligatorie. And if the partye so bounden denye so to do, and obiect and allege any cause why he should not so do: That than the said sergeant or officer immediately shall bringe the person so bounden before the baylie of the sayd citye and towne, for the tyme being, to answere to ye premises. And if ye persõ so bounden & brought before the saide baylie obiecte & allege any matter or cause resonable, why he should not perfourm ye cõtẽts of ye same

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wrytinge obligatory & knowledge: that than he shalbe adiudged to bringe sufficient gage & pledge to the very value of the contentes of the same writing obligatory or knowledge into ỳ court before the same bayly or his deputy, or els to remaine in warde, and then ỳ sayde baily (or his deputye) by his wisdome and discretion shall prefixe and assigne vnto him a conuenient peremptory daye to proue hys obiection and allegacion, and if the partye so bounden proue not his obiection and allegation before the said baily or his deputy to be true, before or at the sayd day prefixt, that than the sayd party so bounden without delay shall performe the contentes of the sayd writing obligatory and knowledge than not performed, or els to forfayte the sayde gages and pledges to the partye, to whom the sayde obligation or knowledge was made. This acte to endure duringe the kynges pleasure.

An acte concerninge true makinge of clothes in Deuon. called white straites. Cap. ij.

PRayen the cõmons and inhabytantes (clothmakers & biers of the same) within ỳ county of Deuonshire, that where dyuers and many clothes, called white straites, be & haue bene continually made within the sayd county, to ỳ great profyt of the kinges subiectes there, the which clothes, were wont to be well and sufficiently made, and beare theyr breade yarde brode & halfe quarter raw, and .xb. yardes of length, and that no man in times past hath vsed to make thẽ, but that the maker therof hath set his special marke vpõ euery of the said clothes, so by him or them made, wherby euery man maye know their owne clothes from other mens by reason of their sayd seuerall markes: so it is that now a daies the said clothes be not sufficiently made, ne beare their length and breade, according as they shoulde do, ne marked with euery mans owne marke, wherof great inconuenience doth daily insue and encrease, to thenpouerishyng and hurting as wel of the kinges subiectes biers and sellers of the same, as marchãtes strangers: wherefore the premisses considered, that it may be therfore enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritye of the same that from the feast of Pentecost next cõming no persõ make such clothes (called white straites) to sell, wythout that it be whan it is rawe tedys to be toked, of ỳ breade of a yarde & half a quarter, and of length .xb. yardes. And that no person make suche clothes, but if he set his special marke vpon eueriche of the sayde clothes so by him or theim made. And that no person vse no marke on his clothes suche as any other person doth and hath vsed before him, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery of the said clothes, the on half to the kinge, and the other halfe to hym that so sealeth the sayde clothes so made or marked contrary to the forme and effect afore expressed. And this acte to endure vnto the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerninge white wollen clothes of.b.markes and vnder, may be caried ouer the seas vnshorne. Cap.iij.

WHere in this present parliamēt (before the fyrst prorogation therof) it was ordeined and enacted, that no wollen clothe, aboue ye price of.iiij.markes shoulde bee conueyed ouer the sea vnrowed vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vpon certaine penalties in the same act expressed more at large, whiche act put in execution shal not onely turne to the abatementes of the kinges customes, but also grow to the vtter vndoyng of hys subiectes (clothmakers and marchantes) conueiers of the sayde clothes. For asmuche as woll is risen of a far greater price than it was at the makinge of the sayd acte. For where a cloth was then commonly solde at.iiij.markes, is now solde for.b.markes. And also by force of the sayd acte the marchants should be bounde to dresse euery white cloth aboue the value of iiij.markes on this side the sea after they haue bought them, whiche white cloth (so dressed) whan they be brought into the partyes beyonde the sea, and there by the biers of them, died and put in colours, than they must be newly dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed, and so they shall be therby the lesse in substance of theym selfe, and the worse to the sale, and solde for lesse price by.x.or.xij.s. a peece beyonde the sea than they shoulde be if they were vndressed, wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted by vyrtue auctoritye, that euery white wollen cloth solde at.b.markes and vnder, may be caried and conueied into the parties beyonde the sea, there to be solde at the pleasure of the biers of the sayd cloth, vnbarbed, vnshorne, and vnrowed, any act or actes to the contrary made not withstanding. And ouer this be it ordeined & enacted by the sayd auctority, that if any person or persons conuey or cause to be conueied into the parties beyonde the sea any white wollen cloth vnrowed, vnbarbed & vnshorne aboue the value of.b.markes in other forme than is aforesayd, that than the person or persons so offending, shall forfait the value of the sayd cloth or clothes, so caried or conueied into the parties beyonde the sea, the one moite of the same forfaiture to be to our sayd soueraigne lorde the king, & the other moity to any pson ye will sue for ysame, & that the defendāt in any plea vpō any such action not be admitted to wage his la we nor any protection or essoine for any such defendant be allowed in the same.

¶ An act for auoydynge diseites in worstedes. Cap.iiij.

PRayen the cōmons in this present parliamēt assēbled, ye where as worstedes, which ben truly made, shorne died & calēdred, as of old time haue ben accustomed to be made shorne died & calēdred, haue ben one of ye goodlyest marchandise & greatest cōmodity for this realme, & not onely worne with in this realme, but also much worne & vsed in other realmes. And so it is, ye now of late diuers strangers beyond ye sea haue taken vpon them to dresse calender worstedes wt gomes oyles and presses, so that a course peece of worstede, not being past the ba-

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lue of.xxvj.s.viij.d. is and shall be made by their sayde gūmes, oyles & pres-ses to shewe like to the value of.xl.s. or better. And if the same worsted so dry calendred, taketh any wete, incontinent it will shew spotty & foule and euer after continue still foule & will not endure, to the great disceipt & hurt of the wearers therof & no losse of the saide commodity: & for ỳ sayd disceites & falsenes, the sayd calendringe is skorned & abhorred in the partyes beyond the sea, so that no person do ne shall vse in those parties any such worstedes to dry calēdre. And also now of late ỳ sayd straūgers (called dry calēders are cōmen into this realme, & here within the same vse the sayd dry calendryng of worsted, to the great hurt of the sayde cōmon weale and cōmodity of this realme aforesayd. wherfore be it enacted, ordeined and established by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no person ne persons within this sayde realme, hereafter do take vpon him or them to dry calendre any worstede within this sayd realme, vpon paine to forfaite for euery worstede, that is so dry calendred, one C.s. And ouer that where as the sayd olde calendringe of worstedes, called wete calendrynge hath bene vsed well and substantially in times past in the city of Norwich and yet is by persons hauing conninge in the same. Be it therfore furthermore enacted, ordeyned & established, by the auctoritye aforesayde, that no person ne persons hereafter do take vpō him or them to wete calendre any worstede, but only such persons as haue bene bounde apprentises to other persons of the same crafte or occupacion of wete calendring of worstedes, by the space of.vii. yeres, or be conninge in the same, and their conning approued and admitted by the Mayre of the sayde citye of Norwych for the tyme being and the towe maysters of the sayd crafte and occupaciō yerely to be chosen within the sayd citye of Norwich or in the county of Norff of the crafte of wete calendring, vppon peine of euery such person or persones which hereafter shal do the contrary, to forfayt for euery pece so calendred against the ordinaūces and purueiances afore sayde. C.s. the one moity of whiche penaltyes and forfaytures (aboue specified) and of euery of theym, to be to the kynge our soueraygne Lorde, and ỳ other moity therof to be to the maisters of ỳ sayd occupation of wete calendringe (for the time beinge) And that it shalbe lawfull to the maister of ỳ sayde occupatiō (for the tyme beinge and their successours, to sue for the one moity of all such penalties hereafter to be forfayted, against euery suche person or persons, as hereafter shall do contrary to the forme and effect of this estatute, by actiō of det by writ at ỳ common law or by bil or plaint, after the custome of suche Cytye, port or towne, where shall happen any suche forfayture to be or fall, or by informacion in the kynges escheker. And that no protection or essoyne, ne no wager of law for the defendant, in any such action plaint or informacion be allowable before any maner of Justices, where any such suite or informacion shalbe vsed for the sayd forfaiture. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

An acte concerninge Juries in London. Cap. v.

WHere in this presente parlyament holden at westmin. the. iiij. day of Februarye, in the. iij. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde ỳ kinge, & proroged vnto the. 4. day of Nouembre in the. 4. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord ỳ king, & adiourned vnto westminster aforesayd, forasmuch as after issues ioygned in actions & suits cõmenced, taken, or dependinge in the kynges courtes before him selfe in hys bẽche, & before his Justices of the common benche, & also in his escheker at the kynges suite, or at the suite of the party, triable in the Citye of London, aswell the kinge as the parties suffered great delay many times for defaut of apparance of the iuries empanelled to trie the sayd issues, & many tymes for lacke of iurours, not hauinge landes & tenements of the yerely value of xl.s. It was the sayd. iiij. day of Nouembre ordeined and enacted by thauctority of this presente parliamẽt, that the sheriffes of London, for the time beinge should haue full auctority & power to returne in panels or araies of all actions & suites than dependinge, or ỳ should depend in any of the sayd courtes or escheker, persons beinge citizens, hauinge goods to the value of C. marke or aboue, to try the issue ioygned in euery such actiõ or sute. And that the persõs so returned, hauinge goods to the value of C, marke or aboue, should be sworne & do in all such iuries, in like wise in euery thyng as other persons should do, hauinge landes, & tenementes of the yearely value of xl.s. ouer all charges. And that the sheriffes of the sayd city (for the tyme beyng) should returne vpon the first distresse in euery such action or suite vpõ euery of the iurours enpanelled to try the issues thereof. xx. d. & vpõ the second distres vpon euery of the same iurours. xl. d. & vpon euery distres after that vpõ euery of the same iurours ỳ double, till a full iury in euery such action & suit should appere & be sworne to trye ỳ issue ioygned in the same. And that the sheriffes ỳ shoulde make any returne vpon such distres contrary to the forme aforesayd, should forfait for euery such default. x. li. ỳ one halfe thereof to the kinge, & thother half to the party that will sue therfore. And that the defẽdant in any such action shoulde not be admitted to wage his law, nor protectiõ therin for him alowed, which statute was only made for the good expeditiõ of iustice for to haue quicke apparance of iurours citizens of London at sainct Martins the grauũd, within the sayd city, wher all iuries were & bene bouũden only to appere to trie the issues ioigned of al thinges triable in Lõdon by processe of Nisi prius out of the sayd courtes, & in none other place, accordinge to their auncient liberty, priuiledge, & custome: wherfore for more plaine declaration of the same good estatute be it ordeined and established by the auctority of this presente parliamente, that the sayd acte be expouũded, interpreted and taken, that the sheriffes for the time beinge be bouũden to returne at euery first distres of Nisi prius to be had at the sayd sainct Martins in euery such action or suite, vpon euery of the iurours impanelled to trie the issues thereof. xx. d. and vpon the seconde

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distresse of Nisi prius, vpon euery of the same iurours xl.d. And vpon euery distres of Nisi prius after that, euery of the same iurours the double, til a full iurie in euery suche action and sute shall appere and be sworne to trye the issue ioyned in the same. And that no sheriffe of the sayd cittie or other, any thing forfayte, by force or colour of the said estatute, for any returne to be made, except onely vpon retournes to be made cõtrary to the forme declaracion interpretacion and exposition of this estatute, that is to say, vpon writtes of distresses before Justices or iustice of Nisi prius within the said citty, and that vpon all other writtes and processes, that be and shalbe awarded out of the sayd courtes or escheker, it shalbe lawfull to ỳ sheriffes for the tyme beinge to make theyr returnes accordinge to the order of the law as the sheriffes of London were wont to do before the making of the sayd statute, without any losse or forfayture.

An act concerning surgeons to be discharged of questes and other thinges Cap. vi.

Sheweth vnto your discrete wysedomes your humble oratours the wardens & felowship of the craft & misterie of surgions enfraūchised in the citie of London, not passing in nomber xii. persons, that where as they and theyr predecessours from the time that no mynde is to the contrary, aswell in this noble citie of London, as in all other cities and borroughes wythin this realme, or elswhere, for the continuall seruice & attendance that they dayly and nightly at al houres & tymes geue to the kinges liege people, for the relefe of the same accordinge to theyr science, haue ben exempt and discharged from all offices and busines, wherein they should vse or beare anye maner of armour or weapon, & with like preuiledge haue bene entreated as Haraldes of armes, as well in battailes and fields as other places, there for to stand vnharnised and vnweapened according to the law of armes, because they be personnes that neuer vsed feates of warre, nor ought to vse, but onely ỳ busines and exercyse of theyr science, to the helpe and comfort of the kynges liege people in the tyme of their neede. And in the forsaid citie of London, from the time of theyr fyrst incorporacion, whan they haue ben many mo in nomber thā they be now, were neuer called nor charged to be on quest, watch nor other office, whereby they should vse or occuppye any armour or defencible geare of warre: where through they should be vnredy & letted to practise their cure of men being in perell. Therefore for that they be so small nomber of ỳ said felowship of the craft & misterie of Surgions, in regard of ỳ great multitude of pacientes that be and daily chaunce & fortune happeneth & encreaseth in the forsaid citie of London, and that many of the kinges liege people sodenly wounded and hurt for default of helpe in time to them to be shewed perishe, and so diuers haue done, as euidently is knowen, by occasion that your sayde supplyantes haue beene compelled to attende vppon suche

Constableship, watches and Jurys, as is afore sayd. Be it enacted and established by the king our soueraigne lord and the lords spyrituall & temporall, and by the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, ẏ from hencefoorth your said suppliantes be discharged and not chargeable of constableship, watch, and al maner of office, bearing any armour, and also of al enquestes and Juries wythin the cittie of Lõdon. And also that this act in all thing do extende to al barbours surgions admitted and approued to exercise the sayd misterie of surgiõs, according to the fourme of the statute lately made in that behalf, so that they excede, ne be at one time aboue the nomber of vij. persons.

An acte concerning straungers for bying of leather in open market. Cap. vij.

In theyr most humble wyse shewen & complaine vnto your highnes your poore and daily oratours the felowship & brotherhead of the blessed Trinity at the black Fryers in your city of London, of the craft of Cordwainers, straungers, ẏ where at your last parliament holden at Westminster, in ẏ third yere of your most noble reigne, amõges other things it was accorded & enacted, by an acte made & graũted vnto the wardẽs & felowshippe of the coriours, to haue serche of leather for certaine causes in the sayd act largely named and expressed, that no straũger alien not borne wythin your realme of England, Irelande, Wales, Calice, or the marches of the same, dwellinge wythin any fraunchised place or places, wythin the precinct of the said citie of London and subburbes, as in the fraunchese of sainct Katherines, sainct Martins, in the towne of Westminster, and in ẏ borough of Southwarke, should bie, or cause to be bought to his or theyr vse, any leather or wares in any secrete place, but onely in the open market where it should be seene, assaied, sealed, abled good and sufficiently tanned and corryed. And also that the wardẽs of the coriours, theyr successours and assignes, should haue serch in the craft & brotherheade of the Trinity afore sayd, as wel in fraunchised places, as in any other places, for al maner of such leather or ware insufficiẽtly tanned, sealed and corryed, as often as they should thincke conuenient, and the same leather so found insufficient, to be forfayted, with other peynes in the content of the sayd acte limited and expressed. Sith the makinge of which statute, many and the moste party of all your said poore oratours be fallen in great decay and pouerty by the meanes of which statute the said craft of coriours wrõgfully daily compell your saide poore oratours straungers, borne vnder the dominion of themperour, and the prince of Castell, to bie theyr leather and wares of them, and of no person els, after theyr owne price, withoute any righte or conscience: In as much that by force of the aboue named acte your poore oratours strãgers may bie no red leather as they were wont to do before

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the makyng of the sayd statute, but it must be corried. And so if ỳ sayd leather be vnlawfully drest or corved, all the fault returneth to your sayd poore oratours, where as afore time they boughte both redde leather and other, and saw that it should be sufficiently corried and drest, or els to be forfaited wherof your sayd oratours maye not please and serue your lordes, states, and comminaltie of this your realme as they were wonte to do in times past afore the making of the sayd acte: for (as it is openly knowen) the said wardens and craft of corriours daily sel the best leather in grosse to marchauntes straungers, Italians and other persons, so that your poore oratours be compelled to take and bie of them vnlawful leather in retayle, or els in grosse, wyth ouer chargeable price for lacke of a due order and prouision. In consideracion whereof, and for the most comforte and relefe of the said brotherhead and felowship of the blessed Trinitie, it would please your saide highnes, and the lords spyrituall & tempozall, and the commons in this your present parliament assembled that it may therfore be ordeined enacted and established, by auctority of the same, that from henceforth it be lawfull to all maner of person or persons estraungers, bringe in the felowship of the blessed Trinitie afore named, and to al maner other persõs, borne vnder the dominion of the Emperour and the prince of Castel to bie all maner of read leather, or other leather, coried or not coried in open market and feires within your realme of Englãd, sufficiently wrought assayed and sealed, wyth all lawfull search, in all places fraunchised or vnfraunchised, as they haue done and occupied in times paste afore the making of the abouesayd acte, in the thyrd yere of your reigne, without any let, interruption, and trouble by any person or persons, accordinge to the olde vsaunce, and custome, the said acte of corriours statute and ordinaũce, or any other acte or actes, grauntes, statutes or ordinaunces to the contrary made or to be made notwythstanding.

Prouided alway that this presente act do not extend to any other person, but such as be of the brotherheade, and to all other persons borne vnder the Emperour and the king of Castels dominion.

Prouided also, that this acte shall not extende to giue any person (borne out of the kinges obeysaunce) libertie to bie any leather vntanned, nor vnsufficiently tanned.

Prouided furthermore, that no person (borne out of the kings obeysance) by colour of this acte shall haue auctority to bie any leather in any secrete place, but onely in open markets and fayres.

Prouided also that no person by colour of this act haue auctority to bie or sell any leather within the cittie of London, but if eyther the bier or the seller be a free man of the sayd cittie, according to the auncient customes & libertyes of ỳ said cittie, & according to diuers estatutes in that case made and purueyed, except onely in S. Barthelmewes fayre.

Prouided also, that this acte shal not extende to take awaye or minisshe any power or auctoritie, giuen by ỳ said former estatute vnto the wardẽs of the

of the felowship of coryours, & to theyr successours, for due serche by them and theyr deputies to be made in any place, or vppon any person for leather vnsufficiently dreste, wrought tanned, or vnsealed, nor in the execution of such penalties as be conteyned in the sayde former acte and statute for the punishmentes of such defaultes as shalbe by the said serch founden.

Prouided also, that no person borne out of the kinges obeissaunce, haue none auctority, by reason of this act, to begin any new marketes wythin saint Martins the graund of London, or in any other fraūchised place, but onely shall die in such marketes as haue ben of old time accustomed.

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Where it hath pleased the kinges highnes of his mere motion and most habundant grace to graunt to euery of his subiectes his generall pardon, by his letters patentes to be obteyned vppon and concerninge all and singuler articles contayned & specifyed in a bill signed wyth his moste gracious hand, deliuered and remaynynge in the custodye of his Chauncellour of England for the warrant for the same. Be it enacted by our sayd soueraigne lord the king, with the assent of the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that all and as manye, and euery of the kynges subiectes, the which at any time hereafter wyll sue for any of ỹ sayde pardons, shall haue the aduauntage auayle and benefite of the same pardon in all and euery of the kings courtes to him or them to be allowed without writ or writtes of allowaunce thereuppon to bee made sued, the same person or persons payeng onely such fees, as well of sealinge, as other duties in the kinges Chauncerye, and all other the kings courtes, as shalbe ordred assigned limitted and appointed by our sayd soueraygne lord: or by suche of his moste honourable counsell as his highnes shall thereunto name, and no more neyther other fees to be payed for the premisses.

God saue the king.

ANNO SEXTO HENRICI VIII.

THe kynge our souerayngne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conquest, by the grace of God kyng of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Westminster the fifte daye of Februarye, in the sixte yere of his most noble reygne, after the prorogation to the honour of God and holye churche, and for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the assent of the lords spiritual and temporall, & the commons in thys presente parliament assembled, & by auctho[r]itye of the same, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine statutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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FOꝛ as much as the greate and costly aray and apparell vsed within thys Realme contrarye to goode statutes thereof made hath ben ꝑ occasion of greate impouerishing of diuers of the kinges subiectes, and ꝓuoked them to robbe and to do extoꝛcion and other vnlawfull dedes to maynt aine therby their costly array. In eschewing wherof be it ordained by the auctoꝛity of this ꝓsente parliament, that no person, of what estate cõdicion oꝛ degre ꝑ he be, vse in his apparell any cloth oꝛ golde of purpure colour oꝛ silke of purpure colour, but onely the kinge, the quene, the kinges mother, the kinges children, the kinges bꝛethren and systers, vppon peyne to foꝛfaute the sayd apareil, wherwith so euer it be mixte & foꝛ vsing ꝑ same to foꝛfait foꝛ euery time so offendinge. xx. li. And that no man vnder the estate of a duke vse in any apparell of his body oꝛ vppon his hoꝛses, oꝛ hoꝛseharnes, any cloth of gold of tissue, vppon peine to foꝛfaite the same apparell wherwith soeuer it be mixte garded oꝛ bꝛowdzed, and that foꝛ vsing of the same to foꝛfait euery tyme so offeding. xx. markes. And that no mã vnder ꝑ degre of an erle, weare in his apparel any furre of sables oꝛ black Jeneteg vppon peine to foꝛfait the same aparel & foꝛ vsing the same to foꝛfait foꝛ euery tyme so offending. xx. markes. And that no mã vnder ꝑ degre of ꝑ sonne of a duke, marques, oꝛ erle, oꝛ the degre of a baron, vse in his aparell of his body oꝛ on his hoꝛse oꝛ hoꝛse harnes, any cloth of golde oꝛ cloth of siluer, ne any such apparel, mixt garded, oꝛ enbꝛowdzed with gold oꝛ siluer vpõ peine of foꝛfayture of the same apparell, and foꝛ vsing of the same to foꝛfait foꝛ euery tyme so offending. x. markes. And that no man vnder the degre of the sonne of a duke, erle, oꝛ the degre of a barõ, oꝛ a knight of the garter, wear any wollen cloth made out of this Realme of Englande, Ireland, wales, Calleis oꝛ the marches of the same, oꝛ Berwike, vppon peine to foꝛfait the sayd clothe and foꝛ vsinge of the same, to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery tyme so offendinge. x. li. And that no man vnder the degree of a knighte of the garter weare in his gowne oꝛ cote oꝛ in any other his apparell of his body oꝛ apparell of his hoꝛse any veluette, of the colour of cremelin oꝛ blewe, vppon peine to foꝛfaite the same apparell, and foꝛ vsinge of the same to foꝛfaite foꝛ euerye tyme so offendynge. xl. s. And that no man vnder the degree of a Barone sonne, oꝛ knight, oꝛ squiers foꝛ the kinges bodye, his cuppe berers, caruers, and sewers, hauinge the oꝛdinarye fee foꝛ the same, and all other squiers, foꝛ the bodie hauing possession of lãdes, and tenementes, oꝛ other hereditamentes in their hande, oꝛ other to their vse, to the yerely value of CCC. markes: Justices of the one benche oꝛ of the other, the maister of the Rolles, and barons of the kinges eschequer, and all other of the kynges councell, and mayꝛes of the city of london foꝛ the tyme beyng, vse oꝛ weare any veluet, oꝛ furres of Wattron in their apparelles foꝛ their bodyes, vpon

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peine to forfaite the same furres and apparell, wherewith soeuer it be mixt ioigned, garded, or browdred & for vsinge of the same to forfayte for euery tyme so offending. xl.s. And that none other man, other than the persones aboue named, weare saten & damaske in their gownes, jacketes, nor cotes except a gentilman, hauing in his possession or other, to his vse, landes, or tenemētes, or annuityes at the least for terme of lyfe, to the yerely value of C.li. aboue all reprises, vpon peine to forfait the same apparell, wherwith soeuer it be mixt, or ioigned, garded or browdred, and for vsing of the same to forfait. xl.s for euery tyme so offending.

And that none other persō or persons, other thā be afore named, vse or weare in their doubletes, laten, damaske, or silken chamlette, except they haue landes, or tenemētes in his or theire possessiō, or other to his or their vse, office, or fee for tearme of lyfe or lyues, to ẏ yerely value of, C. markes, ouer all charges, vpon peine to forfayte ẏ same apparell, wherwith soeuer it be mixte ioigned garded browdred and for vsinge of ẏ same to forfait at euery tyme so offending. xl. s And that no man vnder the degree of a gentilman, except graduates of the vniuersities, and except yomen, gromes and pages of the kynges chamber, of our soueraigne lady the quenes, & except such men as haue landes, tenementes, fees, or annuityes, to the yerely value of .x.li. for terme of lyfe, or C. li. in goodes, vse or weare any furres, whereof there is no lyke kynde growing in this lande of Englande, Irelande, wales, or in any landes vnder the kynges obeisance, vppon peyne to forfayt the same furres, and for vsing of the same to forfait for euery tyme so offendinge. xl.s. The value of their gooddes to be tryed by their owne othes. And that no man vnder the degree of a knight, and other than be afore named, except spirituall men, and sergeauntes at the law, or graduates of the vniuersitees vse more clothe in a longe gowne than .iiii. brode yardes, and in a rydinge gowne or cote aboue .iii. yardes, vppon peyne of forfaiture therof. And that no seruinge man vnder the degree of a gentilman, vse & weare a gowne or cote or such lyke apparell of more cloth than iii. brode yardes in a garment, and that in the sayd gowne cote or garmēt they weare no chamlet, nor no maner furre, except lambes furre, of the growinge of this Realme of Englande, Irelande, or Wales, vppon peyne to forfaite the sayd apparell, or the value therof. And that no seruinge man, vnder the degree of a gentilman, weare any clothe in his hoses aboue ẏ price of. xx.d the yarde vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same, and for vsinge of euery payre of hoses, whereof the yarde shall excede the price of. xx. d. as is aforesayde .iii.s. iiii.d. And that no man from henseforthe, vnder the degree of a sonne of a duke, or erle or the degree of a lorde weare or vse any apparel of his body enbrowdred, broched, or garded with any gold, siluer goldsmithe warke, silke, clothe, or other thynge vppon peine of forfayture of the same apparell and for vsinge the same to forfayte for euery tyme so offending. xl.s. And that no man vnder the degree of a knighte weare any cheyne of golde or gylte, or coler of golde, any gold aboute his necke,

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or bracelettes of gold, vpon peyne of forfayture therof. And that no man, vnder the degree of a gentleman, weare any silke pointes, or weare anye pointes in any of his apparell of his body, with aglettes of gold, or syluer, or siluer gilted, or button, or broches of gold, or siluer and gilte, or any goldsmith worke, vpon paine of forfayture of the same. And that no man, vnder the degree of a knighte other than before excepte for wearing of gownes of veluet, weare any garded or pinched shirt, or pinched partlet of linnen cloth, or plaine shyrt garnished, or made with silke or golde or siluer, vpon paine of forfayture of the same shirte or partlette, and for vsinge of the same, for euery time so offending x. s. And that no seruaunte of husbandrie, nor sheepeherde, common labourer, nor seruaunte vnto anye artificer, oute of cittie, or borroughe, nor husbandmanne hauinge no goodes of his owne aboue the value of x. li. vse or weare any clothe, whereof the broade yarde passeth in price two s. nor that anye of the sayde seruauntes of husbandry, sheepeherds nor labourers, weare any hose aboue the price of xii.d. the yarde, vpon paine of imprysonment in the stockes by three dayes. And that euery of the vshers of the kinges chamber (for the time beinge) haue the forfaitures of the said apparell, so worne or vsed in the kinges courte, contrary to the fourme abouesaid, by meane of seisure thereof, or by action of detinue for the same. And hee that first seyseth or sueth the sayde action, to haue the same forfayture. And that euery of the sayde vshers, that shall so seise, or haue action for misvsynge of the saide apparell, maye haue action of det for recouerye of the sayde penalties before limitted. And if none of the sayd vshers seise the sayde apparell, ne commence theyr action within xv. dayes in the terme next after the sayd forfayture: than the kynges chamberlaine (for the time beinge) to seise the same apparell, and to haue like action. And also be it enacted, that if anye like forfayture be committed or done in the Queenes court, that then any the vshers of her chamber, and in their default the Queenes chamberlaine (for the time beynge) maye likewise seise and haue like action for the sayde apparell so forfayted, & penalties in the Queenes court, as is afore rehearsed for the kinges vshers and his chamberlaine. And in the defaulte of the sayde vshers and chamberlaine, the kynge to haue the sayde forfaitures of the sayde apparelles, and the penalties for wearing of the same by seisure therof, by action, or by information in hys eschequier, or by inquisition. And that it shall be lawfull to euery of ỳ kynges subiectes to seise any apparell, vsed or worne by any man out of the kynges courte, and queenes courte, contrary to the fourme abouesayde, or to haue therfore action of detinue for the said apparel, and to haue the same to his proper vse. And if any person so vsinge such apparell, make any resistence for deliuerie therof: that then he for his resistence shall loose & forfaite as much as he shoulde forfayte by this estatute, ouer & aboue the forfaiture and penalties conteyned in this estatute for vsing or wearing of the same apparell. And that euery of the kinges subiects may haue theyr action of detinue for the saide apparell so forfay-

ted: And the kynge our soueraigne lorde to haue the one halfe of the forfayture of the sayde money so forfayted: and the party that will sue, haue the other halfe. And the suite to be by action of debte, and that in any of all the sayde actions of debte, or detinue, the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor be by protection nor essoine, nor the partye to be barred by the kynges pardon, nor be delaied by any plea, to the disablement of his person. And that the lorde steward of the kinges house (for the time beinge) within the verge, and Justices of assise, and Justices of the peace, stewardes in leetes, or lawdaies, and euery of them, haue also power to enquire and holde plea of euery default of the premisses, as well by examination of the partye, as after the course of the common law, and determine the same as well at the kinges suite, as at ꝑ suite of the partye.

Prouided alway, that this act be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any spirituall or temporall man, in wearyng any ornamentes of the church in executyng diuine seruice, nor to any marchauntes straungers.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to all maires, recorders, aldermen, sheriffes, bailiffes, and all other heade officers of Cities, or boroughes, or townes corporat, that now be or hereafter shalbe, to vse and were like apparell in their gownes, doublettes, clokes, and other apparell, as their predecessours haue done in times past, this act in any wise not withstandinge.

Prouided also, that this acte be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any ambassadours, heraldes of armes, minstrels, plaiers in enterludes, nor to any man wearyng the apparell of the kynges liuerye, geuen to hym by the kinge for the time of attendaunce about the kinges grace.

And that this acte of array, made at this present parliament, beginne to take his effect at the feast of saynct Michaell the archaungell next coming. And this acte to endure for euer.

Prouided also, that it shal be lawful to all maires, recorders, aldermen sheriffes, bailiffes, iurates of the sinke portes, and all other head officers, as well of all Cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, as of the sinke ports, after they haue bene in any such office or roume, to vse and weare all suche apparell as they vsed, or vsed in tyme of occupation & exercise of their sayde office, or any of them.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to euery knightes sonne, heire apparaunt, to vse and weare in their apparell veluet, sylkes, and furres in lyke maner and fourme, as the barons of the kynges Eschequer may do. And this acte to endure for euer.

Prouided alway, that this acte of apparell, ne anye thynge conteined in the same, extende not, neither be in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall vnto anye person or persons, to whom it shall please the kynges highnes, to lycence by his placarde, to vse or weare apparell of his or their bodies, or horses, contrary to the tenour of this acte. And that it be enacted by the auctoritye of this present Parliament, that euery such licence by the kynges placarde, by his highnes to be made, shalbe as good and effectuall in the law,

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to euerye ſuche perſon and perſons concernynge thys acte of apparell, as though it were vnder the kinges great ſeale.

¶An act concernynge the maintenaunce of archers. Cap.ij.

PRaien the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, that where in the parliamēt holden at weſtminſter, the.iiij. day of Februarye, the thirde yeare of the reygne of our ſouereygne lorde the kyng that now is, our ſayd ſouereigne lord than callyng to his moſt noble and gratious remembrance, that by the feate and exercyſe of the ſubiectes of this his realme in ſhoting in longe bowes, there hath continually growen and ben within the ſame, great numbre and multitude of good archers which haue not only defended this realme, and the ſubiects thereof againſt ꝑ cruell malice and daunger of their outward enemies, in time heretofore paſſed, but alſo with litle numbre and puiſſaunce (in regarde) haue doone many notable actes, and diſcōfitures of warre againſt the infidels and other, and furthermore ſubdued and reduced diuers and manye regions & coūtreis to their obeiſance to the greate honour, fame, and ſurety of thys realme and ſubiectes, and the terrible drede and feare of all ſtraunge nations any thinge to attempt or doe to the hurt or damage of them, or any of them. And albeit that dyuers good and profytable ſtatutes, in the tyme of hys noble progenitours, and predeceſſours kynges of this lande, for the maintenaunce of archerye, and longe bowes heretofore haue bene made, amongeſt whiche the ryght famous kynge of noble memorye Henrye the.vij. father to our ſayde ſouereygne lorde, by the auctorite of diuers parliamētes, cauſed good & noble actes and ſtatutes to be eſtabliſhed and made, and that ſhotinge in croſſebowes ſhould be ſet on parte, and not vſed: And alſo that great numbre of bowe ſtaues of Ewe ſhould bee brought and conueighed by marchauntes repayrynge into this realme from thoſe parties, where they growe, vppon certaine paynes in the ſame ſtatutes limitted and conteined: yet neuertheleſſe archerye and ſhootynge in longe bowes is right litell vſed, but dayly miniſheth, decayeth, and abateth more and more, for that muche partye of the cominaltye and poore people of thys realme, whereby of olde tyme the great number and ſubſtaunce of Archers hath growen and multiplied, be not of power nor abilytye to bye theym longe Bowes of Ewe, to exerciſe ſhotynge in the ſame, and to ſuſteine the continuall charge therof. And alſo by meanes and occaſion of cuſtomable vſage of tennyſe playe, bowles, cloſſhe, and other vnlawefull games, prohibite by many good and benefyciall eſtatutes, by auctorite of Parlyamente in that behalfe prouided and made, great impoueryſhement hath enſued, and many heinous murthers, robberies, and felonies committed and done. And alſo the deuine ſeruice by ſuche miſſedoers on holye and feſtiuall dayes not hearde or ſolemniſed, to the highe diſpleaſure of almightye god. Wherfore the kynges highnes,

of his moſt bleſſed diſpoſition, greate wiſedome and prouidence, and alſo zeale to the publike weale, ſuretye and defence of this his realme and ſubiectes, and their auncient fame in this behalfe to be renued and repayred, by thaſſent of his lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and hys cõmons in thys ſaid parliament aſſembled, and by thauctozitye of the ſame, hath ozdeyned enacted, and eſtabliſhed, that the ſtatute of Wincheſter foz Archers be put in due execution. And ouer that, that euery man, beynge the kynges ſubiecte, not lame, decrepite, noz maimed, noz hauinge any other lawfull oz reaſonable cauſe oz impediment, beynge within the age of.lx.yeres, except men ſpirituall, Juſtices of the one benche & of the other, Juſtices of aſſyſe, and barons of theſchequer ſhould vſe and exerciſe ſhotinge in long bowes. And alſo to haue a bowe and arowes redye continually in his houſe, to vſe him ſelfe, and do vſe him ſelfe in ſhotinge. And alſo the father, gouernours and rulers of ſuch as be of tender age do teache and bzynge vp them in the knowledge of the ſame ſhoting. And that euery man haupng a man childe oz men childzen in hys houſe, ſhall pzouide, ozdeyne, and haue in his houſe, foz euery man childe, beynge of the age of.viij.yeres and abone, till he come to thage of.xviij.yeare, a bowe & .ij.ſhaftes, to enduce & learne them, & bzinge them vp in ſhotyng and ſhall deliuer al the ſame bowe and arrowes to the ſame yonge men to vſe and occuppe. And yf the ſame yonge men be ſeruauntes, that than their mayſters ſhall abate their money that they ſhall paye foz the ſame bowes and arrowes of their wages, and after all ſuche yonge men ſhall come to the age of.xviij.yeares, euery of them ſhall pzouide and haue a bowe and .iiij. arowes continually foz hym ſelfe, at his pzopze coſtes and charges, oz elles of the gyftes oz pzouiſion of hys freendes, and vſe and occuppe the ſame in ſhootynge (as is afoze reherſed.) And that the Juſtices of aſſiſes, of Gaole delinery, Juſtices of peace, and Stewardes of fraunchiſes, leete and lawdaye, haue power to enquire of all the pzemiſſes in their ſeſſions, leetes, and lawdayes, and heare and determine the ſame, and alſo by their diſcretion examine all perſons, lackynge ayd not hauing bowes, ſhaftes, & arrowes accozding to the fourme afozeſayd & euery perſon that ſhall be founde by ſuche inquirye oz examination in defaulte, and not pzouiding & hauing bowes, arowes and ſhaftes redye by the ſpace of one month, ſhal fozfaite and pay foz euery ſuch default .xij.d. & wher any ſuch fozfaiture ſhall happen to be founden within the pzecinct of any fraunchiſe, leete, oz lawday, than the lozdes of the ſame franchiſe, leete, oz lawday ſhall haue the fozfaiture therof. And in al other places al ſuch fozfaitures to be to the king our ſouereigne lozde, his heires & ſucceſſours. And that all ſtatutes heretofoze made againſt them that vſe vnlawfull games, be duely put in execution, and puniſhement had accozdynge to the penaltyes of the ſame as wel againſt the offẽders and occupiers of ſuche vnlawfull games as agaynſte them that bee owners, oz keepers of houſes, oz other places, where any ſuche vnlawfull games be vſed, accozdinge to the purpoze, tenour, and entente of the ſame ſtatutes. And furthermoze that all Juſtices

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of the peace, maiors, bailiffes, sheriffes, constables, & all other head officers & euery of them, finding or knowing any maner person or persons vsinge or exercisynge any vnlawfull games, contrary to the sayd estatutes, haue full power and auctorise to commit euery suche offender to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise, to suche tyme hee or they, (so offendynge) be bounden by obligation to the kynges highnes in suche summe of money as by discretion of the sayde Justyces, Maiors, bailiffes, or other heade officers shalbe thoughte reasonable, that they nor any of theym shall not vse hereafter any vnlawfull games. And that euery bowier within this realme alwaye make for euery one bowe of ewe, y he maketh to sell, at the leaste .ij. bowes of elme, wich, or other woodde of meane price. And if they or any of them refuse so to do, and it bee proued before the Justices of peace in the shire, or before mayres, bailiffes, or other heade officer of cytyes or boroughes by presentmente of .xij. men, or by due examination before the sayde Justices of peace, or .ij. of them, or before the sayd Maiors, or bailiffes: that than the same Justices, mayres, or bailiffes haue full auctorise and power to committe them to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise by the space of .viij. dayes or more, by the discretion of the sayde Maiors and Bailiffes. And also that buttes be made in euery shire, townes and place accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitaunces and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and continue such buttes, and exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shoting at the same and els where on holy dayes, and other tymes conuenient. ¶ And ouer that it is enacted by the sayde auctorite that euery Justices of peace within this realme, or twoo of them within their seuerall iurisdictions, haue full power and auctorite to take assigne, and apointe bowiers in .iij. .ij. or more places by their discretion, within euery shyre, cyty, or borowe, where the most common repayre and resorte is of his subiectes, and there to inhabite and make longe bowes of Elme, wich, or other woodde of little price and value, to serue the communalte for due exercyse of shotinge and to take and compell as many of them as they shall thynke necessary by their discretions, to inhabite at suche places for the same.

And so in lyke wyse as often as the case shall require, and be thought behouefull. And that all bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme to be solde, be open and not solde in bundels nor close, to the entent the byers of them maye haue perfit knowledge of the goodnesse of them, & geue the better price for theym, yf they be so worthe. ¶ And be it also enacted, by the auctho̅rite aforesayde, that all Maiors, Bayliffes, Sheriffes: & all other head officers, shall make open proclamation of these presentes in euery market and fayre to be holden within their seuerall Iurysdiction and auctorities. And also that the Justices of the Goale deliuerye assises, and Justices of peace do cause the same to be proclaimed in their seuerall circuites and sessions before theym holden. ¶ And also that no straunger borne out of the kynges obeisaunce, not beynge denyzen, shall

not sowen, nor do to be conueied into any parties out of the kinges obeysaunce any longe bowes, arrowes, or shaftes, without the kynges speciall licence, vppon peyne of forfayture of the same, where soeuer they shall bee tak̄ within this the kinges power, and vpon peine of imprisonmēt without bayle or mayneprise, vnto such time he or they so beinge in ward haue made a reasonable fine to the kynge for his or their offences, afore the Iustices of peace, or if of them in their sessions in the same county where he or they shalbe committed to ward, to finde sufficient surety for the paiment of the same fine. Item that no maner of perso (not being borne within ỳ kynges obeysaunce) not made denizen, vse within the kinges obeisaunce shooting with longe bowes, without the kings licence, vpō peine of forfaiture of such bowes, arrowes & shaftes, as they shalbe founden so shoting with, and euery of the kynges subiectes may haue auctority to take and seise the same forfaitures to his owne vse, as in the said act more plainly appereth: which act was made to endure to this present parliament. And forasmuch as the sayd acte is good and necessary for vpholding of archerye for the defence of this realme, be it therefore ordeined established and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assēbled, & by auctority of the same, that the sayd act and euery thyng therin conteined (as is afore rehersed) shall frō henceforth stande and be in full strength, vertue, and effecte for euermore.

¶ An act concerninge artificers and labourers. Cap. iij.

WHere diuers estatutes before this tyme haue ben made & ordeined for seruantes of husbandrye, and also for labourers and artificers by diuers and royall & noble progenitours vnto our soueraigne lorde the kinge now being, & in especial a statute made by the right noble prince of blessed memorye kinge Henry the. vj. vncle vnto our sayd soueraigne lorde the. xviij. yere of his reigne, which not withstandinge great & many defaltes dayely encrese rest and continue amonge labourers and artificers, some because of ỳ sayde estatutes be not executed, and some beraule the remedy of ỳ sayd estatutes is not very perfit, nor geueth certaine ne hasty remedye, so that daily by their subtill imagination in defraude of ỳ sayd estatutes many of the kyng our soueraigne lordes subiectes be hurte, deceiued, lette and domaged in their buildinge & husbandrye. Be it therfore established, enacted, and ordeined by auctoritye of this present Parliament, firste that no Bayliffe of husbandrye shall take for his wages by yere aboue. xxvj s. viij d. & for his clothinge. v. s. wt meat & drinke: No chefe hine, as a carter or chefe sheperde aboue. xx. s. by the yere, and for his clothinge. v. s. with meate and drinke: No common seruaunt of husbandry aboue. xvj. s. viij d. by ỳ yere & for his clothing. iiij. s. with meate and drinke: No woman seruaunte aboue. x. s. by ỳ yere: & for hir clothinge

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iiii.s. with meat and drinke: And no child within thage of.xiiii. yeres aboue. vi.s. viii.d. by yere, and for his clothing iiii.s. with meat and drinke. And that no artificer ne labourer hereafter named take no more ne greater wages, than in this statute is limited vpō the peine ffelid aswell to the taker as to the geuer, that is to say a freemason, mayster carpenter, roughmason, bricklayer, mayster tiler, plummar, ghalour, caruer, ne ioyner, from Ester to Mighelmas, euery of these artificers aforesayd. vi.d. by the day without meate & drinke & with meate & drinke iiii.d And fro Mighelmas to Ester v.d. without meate and drinke & with meate and drinke .iii.d. And that the wages of a shipwright from the feast of candelmas, vnto the feast of saint Mighell tharchangell, shall not excede the fourme ensuing. That is to saye a mayster shipcarpenter taking the charge of the warke hauinge men vnder him by ye day .v.d. with meate and drinke & without meat and drinke vi.d. An other shippe carpenter caled a hewar, by the daye .iii.d. with meate and drinke & without meat and drinke. vi.d. An able clincher by the day .iii.d. with meat and drinke and without meate & drinke .v.d. An holder by the day .ii.d. with meat and drinke, & without meat and drinke .iiii.d A mayster calker, by the day .iii.d. with meat and drinke & without meate and drinke .vi.d. Another meane calker by the day .iii.d. with meate and drinke, and with out meat and drinke .v. A calker labowring by the tyde for as lōg time as he may labour aboue the water & beneth the water shal not excede for his wages for euery tide .iii.d. with meat & drinke, and from the feast of mighelmas to candelmas, the wages of a mayster shipwright by the day, iiii. d. with meat & drinke & without meat and drinke. vi.d. An hewer by the daye .iii.d, with meat & drinke & without meat & drinke .v.d. An able clincher by the day .ii.d. ob. with meat & drinke & with out meate & drinke, iiii.d.ob. An holder by the day .i.d.ob. with meat and drinke & with out meat and drinke .iii.d. A maister calker by the day .iii.d. with meat and drinke, and without meat & drinke .v.d. An other meane calcar by the daye ii.d.ob with meate and drinke and without meate and drinke. iiii. d.ob.

¶ Be it also enacted, that in suche shires and countreis, wher it hathe ben and is now vsed to geue lesse wages, that in those shyres & countreis they shal geue, and the taker of the sayd wages be compelled accordyng as they haue lesse vsed to take, this acte notwithstandinge. And the maister mason and maister carpenter, which shal take the charge of the warke hauing vnder him or thē .vi. mē shal haue. vii. d. without meat and drinke and v d. by the day with meate and drinke, and euery persō and artificer specified in this statute being not retained in any seruice for any warke be cōpelled, to serue euery other persō for such wages as in this statute before is limited and that no artificer retayned in any seruice, to warke with ỳ kings highnes or any other personne, departe not from his sayde highnes, or from the sayd other person, till such tyme as the warke be finished: if the persone so retayning the artificer so longe will haue him and pay his wages, vppon peine of imprisonment of any personne so departinge by the space of a moneth

nethy and of make fine for.xx.s. Alwaies prouided & forsene, that if the same artificer be desired to the kinges seruice and worke, that than he may lawfully departe, so that he enter and be in the kinges seruice and worke. And it is further ordayned by the sayd auctoritye that euerye other labourer & artificer not afore named shal take for Easter to Wighelmas for euery day that he so laboureth, excepte the season of harueste. iiij.d. without meate and drinke and.ii.d with meate and drinke. And from Wighelmas till Easter iiij.d. without meate, and drinke, and.i.d.ob, with meate and drinke: and in the same tyme of harueste euery mower shall take by the day iiij.d. with meate and drinke, and without meate and drinke.vi.d, a reaper, and carter euery of them iij.d. by the day with meate and drinke, and without meate and drinke. v.d. A woman labourer, & other labourers euery of them.ij.d. ob, and that no artificer nor labourer, working but the halfe daye, take no wages but for the halfe day and nothing for the holy day, and if any bayliffe of husbandry, hine, carter shepeard, common seruaunte, woma seruant, or childe seruaunt, above specified, not retayned in any seruice or worke refuse to serue or worke, according to the ordinaunce above specified: than the same person to be committed to warde by the constable, or other head officer within the citye, towne, or village, where the partye so refusinge is, at the complaynte of hym that will receiue suche seruaunte. there to remayne til he haue founde suerty to serue according to the sayd ordinaunce Furthermore if any artificer, or labourer, beynge not retayned in any seruice or worke, refuse to serue, after the rate of his estate, or to take greater or more wages, than therin is limitted for the same artificers, and labourers, or if any artificer or labourer, take wages for the hole daye, where he worketh but the halfe day, that than euery artificer or labourer offending in any of the foresayde articles, to forfaite for euery defaute as oft as they offende.xx.s. And they to be conuicted for euery such defaute by presentment afore the Justices of peace, in the sessions according to the common law, or by examinacion of the iustices of the same sessions, or by examinacion of two Justices of peace, out of the sessions in any place within the shire, wherin they ben Justices, and where suche defaultes shall be made. And that the sayde forfayture of.xx.s. to be leuyed of their landes, goodes, and catteles so offendinge. And furthermore where diuers artificers and labourers, retayned to worke and serue, waste, most parte of the daye & do not deserue their wages, sumtyme in late commynge to their worke, erely departyng there fro, longe sittinge at their breakefaste, at their dinner, and at there noone meate, and longe tyme of slepinge at after noone to the losse and hurte of suche persones as the sayd artificers and labourers bene retayned within seruice, It is therfore established, enacted, and ordayned, by auctoritye aforesayde that euery artificer and labourer be at worke betwene the middes of the moneth of marche and the middes of the moneth of September, before.v. of the clocke in the morning, and that he haue but

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halfe an houre for his brekefast, and an houre and a halfe for his dinner, at such time as he hath season for slepe to him appointed by the sayd estatute, and at such time as it is herein appointed, that he shall not slepe, than he to haue but an houre for his diner, and halfe an houre for his none meat, and that he depart not from his worke betweene the middes of the moneth of March and September, till betwene .viij. and .viij. of the clocke in the euenynge. And if they or any of them offend in any of these articles, that than their defaultes to be marked by hun or his deputy, that shall pay theyr wages, and at the wekes ende to be abated of suche rate of time as they haue offended. And that from the middes of September, to the myddes of Marche, euery artificer and labourer be at their worke in the springinge of the day, & departe not till night of the same day, and that the said artificers and labourers slepe not by day, but only from the middes of the month of May, vnto the middes of Auguste. And it is enacted by the same auctorytye, that if any artificer or labourer, reteined in seruice with any person of buylding or reparation, do assaute, or make or cause to be made any assemble, to assaute, harme or hurte any persone assygned to controll, or ouersee them in their working, that he or they so offending, haue imprisonment for a yere without lettinge to bayle or mainepryse. And furthermore to make fyne at the kynges wyll. The same assemble or assaute to be tryed by examination before the Justices of peace, as is aforesayde. This acte to beginne and take effect at the feast of whitsontide nert comynge, and in the meane tyme the same to be proclaimed in euery good Citye, Borough, & towne of this realme.

Prouided alway that this act, ne any thinge therin conteined, extend not ne be preiudiciall to any person or persons for mynig, or digging for any coale, called sea cole, otherwise called smithes cole, or for makinge of any glasse.

Prouided alway, that this acte, or any thinge therin conteyned, extende not, ne in any wise be hurtfull or preiudiciall to any miners, workers, or labourers of Tinne, leadde, iron, or siluer, or for any wages takinge aboute the digging, setting, or finding of the same mettalles this acte or any thing therin conteyned notwithstandynge.

An act for proclamations to be made before therigentes be awarded in forein Shires. Cap. iiij.

Where at the parliamēt holden at Westmin. the .iiij. day of Febru-ary, in the third yere of ỳ reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the eight that now is, & from thence (for diuers brgēt causes) vnto the .iiij. day of Nouember, the .iiij. yeare of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord proroged, one good and reasonable act was made and ordeined touching writs of proclamation to be made vpon erigendes, sued against persones in forein or other shire, than where suche defendaunt be called of, onely to endure frō thence vnto the nert parliament, whiche acte is now determined, the effect & true entent of which sayd act is thoughte

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right availeable & commodious, and in auoydinge of outlawries hereafter to be pronounced against any person by reaso̅ of such forrain sutes, to haue continuance & perpetually to endure. Be it therfore, by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same parliament enacted, ordeined, and established, that if and where anye writ of erigent at any time from the .xv. day of Ester, nert cōminge, or after, shalbe awarded at the sute of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, or any other person or persons, plaintiffe or plaintiffes in any action personall agaynst any person or persons called of any shire or city, being a shire corporat of it selfe, or elles late of any such shire or city other than to such shire or city, whereunto such erigent shalbe awarded, to be called accordinge to ỳ law. And also in euery writ of erigent in any action personall, wherof the proces or erigente at the sayd .xv. day of Ester or after, shalbe directed into London. or Midd. the defendāt beyng called late of London, or late of Midd. & at the time of the erigēt awarded not dwellinge in London, nor in Midd. or els that the sayde defendaunt or defendaūtes in the same Erigent dwell in any other shire or place, wher the kinges writ renneth: that than the Justices, before whom any suche Erigent is to be awarded, in all actions, where the erigent shall not be dyrected into London nor Midd. to award a writ of proclamation to be directed to the Shiriffe of the same county, where it doth appeare by the vsing of such action, that the party defendaunt is, or lately was dwellinge ỳ the kinges writ there be currante, and els to the nerte shyre adioyning to the county or counties, or other places, wherof the party is called, or lately supposed by the sayd Erigent to haue his beinge of, where ỳ kynges writ so rēneth not, & in euery action, as beforesayd, wherof the Erigēt shalbe directed into London or Midd. and the defendaunte or defendauntes in the same called late of London or Midd. and at the time of the Erigent awarded not hauing his or their dwelling in London or Midd. than the writ of proclamation to be awarded made & directed vnto the sheriffe of the shire, where the defendaunt at the time of the Erigent so against him or theim awarded, shall haue hys dwellynge: or in case where the kynges writ renneth not, vnto the nert shyre there vnto adioigninge, the whyche sayde writ of Proclamation shall conteyne the effecte of the same action, and that the sheriffe of the countye, to whom anye suche writ of proclamation shall bee directed, to make .iij. proclamations within his countye at .iij. seuerall dayes, that is to saye two of the same proclamations in the full and playne shire courte of the same countye, and the thirde of the sayde proclamations to be made at the generall sessions in those partyes, where the party defendaunte is supposed to be dwellinge, or in the partyes of the couuty nert adioigninge to the county or counties, where the kinges writ renneth not, that the partye defendaunte yelde him selfe to the Sheriffe of the foreyn county, to whom any such Erigent in any action personall is awarded: so that the Shiriffe of suche foren county may vpon his yeldinge

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haue the body of the sayd defendant before the Justices, before whom any such Exigent is awarded, at the day of the same exigente comprysed there to answere to the plaintife in the same according to the lawe. And ẏ euery such writte of proclamation shall haue the same daye of retourne as the writte of Exigent, vpon such forein actions so awarded shal haue: and that euery such writte of proclamation be deliuered of record to the sheriffe or deputie of the countie, into the which anye such writ of proclamation is to be awarded. And that the Sheriffe of the same county duely doe execute the same, and thereof make true retourne at the daye of the same writ appointed, vpon paine to forfait such amerciamente vnto the king our souereygne lorde, and to his heyres, as by the discretion of the Justices, before whom suche Exigente shalbe retournable, to be set: And that the officer, in whose office such exigent is taken, make out the sayd writ and writtes of proclamation, as hereafter shalbe awarded in any of the sayd courtes. And that the same officer take no more for the making of any such writ of proclamation, and the entring of the same of record, but onely vi.d. And if any outlawry hereafter be had, or promulgated against any person or persons, in any action personal, in any forein county, and no writ of proclamacion (as is aforesayde) awarded and retourned, that then euery suche outlawrie to be vtterly voyde and of none effect ne force in ẏ lawe. And that al outlawryes had cõtrary to this act be auoyded by auerremẽt without suinge of any writ of error.

An acte auoyding destructions and pullyng downe of townes. Cap. v.

The king our souereigne lorde, calling to his most blessed remẽbrance, that where great inconuenientes be ꝛ daily encrease by desolacion, pulling downe ꝛ destruction of houses, and townes within this realme, ꝛ laying to pasture lands, which customably haue ben manured, ꝛ occupied w̃ tillage ꝛ husbandry wherby idlenes doth encrease. For where in some one towne two hundred persõs, mẽ, women ꝛ children, ꝛ theyr aunceatours out of time of mind were daily occupied and liued by sowing of corne ꝛ graynes, breding of cattell, ꝛ other encrease necessarie for mans sustenaunce. And now the sayd persons and their progenies be minished ꝛ decreased, whereby the husbandry, which is the greatest commoditie of this realme for sustenaunce of man, is greatly decayed, Churches destroyed, ẏ seruice of God withdrawẽ, christen people there buryed, not prayed for, the patrones and curates wronged, cities ꝛ market townes brought to great ruine and decaye, necessaryes for mans sustenaunce made scarce and deare, the people sore mynished in the realme, whereby the power ꝛ defence there of is febled ꝛ empayred, to the high displeasure of God, ꝛ againste his lawes, ꝛ to the subuersiõ of ẏ cõmon weale of this realme, and desolacion of the same, if substancial ꝛ spedy remedy be not therefore prouided, wherfore the king our soueraygne lord, by ẏ aduise and assent of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present

present parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same ordeineth, stablisheth and enacteth, that all suche townes, villages, boroughes, & hamlettes, tithing houses, and other inhabitacions in any parishe, or parishes within this realme, wherof the more part the fyrst day of this present parliament was or were vsed & occupyed to tillage & husbandry by the owner or owners therof for theyr owne singuler profit, availe and lucre, wilfully hath sith the sayd fyrst day, or shereafter shalbe suffred or cause to fall down and decay, whereby the husbandry of the said townes, villages, boroughes hamlettes, tithinge houses, and other inhabitacions and parishes wythin this realme, ben or hereafter shalbe decayed and tourned from the said vse and occupacion of husbandry & tillage into pasture, shalbe by the sayd owner or owners theyr heyres, successours, or assignes, or other for them within one yere nexte after such wilfull decay, reedifyed and made againe meete & conuenient for people to dwel and inhabite in the same, and to haue vse, & therein to exercise husbandry & tillage, as at the sayde firste day of this present parliament, or sithen was there vsed, occupyed, & had, after the maner and vsage of the country, where the sayd lād lyeth, at the costes & charges of the same owner or owners, theyr heyres, successours or assignes. And if sithen the sayd first day of this present parliament any lands, which at the same first day or sithen, were commonly vsed in tillage, ben enclosed, or frō hēceforth shalbe enclosed and tourned only to pasture, wherby any plough or husbands house within this realme is or shalbe hereafter decayed, that than al such lands, shalbe by the same owner or owners, theyr heyres, successours, or assignes, or other for them, wythin the yere nexte ensuinge the same decay put in tillage, and exercised, vsed & occupied in husbandry and tillage as they were the sayde first day of this presente parliamente, or any time sithen, after the maner and vsage of the country, wher such land lieth. And if any person or persons do contrary to the premisses or any of them, that then it be lawful to ẏ king if any such lāds or houses ben holdē of him immediatly, or to the lords of the fees, if any such lands or houses bene holden of theim immediatly, to receiue yerely halfe the value of thissues and profites of any such lands, wherof ẏ house or houses be not so mainteyned and sustеyned. And the same halfe dele of thissues & profits to haue, hold, & kepe to his or theyr owne vse, without any thing therfore to be payed or giuen, to suche time as the same house or houses be sufficiently builded or repaired againe. And that no maner of freehold be in the king, ne in any such lord, or lords by the takinge of any such profites of or in any such landes in no maner of fourme: But onely the kinge and the saide lord or lords haue power to take, receiue, and haue the sayd issues & profites, as is aboue said. And therefore the king or the said lord or lords to haue power to distreine for the same issues and profites to be had and perceiued by them in fourme aboue sayd by auctority of this present act.

Be it further enacted, that if any of the sayde lorde or lordes immediate do not execute the premisses according to the tenour of this acte: that then the

the lords immediate aboue them, wythin halfe a yere nert after that, haue receyue, and take the moitie of the issues and profites therof, in like maner and fourme as is aforesayd of the sayd lords immediate, and so euery lord or lords from one to an other to haue like time and aduauntage of and in the premisses, as in this acte is conteyned.

Prouided alway, that this act extende not, nor be not prejudiciall or hurtfull to any parke or parkes, or any marshe or marshes, for wallinge or enclosing the same, within this realme. This acte to continue vnto the feaste of the Natiuity of our lord nert comming.

An acte for remittinge prysoners wyth theyr inditementes to the places, where the crymes were committed. Cap. vi.

Where diuers felons and murderers vpon feigned & vntrue surmises, haue often times remoued as well theyr bodyes as theyr inditementes by writ & otherwise before the kinge in his benche, & cannot by the order of the law be remitted and sent downe to the Justices of Gaile deliuery, or of the peace, ne other iustices, ne cõmissioner, to procede vpõ them after ỳ course of the cõmon law: be it therfore ordeyned & enacted by thauctority of this present parliament, that the iustices of the kings bench (for the time beyng) haue ful auctority & power by theyr discretions to remaũd and sende downe as well the bodies of all felons and murderers, brought or remoued, or that shalbe remoued or brought before ỳ king in his bench, as theyr inditements, into the countyes where as the same murders or felonies haue ben cõmitted, and don. And to cõmaunde all Justices of gaile deliuerie, Justices of peace, and al other Justices, add commissioners, and euery of them, to procede and determine vpon al the foresayd bodyes & inditements, so remoued after the course of the common law, in such maner as the same Justices of Gaile deliuery Justices of peace, and other cõmissioners, or any of them mought or should haue done, if the said prisoners or inditementes had neuer bene brought into the sayd kinges benche.

An acte concerning wages for boatemen. Cap. vii.

Where as by ỳ laudable custome & vsage win this realme of England, time out of minde vsed, ỳ euery of the kyngs subiects, & all other persons passing by ỳ riuer of Thames or Midway, & repayring to the same by water in barge or wherrbote, ỳ is to say, from London to Grauesende, and from Grauesend to London, one person or mo, to haue a barge of ỳ owners or occupiers of the same to passe themselfe w̃ their males, or fardels betwene the said places, for ỳ summe of iiii. s. or els euery person passing in the said barge, to pay for himselfe, or for himselfe, his male, or fardel ii. d. so ỳ the same summe of ii d. of euery person amount to ỳ summe

of iiii.s. And a wherriboate betwene the sayd places, for the summe of ii.s. hath ben compelled to passe forth at euery tide, betwene the sayd places. And in likewyse it hath ben vsed of like time, that euery of the kynges subiects, and al other persons passing or repayring by water in the tide boate or wherriboate from London to Erith, Grenehith, Graystoorocke, or Purfleete, or from any of the sayd places to Londō. one person or mo to haue a wherriboate of the owners or occupiers of the same boate, to passe themself with theyr males or fardels betwene euery of the said places, for the onely somme of vii.d. or els euery person passing in ỳ said boate or wherry, to paye for himselfe, or for himselfe his male or fardel i.d. so that the somme of i.d. of euery person amounte to the somme of vii. d. hath been compelled to passe forth at euery tide betwene the said places. And also it hath ben vsed of like time, that euery of the kinges subiectes, and all other persons, passinge, or repayring by water in the tide boate, or wherriboate from Londō to wolwich, or from wolwich to London, one person or mo to haue a boate or wherie of the owners, or occupiers of the same, to passe themselfe wᵗ theyr males and fardels (betwene the same places) for the onely summe of viii.d or els euery person passing in the said boate or wherry to pay for himself, his male or fardel, ob. so that the summe of ob. of euery person amount to the summe of viii.d. hath ben compelled to passe forth at euery tide betwene ỳ sayd places. And also it hath ben vsed of like time, that euery of the kinges subiectes, and all other personnes passing or repayringe by water in boate or wherry from London to Greenewich, or from Greenewich to London one person or moe to haue a boate or wherry of the owners or occupiers of the same, to passe themselfe with theyr males and fardels, betwene ỳ same places, for the onelye summe of viii. d. or els euery personne passinge in the sayd boate or wherry to paye for himselfe, or for himselfe his male, or fardell ob. so that the summe of ob. of euery personne amounte to the summe of viii.d hath beene compelled to passe foorthe at all times betweene the same places. And that of like time it hath been vsed and accustomed, that euery of the kinges subiectes, and al other persons passing or repayring by water, in boate or wherye from London bridge, the olde Swanne, the Crane in the Vintree, Poules wharfe, or from saincte Mary Oueries to Westminster, or Lambehith, or from Westminster or Lambehith to anye of the sayde places, one personne or moe to haue a boate or wherry of the owners or occupiers of the same, to passe theymselues wyth theyr males and fardels betweene euery of the sayde places, for the onely summe of iii.d. or els euery personne, passinge in the sayde boate or wherry, to paye for himselfe, or for himselfe and his fardell ob. so that the summe of ob. of euerye personne amounte to the summe of three pence hath been compelled to passe forth at all times betweene the same places. And also it hath beene vsed of like time, that euery of the kings subiectes, and all other personnes passinge or repayringe from the blacke Fryers, Bridewell, or from the Tẽple to Westminster or Lambehith, or frō Westminster or Lambehith to any

to any of the sayd places, one person or mo to haue a boate or whery of the owners or occupiers of the same, to passe themselues with theyr males & fardels, betweene euery of the same places, for the onely summe of ii. d. or els euery person passinge in the saide boate, or whery, to pay for himselfe, or for himselfe, his male or fardell ob. so that the summe of ob. of euery person amounte to the summe of ii. d. hath ben compelled to passe foorth at all tymes betweene the same places. And also it hath ben vsed in like time, that al maner of persons, passing or repayring from Westminster to Lambehith, or from Standgate to westminster, or from any of the sayd places ouerthwart ẏ water, one persō or mo to haue a boate or whery to passe betwene euery of the sayd places, in maner and forme aforesayd, for the only summe of ob. and ẏ owners or occupiers of boates haue ben compelled to passe forth at all times betwene the same places for the same summe. And also it hath ben vsed of like time, that euery of the kinges subiectes, and al other persons passing from London to Wortlake, or frō Wortlake to Lōdon, one or mo to haue a boate or whery of the owners or occupiers of the same, to passe themselues w̄ theyr males or fardels betwene the sayd places, for the onely sūme of xii. d. or els euery person, passing in the said boate or whery, to pay for himselfe, or for himselfe his male or fardell ii. d. so that the summe of ii. d. of euery person amount to the sayde summe of xii. d. All suche lawdable customes and vsages notwithstanding the owners or occupiers of the sayd barges, boates, and wherpes now refuse and will not passe with no man for the sayd summes, except that they haue accordinge to their owne willes and desires, to the great let and inquietnes of all the kinges subiectes, and of all other that passe and repayre by the same and contrary to the sayde auncient vsages and customes. For breakinge of which ordinaunce diuers and manye assaultes and frayes dailye beene made, so that often times therof manslaughter doth ensue. And ouer that the poore husbandmen, and other householders, dwellinge nighe aboute where such feries ben vsed, can haue no seruauntes, that wyll serue by the yere, but onely by the weeke, and at the weekes end to be at theyr liberty, to thentent that they may be watermen, for theyr singuler and excessiue lucre in that behalf. Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, & established by ẏ king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same, that the sayd lawdable custome and vsages, in maner and forme before rehersed, be obserued and kept, and duly put in execution in euery point. And that all and euery the watermen rowing in great barges with any lorde or lordes or other person or persōs, whatsoeuer they be, take no more for his wages or labour by the day than vi. d. without meate or drincke except he rowe to Wortlake or Grenewich, and than to take viii. d. onely withoute meate & drincke. And that if the kinges subiectes, or any of them, or any other person or persons from henceforth require ẏ owners or occupiers of any such barges, boates, or wheries, at any of the sayd feries, to passe w̄ thē, offring

them money for their fare or fares in forme as is afore specifyed: or els if ỳ sayd lords, or other require ỳ saide watermẽ to go with them in theyr barges or barge, for the vi.d. aboue sayd, and ỳ said owners or occupiers watermen or bargemen refuse to passe forth with him or thẽ for the same fare or wages, that the same owners or occupiers of such barges, boates, or wherries, or the sayd watermen or bargemen, so refusinge & euery of them, for euery suche refusell to forfaite the treble value of the fare, fares, or wages so refused: the one half of the sayd treble value of the sayd fare, fares, or wages, to be to thuse of our soueraigne lord the king, and that other halfe to him that will sue in that behalfe, which sute the party that in that case will sue to haue his sute by action of det, information, or presentment, & the party defẽdant there not to be admitted to wage his law, ne to be essoined ne protection for him to be allowed in the same. And ouer ỳ be it lawful to the bailiffes, constables, & other of ỳ kings officer, & euery of them, in euery place next adioynant, where the said feries ben exercised, vpon cõplaint to them or any of them thereof made by any of the kings subiectes, or any other person or persons, that find them greued in that behalfe, to arrest the sayd offẽder or offẽders, and to cõmit them to ward for theyr misdemeaner & to make fine for the same. And ỳ the iustices of peace of euery shire, wher the saide feries bene exercised, the Mayre and sheriffes of London, and the stewards in their letes, & euery of them, haue auctority to inquire at euery sessions and letes, as well of the defaults of the sayd owners, or occupiers of such barges, boates, wherries, watermen & bargemen, as of the defaults of the said officers for lacke of punishment of euery such offenders.

An act concering the making of certayne wollen clothes in the county of Deuonshyre. Cap. viii.

WHere at the parliament holden at Westminster the xiiii. day of January, after the last prorogacion therof, in the v. yeare of the kings most noble reigne, the cõmons and inhabitantes (clothmakers & biers of the same) win the coũty of Deuonshyre, prayed and desired, ỳ were diuers and manye clothes, called white straites, be & haue ben continually made wythin the saide county, to the greate profit of the kinges subiectes there, the which clothes were wõt to be wel and sufficiently made, and to beare their bread, yarde brode and halfe quarter rawe, and xv. yardes of length. And that no man in tymes past hath vsed to make them, but that the maker therof hath set his speciall marke vpon euery of the sayd clothes, so by him or them made, wherby euery man may know their owne clothes frõ other mennes, by reason of their saide seuerall markes, so at the sayde parliament it was shewed by the inhabitauntes (clothmakers and biers of ỳ same) in the countie aforesayde, that now a dayes the sayde clothes be not sufficiently made, ne bere theyr length & bread according as they should done marked with euery mans owne marke, whereof greate inconuenience

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doth dayly insue and encrease, to the impouerishing and hurtyng aswell of the kinges subiectes, byers, and sellers of the same, as marchauntes, straūgers, wherof the premisses considered, it was therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in the same parliament than assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that frō the feast of Penticost next after the making of the sayde acte no person should make any such cloth, called whyte straites, to sell, without that he or they be whā they be raw redy to be toked of the bread of a yarde and halfe a quarter, and of lenght, xb. yardes, and that no person make no such clothes, but if he set his speciall marke vpon euerriche of the sayd clothes, so by him or thē made, and that no person vse no marke on his clothes such as any other person doth & hath vsed before him, vppon peine of forfayture of euery of ẏ sayd clothes, the one half therof to be to ẏ kyng, & the other halfe therof to him that so seiseth ẏ sayd clothes so made or marked contrary to the fourme and effect afore expressed, and this acte to endure vnto ẏ the first day of this present parliament, and forasmuch as ẏ sayd acte is thought to be very necessarie and behoueable. Be it therfore ordained established and enacted by ẏ kyng our soueraygne lorde, and ẏ lordes spirituall and temporall, and ẏ commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctorite of ẏ same, that ẏ sayd, acte concerning makyng of clothes called white straites and euery thynge therin contayned stande and be in his full strength vertue & effecte. And ouer that it is ordayned by ẏ sayd auctoritie, that no person nor persones from ẏ feast of sayncte Johñ Baptist next commynge shall make any such clothes called whyte straites ne any cloth of that making of russet colour called russet straites without that they and euery of them (being raw) be of the breade and length before rehersed and to be marked in maner and forme before expressed and so being raw, to wey, xiiii. pound, by true weght at least vpō peine of forfaiture of euery of the sayd clothes made, and being lesse in length or els in breade or marke contrarye to ẏ fourme and effecte before rehersed: or els beynge of weght contrary to the fourme before expressed: the one halfe of the sayd forfayture to be to the kinge, and the other halfe to him that so seyseth the said clothes so made, and being of weght contrary to ẏ fourme and effect afore sayd and thys acte to endure for euer.

An act auoyding deceites in making of wollen clothes. Cap ix.

FOr the deceytfull drapyng and makyng of wollen clothes made and draped within this realme, and also for mesuring in the sale of the same our soueregne lord the kynge by the aduyse of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, & of the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctority of ẏ same hath ordeined established and enacted dyuers ordinaunces and statutes for the true makinge and draping of such wollen

clothes, and for measuring in sale the trewe contente of the same in maner and fourme folowing. First that the woll which shalbe deliuered for or by the clothier to any persone or persons for brekinge, kembinge, cardinge or spinning of the same, the deliuerī therof therfore shalbe by euen iust & trewe poyes & weight of haberdepois sealed by auctorite not exceding in weight after ỳ rate of xii pound, semed wolle aboue on quarter of a pounde for the wast of the same woll and in non other maner. And that the breaker or kember to deliuer again to ỳ same clothier the same woll so broken and kempt, and the carder and spinner to deliuer agayne to the sayd clothier yarne of the same woll by the same euen iust and trew pois and weighte ỳ wast therof excepted without ani parte therof conceling or ani more oyle water or other thing put therunto deceiueably. vpō the peine to forfait to ỳ lord of the lete within ỳ precinct wherof such defaute is done for euery such defaute. xii.d vpō due profe of such deceit afore & by discrecion of the maire bayly, or other head officer of the city borough or towne wher the deceite shall appear, the same mayre bayly or head officer calling to him such persons as shal seme to him conuenient for the proufe of such decept Item that he weauer which shall haue the weauing of any wollen yarne to bee webbed into clothe, shall weaue work and put into the webbe for cloth to be made therof as much and all the same yarne as the clothier or any person for him shal deliuer to the same weuer with his vsed marke put to the same without changing or any parcel therof leauing out of the same web or that to restore to the same clothier the surplus of the same yarne if any shalbe lefte not put into the same web & without any more oile ben moisture, dust, sand, or other thinge deceiuably puttinge or casting in the same webbe, vppon peine to forfait for euery defaute. iii.s. iiii.d.

Item that no maner persoune bye any coloured wolle or colored wollen yarne of any carder, spinner, or weauer, but only in open market vppon peine of forfaiture of such wolle and yarne wrought,

Item that the walker and fuller shall truly walk, full, thike and worke euery webbe of wollen yarne which he shall haue to walke, full thicke, or worke without any flockes, or any other maner decepte to be vsed on the same and shall not rowe nor worke any cloth of webbe with any cardes on the right syde nor on ỳ wronge side vppon peine to forfait for euery such defaute. vi.s. viii.d

Item that the clothier, nor other person what soeuer he be shall not put any cloth to sale which when it shalbe ful wette shal shrink more than one yard in all the length & one quarter of a yard in the brede for the more part therof: and clothes called narrowes or straites after the rate, vpon pein to forfait for euery cloth other wise put to sale. vi.s. viii.d. & beside to deducte of his prise for the same to be rebated to ỳ byer thereof asmuch after ỳ rate as the same cloth so other wise put to sale, being full wette, shalbe shronke more than one yarde of that it was in length time of the same sale & as yt shall (being wette) want of the bread of one yarde & iii. quarters of a yard

Item

Item that the dier of wollē clothes, denizen or alien after the biing, therof, shal not draw nor cause to be drawen in lengh, nor straine nor do to be strained in breed the same clothes or any of them be teinour or winche, or by ani other meane, vppon peine of forfayture for euery of the same clothes so to be drawen, or strained C.s.

Prouided alwaye that if suche byer of woollen clothes for proue cause the same to be wette, he may drawe or straine them for euening of them onely, so that he excede not one yard in length more thā it shalbe when it shallbe full wette Item that no maner persone worke or put vpon any woollen clothes any flockes or other deceyuable thyng, vppon peyne to forfaite for any cloth so wrought deceyuably with flockes, or other deceyuable thinge xx.s. Item that no maner persone bie or sel any woollen clothes, by other measure more or lesse thā after the trew content therof to be moten & measured by the yarde, adding to euery yarde, one inche of the rule, vpon peine to forfait for euery cloth to the contrary measured. C.s. The one moytee of all the sayd forfaytures be to our souerayne lorde the kynge and to euery person which shall sue by writt bill or other pleynt of dette in that behalfe against the person doing to ꝑ contrary of ani of the sayd ordinaunces, the other moitye. And that the defendaunte in any plea vpon any such action, be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoyne for any such defendaunt be alowed in the same.

Prouided alwaye that this acte extend not to woollen clothes called bēdalles, nor clothes called carpenell whytes commonly made for lining for hosen, nor to any clothes tostokes made in the countyee of Deuonshyre, nor to any woollen clothes made in the county of cornwall nor for any cottons or plain lininge or frise made or to be made in wales, Lancashire and Chelshire, or any of them.

An acte for commissions of Sewars Cap. x.

WHere in the parliament of the ryght noble prince Henry the fift late (kynge of Englande) holden at Westminster, the vi. yere of his raygne, one good estatute was made and ordeigned, that for x. yeres than nexte folowynge seuerall commyssyons of Sewars should be made to diuers persons by the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng to be named in diuers parties of this realme, where neede were, after the fourme and tenoure of a commission in the sayde acte specifed. which acte and other actes for the auctorite of such commyssioners, and execucions of the same, haue sithen ben made & ordained and continued as ben more plainely reherced in the parliamente holden in the iiii. yere of the raigne of kynge henry (late kinge of englande) the. vii. And in the same parliamente the saide forthe yeare it was amonge other enacted, and established that for x.b. yeres than folowinge seuerall commissions of Sewers should be made

made to diuers persones by the chauncellour of England for the tyme being to be named in all parties of this Realme, and of the marches of Calice Guines, and hammes, where nede shulde be made accordinge to the sayd commission, contained in the sayde first yere of kinge Henrye the fifte and that all such commissioners should haue full power to make ordayne, and execute ordinaunces, and all other thynges do accordynge to the purporte of the same commission, whiche. xv. yeres comprised in the sayde acte aforesayd ben nowe determyned, pleaseth it therfore the Kynge oure soueraigne lorde, with thassente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled & by auctority of the same to ordayne establishe and enact, that the sayd actes, and all other actes and auctorities here to fore made concerninge commissioners of sewars and their commissions & auctoritee not being before this tyme repelled abyde & stand frō henceforth good and effectuall to endure for euer. And also that ỳ chaūcellour of England, for ỳ tyme beinge shall haue from hēcefoorth full Power & Auctoritye, for euer to graunte cōmissions of sewars into euery parte of this realme, and the sayd marches where nede is or shalbe to certaine persons by the sayd chauncellour, for the tyme being to be named according to the fourme and effecte of the said commission and acte expressed in the sayd parliament, holden the sayde first yere of the raygne of king Henrie the fifte. And ouer that be it ordained enacted and established by the sayde auctoritye, that all suche commissioners haue and shall haue full power and auctoritee to put their commission in due execucion, and to make and execute estatutes and ordinaunces, and all other thinges to do after the effect & purporte of their commission, and that al commissions of sewars graunted or made sithen the sayde. xx. yeres determined, and the Actes ordynaunces and all execucions and other thinges by the commyssioners of the same, concernynge the sayde comyssions or any two of the same commissioners, and euery thing in the same comprysed, bee and shall be effectuall and of lyke strength, as if ỳ sayd commission had ben made or graunted within the said. xvi. yeres immediatly after the sayd parliament, holden the sayd. iiii. yere of the raygne of king Henry the. vii.

And also be it enacted by the sayd auctoritie that the chauncellour of England, for the time being shal make no commission to any person or persons for ỳ execucion of this act excepte he haue landes and tenementes of estate of freholde to the yerely value of, xx. li. at the least or els be iustice of quorū lerned within any of the shires where he shal be made cōmissioner.

And if any such commission bee directed to any person or persons not hauinge landes & tenements to the yerely value of xx. li or not being one of ỳ iustices of quorum, learned as aforesayd, that euery such commission, & all presentmentes and accusacions had and presented before any such commissioners & also all and euery fines set by ỳ sayd commissioner or cōmissiōers to be vtterlye voyde and of noe effecte. This act to endure but for. x. yeres & fro thend of the same. x. yeres vnto the next parliamēt.

In act

An act for bowstaues to be brought into this realme by straūgers. Cap. xi.

WHere by an act of parliament holden at westminster ỹ xiiij. day of October, in the 3. yere of the reigne of kinge Richard ỹ 3. in deede & not in right king of Englāde, it was enacted, ỹ no marchāt of Uenice, nor other, wont to resort into this realme wt marchandise of those parties, bring into this sayd realme any marchandises, but if the same marchant bryng wt euery butte of Malmesey, and with euerye butte of Tire x. bowstaues of good & able stuffe, vnder peine of forfaiture of xiii. s. iiii. d. for euery butte of the foresayd wynes so brought, & not the nomber of the sayd bowstaues wyth the sayd butte, ỹ one halfe therof to the kyng, & the other halfe therof to the party that for ỹ same wil sue, as by the sayd act & ordinaunce more plainly apereth. The entēt of which act and statute, and the minds of ỹ makers therof was, ỹ the sayd estatute should not extende to any of the kynges subiectes borne wtin this realme of Englande, Wales or Ireland, but onely vnto marchauntes of Uenice, and other marchants straungers, wōt to resort into this realme wyth marchaūdyses of those partyes. And this notwtstanding dyuers the kynges subiects (borne wythin this realme of England) of late haue ben inquieted, vexed and troubled in the kings eschecker for bringing of Malmeseis into this realme without bowstaues, contrary to the true entēt of the said act & estatute, wherefore be it enacted, ordeyned, iudged, & declared by the kyng our soueraine lord, the lordes spyrytual and tēporall and ỹ cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctority of the same, that the sayd act made in the 3. yere of ỹ sayd late kyng Rychard, extend not to any of the kinges subiects borne wythin this realme, Wales, or Irelande, but that they and euery of them be forprysed out of the said act for any penalty to be leuyed in any wyse vpō thē or any of theyr executours or admynistratours, but ỹ they and euery of them be discharged by the auctority of this parliament of all maner of actions, sutes, billes of complaintes, tabē, sued, or to be taken and sued in the kinges Eschecker, or any other of his courts, or any other courte or courtes, place or places for any penalty or summes of money comprysed in the sayd acte, for or concerning any thyng specifyed in the said acte. This act to endure to the nexte parliament.

An act for Norffolke wolles not to be caried out of the land. Cap. xii.

WHere asmuch people, bring in the citie of Norwich, and county of Norffolke, haue bene wel occupyed by wolles, which haue growē in the sayd county of Norf. as in spinning and weauing of worsted, shering therof dyinge, and calendring of the same, whereby great cōmoditie of worstedes and stamins haue beene well maynteyned within this realme. And although the sayd wolles growyng in the

in the said shire of Norf. be no staple wolles, yet be there diuers straūgers (intēding the destruction of the said commoditie of worsted making to be vsed in this realme) haue now of late conueighed oute of the same countie of Norffolke, by shippes into the parties of Holand, and Zeland beyonde the sea, greate plentie of wolles, that hath growen in the sayde county of Norfolke & vppon the borders of the same, of which like wolles the sayde worstedes and stamins haue ben accustomed to be made within the saide cittie and countie: which wolles in no wise wil serue to draper or make any woollen clothes, but onely serue to the vse of making of ꝑ sayd worstedes: & of them (as it is sayde) the straungers and aliens intende to make worstedes and stamins in the said parties beyond the sea, to the vtter vndoing of the saide cittie and countie, and destruction of the sayde commodities of worstedes, if remedy be not therfore redily prouided, wherfore by thassēt of the king our souerayne lorde, and his lords spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, be it enacted ordeyned, & established, that frō hēcefoorth no person ne personnes, of what degree or condition they or hee bee of, take vppon him or them to shippe, carie, or do to bee shipped or caried into any parties beyond the sea, any maner wol or wolles growing or hereafter shal grow there vsually called Irelande, or any other wolles growinge within the same shyre, or the borders of the same, necessary and behouefull vnto ꝑ enhabitauntes there, for the making and breaking of worstedes & stamins aforesayde &c. within the sayde shyre of Norffolke, or any parte of the same shire, vppon paine of forfayture of euery stone of woll so shipped, caryed, or conueighed xl.s. the one party of such forfaiture to be to the king our souereigne lord, and the other of the said forfayture to him or them that wil sue therfore, by action of det, by writ at the cōmon law, or plaint in any court of record within the said realme, or by enformacion, in the kinges escheker, in which action none essoine nor protection shalbe alowable for the defendaunt. And that all licences thereof graunted, or hereafter to be graunted and euery of them, be vtterly voyde, and hereafter take none effect &c. And this acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

In act concerning thauoyding of shooting and keeping of crosbowes and handgonnes. Cap. xiii.

WHere ꝑ kings subiectes daily delite thēselues in shoting in crosbowes, wherby shoting in long bowes is ꝑ lesse vsed, & diuers good estatutes for reformacion of ꝑ same haue ben made & had, & that notwithstandinge many & diuers not regarding nor fearinge the penalties of the said estatutes, vse daily to shoote in crossebowes & handgonnes, whereby the kinges dere, and other Lordes of this his realme are destroyed, and shalbe dayly destroyed more and more, vnlesse

vnleſſe remedye therefore be prouided. Wherefore be it ordayned and enacted by auctority of this preſente parliamente, that no maner of perſon from henceforth ſhoote in any croſ bowe, or handgoune, vpon payne of forfaicure of the ſame bowe and gonne, vnleſſe he or other to his vſe, or to the vſe of his wyfe, haue landes and tenementes, fees, annuities, or other profites, to the yearely value of CCC. markes. And for euery time ſo vſing to ſhoote in croſbow or handgonne, to forfaite x.li. for euery time ſo offending and that it ſhalbe lawful to euery of the kynges ſubiects to ſeiſe and take any ſuch croſbow or gonne, & them to haue and reteine to his owne vſe. And that euery man that wyll purſue for the ſayde penaltie of x.li. to haue the one moity, and the kyng to haue the other moity. And that no man after the feaſt of whitſontide next comming, kepe in his houſe ne els wher any croſbow or handgonne, vpon peine of impriſonment, and to forfayte to our ſoueraigne lorde the kinge x.li. vnleſſe that hee or other to his vſe haue lands & tenements to ỳ yerely value of CCC. markes, as is aboueſaid. And that all placards or other licence giuen by the king our ſoueraigne lord to any perſon or perſons to ſhoote in croſbowes, be from henceforth voyd & of none effect. And ỳ all the ſaid defaultes beforeſayd be aſwell punyſhable before the kinges counceil by examinacion, as before the Juſtices of peace by examinacion or preſentment. And that in any action to be taken for any the ſayd penaltyes, the defendaunt ſhall not wage his law.

Prouided alway, that this act extend not to the makers of croſbowes, but that they may lawfully kepe croſbowes in theyr houſes, and ſhoote in croſſebowes onely for prouing and aſſaying of them.

Prouided alwayes, ỳ in all walled townes wythin vij. miles of the ſea and other townes or holds ſtanding vpon the ſea coſtes, or vpon any of ỳ Engliſh marches for againſt Scotlãd, it ſhalbe lawful to euery mãd welling in ſuch townes, or holds to kepe in theyr houſes being within ỳ ſame townes, croſſebowes and handgonnes for the onely defence of the ſayde townes, holdes, and houſes, and aſwell to exerciſe and vſe them in and for the defence of the ſaid townes and houſes beinge in ỳ ſame townes, as for to cary them to theyr ſhyppes, there to kepe and exerciſe thẽ for the defẽce of theyr ſhippes, and for goods in the ſame ſhips, and for none other cauſe: any thing compryſed or expreſſed in this ſayd act or any other acte or actes before made to the contrary not withſtanding.

Prouided alſo, ỳ if any perſon or perſons hereafter in any part do offẽde, or do cõtrary to the purue w & remedy of this act, wherupon ther is cauſe of action for the ſame geuẽ to the kinge or his heyres, or to any other perſon or perſons, that will ſue by vertue of this act for the punyſhment of the ſaid offence or forfaites, that if the king our ſaide ſoueraigne lorde or his heyres wythin a yere next & immediatly after ſuch offẽces & forfaites had & made do not purſue their action or actions ſo giuen by this ſaid act, or cauſe examinacion vpon ſuch defaults and offences to be had and made before their counceil, according to the meaning of the ſame act: And euery one perſon, which

which hereafter may haue action or actiõs vpõ this estatute, with in half a yere next and immediatly after such offences and forfaites had and made do not commence their sutes, informacion, or presentments of, and vpon ỳ said forfaites by action or other wyse, as of and vpõ such forfaits as be declared and expressed in the sayd act: that then as well the king our said soueraigne lord and his heyres, after a yere next after such offences & forfaytes had and made, if no sute in his or theyr name be taken by actiõ or other wise (as is afore expressed) before ỳ same yere ended & determined, as euery other person after half a yere next after like offences & forfaits had and made in forme aforesaid, if no sute thereuppon be taken by none of them in forme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded & barred of theyr said suits, actions, and examinacions to them giuen by vertue of this sayd acte, and the partyes and euery of them so offending be of all such offences and forfaits clerly discharged and quite, any thing in this act or any other act or actes heret ofore made & cõprysed to the contrary notwithstanding, as though this act had neuer ben had ne made.

And also prouided & be it enacted, that al other actes had & made, at any time before the beginning of this present parliament onely cõcerning shoting in crosbowes, be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Prouided also that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, extende not nor bee preiudiciall to any marchanntes, the which haue or shal haue any crosbowes or hand gonnes to sell win this realme, and to none other vse.

Prouided alwaye, that no maner person renne in any daunger, or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forfayture conteyned in this acte, to such time proclamacion be made of the same acte, nor by the space of xx. dayes next after the sayde proclamacion be made wythin the county, where the party, ỳ shal or may offend contrary to the tenour of this act, dwelleth.

Prouided also, that if any maner of person bring or do to be brought wt̃ him into his lodging, or into any other mans house, any crosbow or hand gonne, that than the penaltie & forfayture (if any such be or hereafter shalbe forfaited by reason of this act) to runne & be onely vppon the bringer of the sayd crosbow and handgonne, & not to the owner of the same lodging or house, any thing in this acte made to the contrary not wythstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this act (concerning crosbowes and handgonnes) ne any thing therin conteyned, extend or in any wyse be hurtful to any person or persõs, to whom it shall please the king our soueraine lord or his heires to licence by his placard, as wel to shoote in crosbowes or handgonnes and in euery of them, as to haue and kepe the same crosbowes & hãdgonnes in his or their houses for the defence of the same, & that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that euery such licence by the kinges placarde, or his heyres to be made, shalbe as good and effectuall in the law to euery such person or personnes, hauinge the same for any thing concerning this act of crossebowes and handegonnes, as though it were vnder the great seale.

¶ An act for the kynges subsidy of tonnage and pondage. Cap. xiiij.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westminster, the xii. yeare of the reigne of kinge Edward the fourth, amonges other thinges it is ordeined and prouided: that if any marchaundises were shipped to be caried into the parties beyond the sea, or brought from the sayde parties into any porte of this realme, and there put to lande and discharged by way of marchaundises, the subsidy of tonnage and pondage thereof due to the kynge not payed, nor therefore agreed wyth the collectours of the sayd subsidy in the porte, where it should happen the sayd marchaundises to be shipped or discharged: that then the sayd marchaundyses should be forfaited to the kinge, as in ꝑ same ordinance more at large doth appere, which ordinaūce was made to endure during the naturall life of ꝑ sayd late kinge, and no lenger: And since the expirynge of the sayd estatute the kinges subiectes dayly do bring in their marchaundises, and lay it on lande, and somtime haue it into their owne houses, the subsidye, tonnage, and pondage thereof due to the kinge our soueraigne lorde not payed, nor therfore agreed with the collectours of the subsidy in the ports, where the sayd marchandises is so laide on lande: By reason wherof the kynge our soueraigne lorde that now is, daily doth susteine great and manyfolde deceites and losses in the paimēt of these subsidies, and more is like to sustein if remedy be not prouided in this behalfe. Be it therefore ordeyned by the king our soueraigne lorde, by thaduice and assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same parliament, that the sayd ordinaunces stande and be good and effectuall duringe ꝑ naturall lyfe of the kynge our Soueraygne lorde that nowe is, and no lenger.

¶ An acte adnullinge seconde letters patentes, durynge the kynges pleasure, makyng no mention of the first letters patentes. Cap. xv.

THe kyng highnes of his goodnes callynge to his remembraunce, that where his grace hath graunted to diuers of his seruauntes (for their seruice to his grace done) landes tenementes, fees, offices, and other thinges, to haue them duryng his pleasure: and after other persons, by their sundry suites haue opteyned of hys highnes other letters patentes of the same, not aduertisyng his grace of his former grantes wherby the sayd former patentees haue bene auoyded and put from the aduantage of their sayd former grauntes and Patentes, contrary to the entente and graunt of our soueraigne lorde: wherefore be it ordeyned, established, & enacted by our sayde soueraigne lorde, ꝑ lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritye of

the same, that if any person or persons, from henceforth, doo make suite to the kynges highnes for any landes, tenementes, offices, or any other thinges, so by his grace graunted, or hereafter to be graunted to any person or persons, duringe his pleasure, the said first patentye, than beinge in life, that he doo expresse in his saide bill of petition or patent the tenour of the sayde former patent. And that the kynge than hath determined his pleasure against the sayde first patentee, or els the seconde letters patentes of any of the premisses to any person hereafter to be graunted to be voyde & of none effecte.

This act to commence and take effecte from the .iiij. daye of Aprill next comminge and not before.

¶ An acte that no knightes of shires, nor burgeises departe before thende of the parliament. Cap. xxj.

FOr as much as commonly in the ende of euery parliamente diuers and many great and weighty matters, as well touching the pleasure weale and surety of our soueraigne lorde the kynge, as the cõmon weale of thys hys realme and subiectes, are to be tracted, communed of, and by auctorite of parliament to be concluded. So it is that diuers knightes of shires, citezens for cities burgeises for boroughes and barõs of the sinke portes, longe time before the ende of the parliament of their owne auctorities departe and goeth home into their countries, whereby the sayde great and weighty matters are many times greatly delated. In consideration whereof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall: and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that from henceforth none of the sayd knightes, citezens, burgeises and barons, nor any of them, that hereafter shalbe elected to come or be in any parliament, doo not departe from the same parliament, nor absent him selfe from the same, till the same parliamente be fully finished, ended, or proroged, except he or they so departinge, haue licence of the speaker and commons in the sayd parliamente assembled, and the same licence be entred of record in the booke of ỳ clerke of the parliamẽt, appointed or to be appointed for the common house, vppon peyne to euery of them so departing or absenting thẽ selues in any other maner, to lose all those summes of money, which he or thei should or ought to haue had for his or their wages. And that all the counties cities, and boroughes, whereof any suche person shalbe elected, and the inhabitauntes of the same, shalbe clerely discharged of the sayd wages agaynst the sayd person and persons, and their ereent ours for euermore.

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An act for clensing of the riuer of Cauterbury. Cap. xvij.

In most humble wyse shewen the kinges hyghnes his true and faithfull subiects the Mayre, Aldermen, Citizens, & Inhabytauntes of the Cytye of Caunterburye, that where the sayde Citye is one of the auncient Cities of this realme, and thorough the same hath bene and yet is greate recourse of Embassadours, and other straungers from the partyes of beyonde the sea, where also the bodies of the holy confessour and byshop of sainct Austin thapostolike of England and also many other holy sainctes bene honourably humate and shrined, is now of late in great ruine and decay, and the inhabitantes thereof impouerished, & many great mantions in the same desolate, which ruine, decay, & desolation of like cannot be refourmed ne amended, onelesse the riuer that goeth and extendeth from the towne of great Chart, in the county of Kent vnto the sayd city & through & fro the sayd city vnto the hauen of Sandwitche, may be so deeped, enlarged, and of milles & dammes and other annoisaunces now being in and ouerthwart the same riuer, betwene the sayd city and the common Crane in the towne of Fordwitche, be auoided, scoured, and taken away: which riuer betwene the sayd city and Crane conteineth in length two miles, so that cariages by lighters and botes may by the sayd ryuer be cõueied betwene the sayd Crane in the sayd towne of Fordwitche, vnto the said city, which deeping, enlargeing, and scouring of the sayd riuer, as is before saide, shall not be onely to the profit and auaile of the sayde citye and inabitantes of the same, but also shall cause the hauen of the towne and porte of Sandewitche to be deeper and larger, to the greate commoditye of greate numbre of the kinges subiectes, in consideraton whereof it maye please the kynge, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same to enacte and establishe, that the sayd Mayre, Aldermen, citezens and inhabitauntes of the sayd Citye, and theyr successours, with the aduice, assent, and agrement as well of the reuerende father in god william archbishop of Caunterbury, or his successours, & of two or three knightes beinge Justices of peace of the shire of Kente, for the time beynge, as of the mayre of the towne and porte of Sandewitch aforesayd, to the sayde workes, at the request of the sayd mayre of the sayd city, for the tyme beynge, desired & called, maye lawfully at all and euery time hereafter in suche places of the sayd riuer, as to the sayd knightes, mayres, and aldermen, shall seeme conuenient, deepe, enlarge, clense, enhaunce, & scoure, and cause to be deeped, enlarged, & clensed the sayd riuer, with al thinges therunto requisit betwene the sayd towne of Chart, and the sayd City and through the same and fro the sayd city vnto the sayd Crane, in such maner as lighters and boates may haue by the same ryuer there full passage & course for carpage by the same to be conueied, & without lette, interruption, impechment, disturbaunce or

denyall of any person or persons. And after such depyng, enlargyng, enhaſſynge, clenſynge, ſcouryngc (as is beforeſayde) done, the ſayde Mayre, Aldermen, citizens, and inhabitantes of the ſayd city, with the aſſent and cõſent (as is beforeſayd) obteined, may lawfully aſwell ſtop dikes, and make and enhaunce baies, brinkes, dammes, and walles for the aduaunſinge, & inhighing of the ſayd ryuer, as to take downe, abate, and put away all miles, bridges, dammes, walles, and other what ſoeuer impedymẽt lyinge ouer or ouerthwarte the ſayd ryuer, betwene the ſayd towne of great Chart to the ſayd city and through the ſame, and fro the ſaide city to the foreſayd common Crane, and other thinges therunto requiſite, wherby the cõcours of the ſaid lighters and boates ſhould be letted: And that no actiõ nor ſuite therfore be maintenable, or to be had againſt the ſayd Mayre, aldermen, citezens, and inhabytauntes or any of them, or their aſſygnes for the premyſſes or any of them in maner aforeſayde.

Prouided alway that euery perſon that ſhalbe dampnyfied by puttinge away or abatinge of his mil, bridge, or damme, or milles, bridges, or dammes, ſhall be reaſonably ſatyſfied therfore, for ſuch dammages as he or they ſhall haue by reaſon of the ſame, by the ſayd Mayre, Aldermen, citezens, & inhabitauntes of the ſayd city and their ſucceſſours, as the ſaid archbiſhop of Caunterburye, that now is, and his ſucceſſours, and the ſayde knightes ſhall awarde conſider and adiudge.

An acte for continuance of the vnder ſheriffes of Brſtowe. Cap. xviij.

Where at a parliament holden at weſtmin. the firſt day of May, in the. xlij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the thirde, amonge other thinges it was ordeyned, eſtabliſhed and enacted, that no ſheryffe, Underſheriffe, ne clerke of ſheriffe, ſhould continue or abide in his office ouer one yere as by ỳ ſayd eſtatute more at large it doth appere: whiche eſtatute in a parliament holden at weſtminſter, the. xvb. day of Febꝛuary, in the. xxiij. yere of the reygne of kinge Henry the ſixte, amonge other was reherſed, and by auctority of the ſame Parliament, than was ordeyned, ỳ the ſayd eſtatute amonge other ſhould be duely obſerued in euery ſhyre of Englande, the vnderſheriffes, and all other officers within the city of Lõdon, that then were, or after that ſhould be, alway excepted. And ſuch cotities only excepted, in which diuers of the liege people of the ſayde kinge, in or to the office of the ſheriffe wike at that day were inheritable. And alſo ſuche perſons as at that tyme had eſtate of freeholde in the office of anye ſheriffe wike, and letters patentes to thẽ made of the office of ſheriffe wike, and their vnderſheriffes and clerkes excepted.

And ouer that by the ſame eſtatute of Henrye the. vj. it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any ſheryffe, Underſheriffe, or clerke of ſheriffe occupy the

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offices of sheriffe, vnder sheriffe or clarke of sheriffe contrary to the estatute before recited or against the effect or intente of the same, except before excepted, that than he that so occuppeth should forfayte the somme of .CC. li. yerely as longe as he occupieth contrary to the effecte of the sayde estatute.

And that euery pardon in time to come to be made for such offence or occupation, of forfayture of summes, should be voyde and not auailable, and all patentes made, and to be made of any of the sayd offices for terme of yeres, terme of life in fee simple, or fee taile to anye of the kinges liege people (except before excepted) should be voyde and of no value by the same auctoritye, any clause or word (de non obstant) to be put in suche patentes to be made, notwithstandinge. And that euery of the kinges liege people, that will sue for the summe forfayted against hym or them, that in suche maner shall forfayte, shall be receiued and admitted to sue an action of debt in his owne name, and the kyng to haue the one moity of all that, that by that action shoulde bee recouered, and he that so shall sue shoulde haue the other moyty, as by the sayde estatutes amonge other thinges more playnely yt doeth appeare. Be it now enacted, established, and ordeined, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, by the assent of hys lordes spirytuall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that it shall be lawfull for the vndersheriffe, or vndersheriffes, and all other officers of sheriffes, that now be, or hereafter shall be within the shyre of the towne of Wyndowe from hēceforth to continue and occupy their sayd offices, and euery of them from yere to yere, in like manner and fourme as the vndersheriffes and other officers of sheriffes within the Citye of London doo and may doo, without any penalty or forfaiture for the same, the sayde acte or actes before expressed, or any other acte or actes before this time had or made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

God saue the king.

ANNO SEPTIMO HENRICI OCTAVI.

THE KINGE OVR SOVERAYgne Lorde Henry the 8 after the Conquest, by the grace of God, Kinge of Englande and of Fraunce, and lorde of Irelande, at his parliament holden at Westmin. the .xij. daye of Nouembre, in the .vij. yeare of his most noble Reygne to the honour of God and holy Churche, and for the common wealthe and profyt of this his Realme, by the assent of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by auctoryte of the same, hath do to be ordeined, made and enacted certayne Statutes and Ordynaunces in maner and fourme followinge.

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¶ An acte to auoyde lettinge downe of Townes. Cap. i.

THe kynge our Soueraigne Lorde callynge to hys moste blessed remembraunce, that where greate inconueniences be and dayly encrease by desolation, pullinge downe, and destruction of houses and townes wythin thys realme, & leying to pasture lades, which customably haue bene manured and occupied with tillage and husbandry, whereby Idelnes doth encrease. For where in some one towne. CC persons, men, women, and children, and their auncetours (time out of mynde) were dayely occupied and lyued by sowynge of corne and graines biedinge of cattell and other encrease necessary for mans sustenaunce, and nowe the sayd persons and their progenies be minished & decreased, wherby the husbandry, which is the greatest commodytye of this realme for sustenance of man, is greatlye decaied, churches destroyed the seruice of god withdrawen, christen people there buried, nor prayed for, the patrons and curates wronged. Cities and market Townes brought to greate ruine & decaye, necessaries for mans sustenaunce made starre and derre, the people fore minished in the Realme, whereby the power and defence thereof is febled and empeyred, to the highe displeasure of god, and against hys lawes and to the subuertion of the common weale of this realme, and desolation of the same, yf substanciall and speedy remedye be not therefore prouided. Wherefore the kynge our Soueraigne Lorde, by the aduice and assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritye of the same, ordeineth, establisheth, and enacteth, that all suche townes, villages borowes and hamlettes, tithinge houses, and other Inhabitations in any Parishe or Parysshes within this realme, wherof the more part the first day of this present Parliament was or were vsed and occupied to tillinge and husbandrye by the owner or owners thereof for their singuler profite, auayle and lucre, wylfully sithen the sayde first day be or hereafter shall be suffered or caused to fall downe & decaye, whereby the husbandry of the sayd townes, villages, borowes, hamlettes, tithing houses, and other Inhabitations and parishes within this realme be or hereafter shalbe decaied and tourned from the sayde vse and occupation of husbandry and tillage into pasture, shalbe by the sayde owner or owners, theyr heyres, Successours, or assignes, or other for them, within one yere next after such wilfull decay reedified & made againe mete and conuenient for people to dwell and inhabite in the same, & to haue, vse, and therin to exercise husbandry and tillage, as at the sayde first day of this present parliament or sithen was there vsed, occupied, & vsed after the maner and vsage of the countrey where the sayde lande lieth, at the costes and charges of the same owner or owners, their heyres, successours or assignes. And if sithen the sayd first day of this present parliament any lades, whiche

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at the same first day, or sithen, were cõmonly vsed in tillage, ben enclosed, or frõ hẽceforth shalbe enclosed, be turned only to pasture, whereby any house of husbãdry within this realme is or shalbe hereafter decayed, that than all such landes shalbe by the same owner or owners, their heires, successours, or assignes, or other for them within one yere next ensuinge the same decay put in tillage and exercised, vsed and occupied in husbandry and tillage, as they were the sayd first day of this present parliamente, or any time sithen, and after the maner and vsage of the countrey where such lande lieth. And if any person or persons do contrarye to the premisses, or any of them: that thanne it be lawfull to ẏ kinge, if any such landes or houses ben holdẽ of him immediately, after office or inquisicion founden therof, comprehending the same matter of record, or to the lordes of the fees, if any such lands or houses ben holden of them immediatly without office or inquisiciõ therof had, to receive yearely halfe the value of the issues & profites of any such landes, wherof the house or houses of husbandry, be not so mainteined & sustened and the same halfedele of the issues and profites to haue, holde, and kepe to his or their own vse without any thinge therof to be payd or geuẽ, to such time as the same house or houses be sufficiently reedified, builded, or repaired againe for the exercising and occupying of husbandry: And immediatly after that as well the intresse and title geuen by this act to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, as to the lordes of the fee to cesse and no longer to endure. And that it shalbe lawfull to ẏ owner and owners of such landes, house or houses, holden immediately of our sayd sourraigne lorde the kinge, to haue and enioy the same, and to take the issues and profites therof, as if no such office or inquisicion had neuer ben had ne made. And that no maner of freholde be in the kinge, ne in any such lord or lordes, by vertue of this acte, or takinge of any such profites of or in any such lande in no maner of fourme, but only the kynge & the sayde lorde or lordes haue power to take receiue & haue the sayd issues and profites, as is aboue sayd, and therfore the kynge or the sayd lorde or lordes to haue power to distraigne for the same issues & profites to be had and perceiued by them, in fourme aboue sayde, by auctorite of this present acte.

Be it further enacted, that if any of the sayd lord or lordes immediat do not enioye the premisses accordyng to the tenour of this act, that than the lordes immediate aboue them, within halfe a yere nexte after that, to haue, receiue, and take the moitie of the issues and profites therof, in like maner and fourme as is aforesayd of the said lordes immediate: and so euery lorde or lordes from one to another to haue ẏ the time and aduauntage of and in the premisses, as in the sayd act is conteyned.

Prouided alwaye, that this act extende not, nor be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any parke or parkes for deere, made or to be made, or to any marshe, or marshes, for walling, or enclosing, or for any landes conteined in the same within this realme, this act to continue and endure for euer.

This acte is before in Anno 6. Cap. 5. worde for worde, saue in the latter ende of the Prouiso they differ. Therfore I gesse, it was at the first mistaken.

An acte

¶ An act concerning the maintenance of the kinges Nauye. Cap. ij.

WHere in the parlyamente holden at Westminster the .ij. yere of the reigne of the late kinge Henry the .vij. it was enacted by the auctoritie of the parliamēt, for the maintenaunce of the Nauy of this realme of Englande and the maryners of ꝑ same that no maner of perſō ſhould bring into this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calis, or the marches therof, or into Berwyke, anye wynes of the growynge of Guyon, Gaſcoyne or woadde called Tolowys woade, but ſuch as ſhalbe conueied aduēture and brought in ſhip or ſhippes, wherof our ſaid ſoueraigne lord, or ſome of his ſubiects of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calis, or Berwike beene owners, poſſeſſours and proprietaries and the maiſters and maryners of the ſame ſhippe be engliſhe, Iryſhe, Walyſhe, or men of Barwyke, Calis, or marches of the ſame, for the more partye, vppon peyne of forfaiture of the ſame wynes and Tolowys woade ſo brought in contrary to the ſayde acte. And now of late diuers perſons, as well aliens as denizens, haue obteined of our ſoueraygne lorde the kinge, that now is, diuers licences to bryng in wynes of the growing of Gaſcoine and Guion, and Tolowis woade, which licēce be to the great hurte, preiudice and to the decaye of the ſayd Nauy of this realme, and the mariners of the ſame. Wherefore be it enacted, by the auctorite of this preſent parliamente, that all ſuche licences here before made (not executed before the feaſt of Pentecoſt next cōming) for aſmuch as thā ſhall not be executed before the ſayde feaſt, from henceforth to be voyd and of none effecte.

¶ An act concerning actions populer and ſtatutes penall. Cap. iij.

WHere diuers and many penall ſtatutes and ordinaunces haue ben made and ordeined ſome whereby the puniſhmentes geuen onely to the kinge our ſoueraigne Lorde, his heires and ſucceſſours by action, writte, bill, inditement, or informatiō, and ſome wherby the kinge by him ſelfe, any other commō perſō for the king or for him ſelfe onely, may ſue by writ, bill, inditemente, or information againſt the offender or offenders, in that behalfe, and becauſe of long tract of time, and for ſparyng of the ſuite therof, and that than after ſuche longe tracte of time diuers and many of the kynges true ſubiectes haue bene in tyme paſſed, vexed and troubled for the penalties conteined in the ſayd ſtatutes and ordinaunces, more for malice than for Juſtice, whereupon periuries haue enſued, to the greate trouble and veration of the kynges true ſubiectes, their heyres and executours beynge ignoraunte of the ſayde ſtatutes and offences, wherefore and for the tender loue & zeale that our ſoue-

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raigne lorde the kinge beareth to hys sayde louinge subiectes, and at their humble desire. Be it enacted, ordeined, and established by his highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spyrituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that all and singuler such actions, suites, bylls, inditements, or informations, as from the xx daye of the moneth of Nouembre, the vii. yeare of our sayde Soueraigne lordes reigne shalbe commenced, taken, sued, had or made onely for any debt, moueable goodes or cattalles forfaited and lost, or to be forfayted or lost, whereto the kynge onely, hys heires or successours, and none other common person, shall or maye be entytled by reason of the sayde penall statutes or any of them, shall be commenced, sued, taken, or had within .iiii. yeres nexte after the offence, or offences, forfaiture or forfaitures, of or for the same had or made against the ordinaunce and prouision of any suche act or actes, statute or statutes penall, and not after the sayde foure yeates. And that for any offence or forfaiture made or had, or to be made or had agaynst the ordinaunce & prouision of any acte or actes penall, made and ordeyned, or to be made and ordeigned, whereby action, suite, byll, or informatton popular is or shall bee geuen to anye person or persons, suche as wyll sue for the kinge and for him or them selues, or only for him or thē selues, that such action, bill, suite, or information bee commenced, sued, had & made by suche person or persons, other than the kinge, as will sue in that behalfe, within one yere nexte after the offence or forfaiture had made or cōmitted agaynst the ordinaunce and prouision of any such acte or actes penal, and not after the sayde yere ended. And that the kinges suite by writte, byll, playnte, enditement, or informatiō on that behalfe, be commenced, sued, had or made within two yeres nexte after the offence or forfaiture made or had agaynst the prouision and ordinaunce of any act or actes, statute or statutes penall, and not after the sayd two yeres: And if any action, suite, bill, inditement, or information, concerninge the foresayde statutes, or any of them, had or made otherwise, than within the time or times limitted, as is aforesayde, that then the same action, suite, bill inditement, and information, and euery of them commenced, sued, had or made for the sayde offence or offences, forfaiture or forfaitures, shalbe voide and of no force ne effect, any act or actes statute or statutes made to the contrary not withstandinge.

Prouided alway, that where any action, information, or inditementes, is limitted by any statute, to bee had made or taken within shorter time or tymes, then (as is afore rehersed) that it be had, made and taken accordinge to the tyme limitted in that estatute.

In acte

¶ An act concerninge aduoures for rentes and seruices. Cap. iiij.

Where as diuers, aswell noble men as other the kinges subiectes, haue suffred recoueries against them of diuers their manours, lordshippes, landes, and tenementes, for the performaunce of their willes, or for the surety of their wiues ioyntours, or for the ioyntour of sonnes & heyres apparaunt and their wiues, or for anye other person or persons according to their couenantes and agreementes, and those persons, that so haue recouered the sayd manours by the course of ỹ cõmon law had no remedy nor may haue to compell the fermour, freeholders, and tenauntes, whyche helde of the same manours by the rentes, seruices or customes, to attorne to them, nor could by the order of the lawe atteine to the rentes, seruices, or customes (if they were denied) by distresse or action, whout they could once atteine to the possession of the same rentes, seruices, & customes by paying or doinge the sayde rentes seruices, & customes by the same freholdes fermours, and tenauntes, which to do, diuers and many of them haue often times refused, & yet do to the great offence & charge of their conscience, not onely to the disheritaunce of the said recouerers, but also in breaking of the last willes of them, against whom such recouery is had: & also to the disheritaunce of the sayd husbande wiues, and other, to whose vse ỹ same recouery was so had. Also if there were any aduouson appendãt to any of the sayd manours, the same aduouson had fallen voyde, & a straunger had presented, the sayd recouerers, nor thei, to whose vse the same recoueries were had, had no remedy for the same disturbaunce & somtime therby they haue ben disenherited. Be it therfore enacted by this present parliament, and by the auctoritye of the same, that the recouerers in all suche recoueries, theyr heires and albassignes may from hẽceforth distreigne for the foresaid rents seruices, and customes so being due & vnpaied, and make auowry or iustify the same as those persons, against whom the sayd recouery is, should haue done, if the said recouery had not ben had, and also haue lyke remedy for ỹ recouerynge of the sayde rent, seruices, and customes by auoury. And also Quare impedit for the sayd aduouson, if any disturbance be made, as those persons against whom the said recoueries were had, might or should haue had by the course of the common lawe afore the sayde recouery, if any suche rentes, seruices, or customes had ben denied them or any suche disturbance had ben had in their tunes. And also that euery auowant, and euery other person or persõs, that maketh auowry, cognisaũce, or knowledge: or Iustifye as bayly to any other person or persons in any Replegiarye: Secunde deliueraunce for any rente, custome, or seruice, if their auowry, cognisaunce or iustification be found for them or the plaintiues in the said actions other wyse barred, shall recouer their dammages and costes that they haue susteyned, as the playntife should haue done, if they had recouered in the sayd repleuins.

¶ An Acte

An act concerning artificers and labourers. Cap.v.

The acte that here should follow, is afore in Anno sexto, the third chapter, word for word, and therefore I leaue it out now. For I suppose it was mistaken when the actes were printed in times past.

An act concerning artificers and labourers within the Cytye of London. Cap.vj.

Where at the parliament holde at westmin. the.v. day of February in the .vj. yeare of the reigne of our soueraygne lorde kinge Henry the.viij. & proroged to ỳ Monday nexte after the feast of saincte Martine last past, amonges other thinges it was ordeined & enacted, what wages seruaũtes of husbãdry, labourers, & artificers shoulde take, as in the sayd estatute more plainly doth appere. Now at ỳ humble peticiõ of the freemasons, roughmasons, brickelayers, carpenters, ioyners, keruers, plaisterers, dawbers, tilers, hillers, plummers, glasiers, labourers, apprentises, and seruauntes to serue with the sayde artificers, inhabitauntes within the Cytye of London, in consideration of the great charges of theyr house rent, their victaile, and also be chargeable to and wyth dyuers officers, as cõstables, skauengershyp, and other when it happens, and also with lot and shot, with many other thinges in the sayd Cyty vsed and accustomed, whiche charges be more there then in any other place within this Realme: In consideration whereof be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritye of this present parliament, that all and euery of the sayd artificers, labourers and their sayd apprentises, worckinge within the sayde Cyty, or within the Lyberty of the same, from hẽceforth may take for their wages like wages as they did take before the sayd estatute had or made, the same former act notwithstandynge.

And if the sayd artificers, and their apprentises, worke out of the sayd city of London, and the libertye and fraunches of the same, that than they and euery of them take but only such wages, as is comprised in the sayd former statute. And also that all such artificers and labourers, as shall from hencefor the worke within the same citye and lybertye of the same in the kinges workes, that they, nor none of them take any more wages, but as it is expressed in the sayde former statute. And that the penaltye comprised in the sayde former statute, extende not, but onely to the taker, and not to the geuer the sayde former act notwithstandinge.

An act concerning apparell to be vsed and woꝛne. Cap. vii.

FOꝛasmuch as the great and coſtly array and apparell, vſed wythin this realme, contrary the good ſtatutes therof made, hath beene thoccaſiõ of greate impouerifhing of diuers of the kinges ſubiectes, & pꝛouoked diuers of them to robbe and to doe extoꝛcion, and other vnlawfull deedes to mainteyne therby theyꝛ coſtly arꝛay: in eſchewing wherof be it oꝛdeyned by thauctoꝛity of this preſent parliament, ỳ no perſon, of what eſtate, condicion, oꝛ degree ỳ he be, vſe in his apparel any cloth of golde of purpure colour, oꝛ ſilke of purpure colour, oꝛ furre called furre of black genets, but onely the king, the queene, the kinges mother, the kinges childꝛen, the kings bꝛetherne & ſiſters, vpon payne to foꝛfayte the ſayd apparell, wherewith ſoeuer it bee mixte, and foꝛ vſinge the ſame to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery time ſo offending xx. li. And that no man, other than the kinges childꝛen, vnder the ſtate of a duke oꝛ Marques, vſe in anye apparel of his body, oꝛ vpõ his hoꝛſe oꝛ hoꝛſe harnes, any cloth of golde, of tiſſue, vppon peine to foꝛfaite the ſame apparell, wherwith ſoeuer it be mixte, garded, oꝛ bꝛouded, and that foꝛ vſing ỳ ſame to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery time ſo offending xx. markes. And that no man, other then the kinges childꝛen, oꝛ vnder the degree of a duke oꝛ dukes ſonne and heire apparant, marques oꝛ erle, vſe oꝛ were in his apparel any furre of ſables, vpon payne to foꝛfaite the ſame apparel, & foꝛ vſing ỳ ſame to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery time ſo offending xx. markes. And that no man vnder the degree of ỳ ſonne of a duke, marques, oꝛ erle, & the ſonnes and heyꝛes apparant of and vnder the degree of a baron vſe in his apparell of the bodye, oꝛ of his hoꝛſe oꝛ hoꝛſes harnes, any cloth of golde, oꝛ cloth of ſiluer, ne any ſuch apparel mixte, garded, and embꝛodꝛed with golde oꝛ ſiluer, vpon paine of foꝛfaiture of the ſame apparel: and foꝛ vſing the ſame to foꝛfait foꝛ euery time ſo offẽding x. markes. And that no man vnder the degree of the ſonne of a duke, erle, oꝛ the degree of a barõ, oꝛ a knight of the garter, weare any woollen cloth made oute of this realme of England, Irelande, wales, Calais, oꝛ the marches of the ſame, oꝛ Berwike, except onely in bonets, vpon peine of foꝛfayture of the ſaid cloth except befoꝛe excepte, and foꝛ vſing the ſame to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery time ſo offending x. markes.

And that no mã vnder the degree of a knight of the garter weare in his gown oꝛ coate, oꝛ any other apparel of his body, oꝛ apparel of his hoꝛſe any veluet of the colour of cremiſen oꝛ blew, vpõ paine to foꝛfaite the ſame apparel, & foꝛ vſing the ſame to foꝛfaite foꝛ euery time ſo offending xl. s. And that no man vnder the degree of the ſonne and heyꝛe apparaũt of a barõ, knightes, ſquires foꝛ the kinges body, his cupberers, karuers, and ſewers (hauinge the oꝛdinarie fee foꝛ the ſame) & the cupberers, karuers, & ſewers foꝛ the queene, and the pꝛince (hauing the oꝛdenary foꝛ the ſame) the treaſuꝛer of the kinges chamber, and al other ſquiers foꝛ the kinges bodye, cup-

berers, kerners and sewars and other hauing possession of landes and tenementes or other hereditamentes in their handes, or other to their vse to the yerely value of.cc.markes. Justices of the on bench and of the other the mayster of ꝑ rolles and barons of the kinges exchequere and all other of the kinges councell or queens councell, and the kynges and the queenes physicions and mayre of the citye of london(for the tyme beynge vse or weare any veluet in theire gownes, iackettes, nor cotes or furres of martrens in their apparell vppon peine to forfait the same furres, and apparell, wherewith so euer it be myxte, ioigned, garded, or vvoudzed, & for vsing of the same to forfaite for euery tyme so offending. xl.s. Excepte allwaie and prouided that suche other officers, & seruantes of the kinges most honorable housholde, and of the quenes housholde and of the prince for the tyme being, put in such rowmes, offices, and seruices, as hereafter be expressed, may vse & weare veluet in their garmentes and apparell in suche maner and fourme onely as hereafter is limited and declared in this acte. This presente acte or any thing contained therein not withstanding.

And also it is excepted and prouided that the sonnes and heyres apparauntes of all barons, and euery knight may vse and weare tinsel and cremisen veluet in their doubelettes: This present act or any thing contained therin not with standing.

Item it is prouided, that no man vnder the degres aboue named except the sonnes and heyres apparante of knightes, and also excepte gentilmen, hauing landes or fees of the yereiye value of CC. markes, ouer all charges, weare or vse any chayne or coller of gold or gilte, or any golde aboute his necke, nor in their bracelettes, vppon peine of forfaiture of the same except suche officers and seruantes of the kinges, the queenes, and princes moste honorable houlholdes as in this acte be expressed and licenced at their pleasure so to do

¶ Item it is excepted and prouided that the sonnes and heires apparauntes of all persones aboue named, may weare in there doublettes veluet of blacke colour, and in their gownes, iacketes and cotes damaske of blacke, russet, and tawny coloure, and chamlet without offence of this statute.

¶ Itē it is enacted by auctoriti of this present parliament, that non other the persōs aboue named weare saten or damaske in their gownes, iacketes, nor cotes, except a gentilman hauing in his possession or other to his vse landes or tenementes, fees or anuities at the leste for terme of lyfe of the yerely value of £. markes aboue all reprises. And also excepted such officers & seruantes of the kinges most honorable housholde, & for the queenes housholde and the princes housholde for the tyme beynge put in such rowmes, offices, and seruices as hereafter be expressed, vppon peine of forfaiture of ꝑ same apparell wher with soeuer it be myxt or ioygned garded or vvodzed, and for vsing of the same to forfait. xl.s. for euery such tyme.

¶ And that no man other than be aboue rehersed, and excepted and such other officers, and seruauntes of the kinges, queenes, & princes housholdes

as hereafter be expressed, or comen in feeles apparent of other persons, as haue landes, tenantes fees or annuities for their possessions or other to their vse of the yerely value of C.li ouer all charges, vse or weare in their doublets sattin, damaske or silken chamlet except they haue landes & tenementes in fee in their possession to their vse office, or fee for terme of life or tayle to the yerely value of xl.li. ouer all charges, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same apparell, with what so euer is be furred, forgned, garded or bradded, & for euery time so offending xl.s. ¶ And that no man vnder the degree of a gentilman, except graduates of the vniuersities, and except Heroldes, groomes, and pages of the kinges, queenes, and princes chaumbres, and also suche men as haue landes, tenementes, fees, annuities to the yerely value of x.li. for terme of life or C.li. in goodes, vse or weare any furre, whereof there is no lyke kinde growynge within this Realme of England, wales, or in any other landes vnder the kinges obeysaunce, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same furres, and for euery of the same to forfaite for euery time so offendinge xl.s. prouided alway, that the furres be not of martrens. The value of theyr goodes to be tried by oth of xii. other

¶ And be it excepted, prouided, licenced, and permitted, by this present acte that all such officers, & seruauntes of the kinges most honourable houshold and of the queenes houshold, and of princes houshold (for the time being) put in such rowmes, offices, seruices as be hereafter expressed, may vse and weare velues, satin, damaske, and silken chamlet, in their garmentes and apparell, and chaines of golde in such maner and forme onely as hereafter is limitted and declared in this acte, and in none other wise: That is to say the coferer of the kinges houshold, the two clerkes of the grene cloth, the clerke comptroller, the chiefe clerke of the kechine, the chefe clerke of the spicery, gentilmen vshers of the kynges, queenes, and princes chaumbres, beyng dayly waiters, or quarter waiters; & seruers for the kinges, queenes and princes boordes endes, the sergeaunt of the seller, the sergeaunt of the pantrye, and the sergeaunt porter, & groomes and pages of the kynges pryuy chaumber, to weare at their pleasure in their doublettes, iackettes, and cotes, velues, satin, and damaske of the colour of blacke, tawny and russet: And in their gownes damaske and chamlet, & about their neckes, chaines of golde, & the coferer to weare in his gowne saten of the sayde colours, & furre of martens at his pleasure.

¶ And that all other sergeauntes of all other offices of the kinges moste honourable houshold and al sergeauntes at armes, for the time beynge, mayvse and weare in their apparell doublettes of velues, damaske, or chamlet, & in their iackettes and cotes, damaske and chamlet, and gownes of chamlet at their pleasure.

¶ Item that the marshalles of the halles of the kinge, queene, and princes housholdes, and all gentilmen in euery office, and gentilmen of the kynges Chapell, the Maister Cookes, the iiij. seconde clerkes of the kynges house-

holde may weare in their apparell doublettes of blacke velvet, damaske, or chamlet, and in their sleeves of velvet, damaske, or chamlet, and in their gownes chamlet at their pleasure.

Item yemen of the kinges garde, and yemen of the queenes chaumbre that be daylye wayters and yemen of the crowne, that have the fee of the crowne may weare in their doublets blacke velvet, satin, or damaske, and in their gownes chamlet.

Item yemen and gromes for the mouth of the kinge, queene, prince, and the ladies porters, and all other gentlemen, seruantes to the kinges mouth of courte to weare in their doublettes satin, damaske, or chamlet, and sleeves of chamlette.

Item that no man under the degree of a lorde or a baron, marques, or erle or of the degree of lorde or knighte of the garter, weare or vse any apparell of his body imbrowdred, iagged, or garded with any golde, siluer or golde smith worke, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same apparell, and for vsinge of the same to forfayte for euery time .xl.s.

Item that none other man, of whatsoeuer degree he be of, weare or vse any apparell of hys bodye imbrowdred, iagged or garded with any other thynge than he is limitted and appointed by this statute to vse and weare in his apparell vpon peyne of forfeture of the same apparell, and for vsinge of the same to forfayte for euery time .xl.s.

And that no man vnder the degre of a knight, and other that be afore named, except spirituall men and sergeauntes at the law or graduates of the vniuersities, vse more cloth in a longe gowne or rote about .iii. yardes vpon peine of forfaiture therof.

And no seruing man, vnder the degree of a gentilman, vse or weare in a gowne or cote, or suche like apparell, of more cloth than three yardes in a garment, and that in the sayd gowne, cote, or garmente they weare no chamlet, nor no maner furre, except lambes furre of the growinge of this realme of Englande, Irelande, or Wales, vpon peyne to forfayte the sayd apparell or the value therof.

And that no seruinge man vnder the degree of a gentilman, weare anye cloth in his hoses a boue the price of xx.d. the yarde, but if it be of þ leuynge and gifte of his maisters hoses, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same, and for vsinge of euery paire of hose, wherof the yarde shall excede the price of xx.d. as is aforesayd, to forfayte .iij.s iiij.d.

And that no man vnder the degree of a gentilman, weare any maner of silke or chaīlet, or any pointes in any apparell of his bodye with aiglettes of golde or siluer gilte, or buttons or brooches of golde or siluer gilte, or anye goldesmith worke, except it be his lorde or maisters badge, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same and to lose for euery time so offendinge .x.s.

And that no man vnder the degree of a knight, other than be afore except for wearyng gownes of velvet, weare any pinched shier, or pinched partlet of linnen clothe, or plaine shirte garnished or made with silke or golde, or siluer

ffiues, vpon peine of forfaicture of the same thinge or parcell, & for thynge of the same for euery time so offendinge, &c.

And that no seruaunte of husbandry, nor shepeherde, common labourer, nor seruaunte vnto any artificer out of cities nor boroughes of husbande man, hauing no goodes of his owne above the value of .ii. li. shall wear any cloth whereof the whole yarde passeth in price .ii.s. viii.d. nor that anye of the said seruauntes of husbandry, shepeheardes, or labourers, weare anye hose above the price of .xii.d. the yarde, vpon peyne of emprisonment in the stockes by three dayes.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte bee not prejudiciall nor hurtfull to any spirituall or temporall man in wearinge any ornamentes of the church in executinge diuine seruice, nor to any marchantes or straungers.

Prouided also, that this acte be not hurtfull or prejudiciall to any ambassadours, the maister of y horses, maister of the henchemen of the kinge, queene, or prince, the maister of the kinges armory, the henchemen or lotemen harolde, of armes, minstrels, players in enterludes, nor to any man beinge in the kinges garrison, or in his wages at the kinges wages, for the tyme that they shall continue in wages therein, nor to any man wearing any apparell geuen him by the kynges grace, queene, or prince.

Prouided alwayes, that neither this acte, nor any thinge therein conteined, be hurtfull or prejudiciall to any doctours, graduates of vniuersities, but that they may weare beluet in their tippettes, this acte notwithstandinge.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to all the, that haue bene, be or shall be maiers, recorders, aldermen, shrifes, wardeyns of felowshippes, and swoorde bearer of London, bailliffes, Iurates of the fiue portes, as well of all cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, as the maire, lieutenaute of the staple of Calis, and the gouernours of the Englishe nation, to vse & weare all suche apparell as they or their predecessours did or vsed in tyme of occupation and exercising of their sayd offices or any of them.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte of apparell, ne any thinge conteined in the same, extende not, neither be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall vnto any person or persons, to whom it shall please the kinges highnes to licence by his placarde, to vse or weare apparell on his or their bodyes, or horses, contrary to the tenour of this acte.

And that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that euerye suche licence by the kynges placarde, by his highnes to be made, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery suche person and persons concerning this acte of apparell, as thoughe it were vnder the kynges greate seale. And it is ordeined and enacted by the sayd auctority, that the gentilmen vshers of the kinges chaumber (for y time beinge) haue the forfaiture of the sayd apparell, worne or vsed in the kinges chaumbers, and the gentilmen vshers of the queenes chaumber (for the time beyng) the forfaiture of the sayd apparell worne or vsed in the queenes chambers: And the gentil-

men ushers of the Princes chaumber the forfayture of the sayd apparell, vsed and worne in the princes chaumbers. And the marshalles of the kings halle, for the terme beynge the forfeytures of the sayde apparell in all other places in the kynges house out of the kinges chambers: And the marshalles of the queenes halle the forfeiture of the sayd apparell vsed or worne in all other places in the queenes lodgyng of the said chambers. And ꝑ marshalles of the princes halle, for the terme beynge, the forfaiture of ꝑ sayde apparell vsed or worne in the princes house in all other places out of his sayd chaumbers contrary to the forme aboue sayd by meane of seisure therof, or by action of Detinue for the same: and he of the sayde vshers or marshalles that first seiseth or sueth the sayd action of Detinue to haue the same forfaiture. And that euery of the sayde vshers and marshalles, that so shall seyse or haue action of suyng of the sayd apparell shall haue ꝑ forfaiture of the sayde penalties for vsinge or wearinge of the same, and shall haue action of Debt for recouery of the sayde penalties before limited. And if none of the sayde vshers ne marshalles seise the sayde apparell, ne commence their action within xb. dayes next after the beginninge of the terme next after the sayde forfaiture: than any of the kynges subiectes, that wyll firste sue, shall haue an action of Detinue of the same apparell, and an action of Debt for the sayde penalty forfaited for wearing or vsinge of the same: and haue the same apparell, or the value therof, and the one halfe of the sayd penalty forfaited for the same to his owne vse, and the other halfe of the same penalty shalbe to the kinges vse.

Item that euery person in this realme, of what soeuer estate or degree he be of, or any of his householde seruauntes, that he shall name and apointe shall haue the forfayture of the sayde apparell, worne or vsed in hys owne house contrary to the forme of this acte by meane of seisure thereof, or action of Detinue in fourme afore rehersed, and the forfaiture of the sayde penalty for vsing and wearing of the same: haue lyke actions therof as be aboue rehersed. And if the persons, in whose houses the sayde apparell shall be worne, ne any of the sayde seruauntes seise not the sayd apparell, in hys house, ne commence his action of Detinue therof, and haue action of debt for the sayd penalty, within xb. dayes next after the beginning of the terme next after the sayd forfaiture: than any of the kynges subiectes (that wyll first sue therfore) shall haue an action of Detinue for the same apparell, and an action of debt for the sayde penalty forfayted for wearinge of the same: and haue the same apparell, or ꝑ value therof, and the one halfe of the sayde penalty to his owne vse, and the other halfe shalbe to the kinges vse.

Item that the warden of the Flete, and the marshall of the kinges bēch or their deputies, wayting on the kinges courts at westminster, shall haue the forfaiture of the sayd apparell, worne or vsed at westminster halle, and the kynges palace of westminster out of the kinges house contrarye to the fourme of this acte, by meane of seisure therof by action of Detinue in the fourme afore rehersed: And the forfaiture of the sayde penalty, for vsinge

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and wearing of the same, & haue like actione thereof, as is aboue reherſed. And if the ſaid warden and marſhal, ſeiſe not the ſayde apparel in the ſaid halle or palais nor commence their action of Detynue thereof and an actiō of dette for the ſayde penalty within .xb. dayes next after the beginning of ỳ tearme next after the ſayd forfaiture. than any of the kinges ſubiectes that will firſt ſue for the ſame ſhall haue an action of Detinue for the ſame apparell & an action of dett for the ſaid penaltye forfaited for wearing of ỳ ſame, and haue the ſame apparell or the value therof, and the one halfe of the ſaid penalty to his owne vſe, and the other half to the kinges vſe.

Item that all mayres, ſheriffes, and bayliffes, of all cityes, boroughes and townes corporate in lykewiſe and the bayliffes of fraunchiſes & lybertieis, ſhall haue the forfaitures of the ſayde apparell, worne or vſed contrarye to this acte, euery of them in the citee or towne corporat fraunchiſe, or libertie where they ſhallbe officers by mean of ſeiſure thereof or action of Detinue in the fourme afore reherſed. And the forfaiture of the ſaid penalti for vſing and wearing of the ſame and haue like action therof as is aboue reherſed And if the mayres, ſheriffes, and bayliffes of any citie, borough or towne corporate or bayliffes of fraunchyſes and libertyes ſeiſe not the ſayde apparell ne commence their action of Detinue thereof and an action of dett for the ſayde penaltye within xb. dayes next after the beginning of the terme next after the ſayde forfayture: than any of the kynges ſubiectes that wyll firſt ſue therof, ſhall haue an action of Detinue for the ſame apparell, and an action of dette for the ſayde penaltye forfayted for wearing of the ſame and haue the ſame aparell or the value therof and the one halfe of the ſaide penalties to his owne vſe and the other halfe to the kinges vſe.

Item that the ſheriffes, vnderſheriffes and eſchetoures of euery county of this realme, and the chiefe conſtables of euerye hundred or wapentake, haue the forfaite of all the ſayde apparelles, worne in the counties (where they ſhalbe officers out of cityes, townes corporate, fraunchices and liberties) contrarye to the fourm of this preſente acte by meane of ſeiſure therof or action of detinue in the fourme afore reherſed. And the forfaiture of the ſaide penalty for vſing and wearing of the ſame and haue lyke action therof, as is aboue reherſed. And if the ſheriffes, vnderſheriffes, and eſchetoures of the ſayde counties ſeiſe not the ſayd apparell. ne commence their action of Detinue therof, and an action of dette for the ſaide penaltie with in. xb. daies next after ỳ beginning of ỳ tearme next after the ſaid forfaiture than any of the kinges ſubiectes, that will firſt ſue therefore ſhall haue an action of Detinue for the ſame apparel and an accion of dette for the ſayd penaltie forfayted for wearyng of the ſame and haue the ſame apparell or the value thereof and the one halfe of the ſayd penalty to his owne vſe and the other halfe to the kinges vſe.

Item if any perſonne ſo vſinge ſuche apparell, make any reſiſtence for the deliuerye thereof, that than he for hys reſiſtence ſhall loſe and forfayte as much

much as he ſhould forfaite by this ſtatute, ouer al and aboue the forfaiture and penalties conteyned in this ſtatute for vſing and wearing af the ſame apparell: And that euery of the kinges ſubiectes maye haue their action of Detinue for the ſaid apparel ſo forfayted, and the king our ſoueraine lorde to haue the one halfe of the forfaiture, of the ſaid money ſo forfayted, and ỳ party (that will ſue) to haue the other halfe, & the ſute to be by action of det. And that in any of all the ſayd actions of Det or Detinue the defendante ſhal not wage his law, nor be eſſoyned, nor any protection allowed: nor the party to be barred by the kinges pardon, nor be delayed by anye plea to the diſablement of his perſon. And that the lord Steward of the kings houſe (for the time being) within the verge and Juſtices of Aſſiſe, and iuſtices of the peace, ſteward in leetes or lawdayes, & euery of them, haue alſo power to enquire and hold plea for euery default of the premiſſes, aſwel by examinacion of the party, as after the courſe of the cõmon law, and to determine the ſame as wel at the kings ſuite as at the parties. And that this acte begin at the firſt day of May next comming, and endure for euer.

And it is further enacted and ordeyned by auctority aboueſaid, that the act of apparel made in this preſent parliamente the v. day of Februarỳ, in ỳ vi. yeare of the reigne of our ſayd ſoueraigne lord, and al other actes of apparell before the ſayd v. day of Februarỳ made, and euery thing in the ſaid actes, and euery or any of them conteined, ſhalbe voyde, adnulled, repelled, and of none effect.

God ſaue the king.

ANNO XIIII. ET XV. HENRICI VIII.

The kynge our ſoueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conqueſt, by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at London, the xv. day of Aprll in the xiiij. yeare of his moſte noble reygne: and from thence adiourned to weſtminſter the laſt day of July the xv. yeare of his ſayde reigne, and there holden to the honour of Almightye GOD and of holye Churche, and for the wealthe and profytte of thys hys Realme, by the aſſent of the lords ſpiritual and temporall, & the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled, & by auctholrltye of the ſame, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine ſtatutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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FOr as much as marchaunt straūgers. studyng and ymagining the policies, wayes and meanes sette awoyke the people inhabited in forreine countreis and regions, with & by ꝑ commodityes of this realme, and to bring the kinges naturall subiectes from occupacion to idlenes, do dayly conueigh, transporte and cary out of this realme of Englande (for theyr owne singular lucre) a greate numbre of brode whyte wollē clothes, to be coloured died and wrought in diuers and sondrie partes beyond the sea: to the greate encrease comforte profit and aduauntage of the people inhabited in the saide outwarde and forein regions, and to ꝑ vtter ruine decay, impouerisshing. and vndoyng of a greate numbre of the kynges owne naturall subiectes. And for the effectuall furtherance of the sayd euell ententes and purposes in the premisses the said marchant straungers, as well by colour of enhansyng of price of the sayde clothes for longe dayes of payment as by fayre promisses and subtill adulacyons, haue herefore gottē and regrated into their handes an innumerable numbre of the sayd clothes vpon their credence, amoūting vnto great summes of money farre exceding theire owne valours & substance which sommes of money many and ofentimes they haue not paied according to their appointmentes, whereby the makers of the said clothes, subtilly cōpassed by and with their faire and flattering promisses, haue sustayned importable losses, to the greate impouerysshing of this the kynges owne realme, and to the enriching of the regions and coūtreys of forreine princes.

¶ For remedye wherof be it enacted by ꝑ kinge our soueraigne lord and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from the feast of saynt Myghell the archangell nert comming no perso or persons, inhabited within this realme, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he be of, shall sell or deliuer or cause to be solde or deliuered within this realme, by contracte couenaunt bargaine gifte or any of them, or other wyse to any marchaunt or marchauntes straūgers, being borne in any of the partyes beyond ꝑ sea or els where, out of the kinges obeisance, or to any of his or their factoures deputies, or attourneis, straungers, or Englyshmen, to the vse of the sayde marchant or marchantes straūgers any maner of brode whyte wollen clothes, made or hereafter to be made within this realme of Englande, vpō peine to forfaite. xl.s. for euery clothe solde or deliuered after the sayd feaste of saynte Myghell, contrary to the effect and forme of this present acte, the one halfe of euery such forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraygne lorde ꝑ kyng & the other halfe therof to be to the persone or persons other than the offender that will firste sue for the same, by originall of debte bill, playnte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes, after the vsuall course of the

lawes and customes of the realme: In which sute or actiō the defendaunt or defendantes shall not be admitted to wage their law, ne any Essoyne, licence or protection shalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that if any person or persons beyng the kinges naturall subiectes conueighe and bring, or cause to be conueighed and brought, any brode whyte woollen cloth or clothes to the common market, kept and holden in Blackwel hal within the citye of London, and do not ther or elswhere bargaine vtter and sell the sayd cloth or clothes thither brought to or with some Englishe marchante or marchauntes within .viii. dayes, nexte after the sayd cloth or clothes shalbe brought and shewed to sell in the sayd market: That than it shalbe lefull to any suche person or persons immediately after the sayde .viii. dayes, and not before, to contracte, bargaine vtter sell and deliuer his or their sayde cloth, or clothes, so brought and shewed, at and in the sayd market, as is before sayde, and being vnsold, to any and euery marchaunt straunger or straungers, beinge priuileged and hauing libertie to contract and bie woollen clothes freely and openly within the libertie of ỳ sayd citie of Londō. So that the said marchant or marchauntes straungers do pay and deliuer for the sayd cloth or clothes so by hym or them to be bought without couin or male ingin, at and vpon the receit of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within one moneth next ensuynge the sayd sale and deliuerie of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within lesse tyme, at the will of the seller therof, all such hole and entier sommes of redy money or wares, or redie mony and wares, or any of them, as was agreed & contracted to be had for the sayde clothes, by the sayde sellers or seller of them, without any other or further respite or dayes of paimente to be had, made or agreed, in any behalfe, any thing before contained in this present acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also that this present act or any thing therin contayned bee not in any wyse hurtful or preiudicial to any of the kinges subiectes for or concerning the deliuery of any suche woollen clothes to any marchaunt, or marchauntes straungers, by reason of any bargaine or sale made by them or any of them, of the said clothes before the twenty day of July in the .xv. yere of kynge Henry the .viii. But that the sayde kynges subiectes may freely and quietly deliuer or cause to be deliuered the sayd clothes, so bargained and bought before the said .xx. day of July without any penalty or forfaiture, any thing in this present acte contayned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no person or persons at any tyme hereafter, and before the sayd feast of sayntt Myghell, bargaine or sell to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers any such brode white woollen clothes, to be deliuered vnto the sayd marchaunt or marchauntes straungers at any tyme after the same feast of sayntt Myghell to the entent to defraud the effect & trew meaning of this statute, vpō the peyne before limitted and expressed.

And

¶ And furthermore be it prouided that euery of the kinges naturall subiectes, at their liberties and pleasures, may any tyme hereafter sell and deliuer for redy money or wares, or for redy mony and wares, or any of them to be payed & deliuered as is aforesayd to any marchaunt or marchauntes straūgers, al maner of brode white woollen clothes made or to be made in Coggishal, Bockyng, Blanctre, or any of them, and whyte clothes called Kleinforthes, and all maner of whyte brode woollen clothes with crūpilliſtes, otherwise called bastardes: so that euery of the said whyte wollē clothes, contained in this prouise, contein in length xxvii. yardes at ỳ least or aboue at the water, any thing in this present act contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding

¶ And ouer this be it further prouided, ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shallbe lefull to euery person or persones, beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, to vtter, bargaine, contracte, selle and deliuer all maner of whyte brode woollen clothes to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers, in and at all common faires to be holden and kepte, within any place or places in this realme: And also to all and euery marchaunte straunger or straungers, repairing from forreine countries by the sea, to any portes or crekes within this realme with any bittail, or other marchādise, at al tymes from tyme to tyme: So that all such clothes, so or in any otherwyse hereafter to be bargained and sold to any marchaunte or marchauntes straungers as is before sayd be alwaies sold and deliuered without couin or male ingin for redy money or wares, or for redy money, & wares or any of them, to be payed and deliuered at such tyme or tymes, as is before limitted without any other or further respite or dayes of paymente to be had accorded and agreed in any behalfe, any thing in this present act conteined to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that no person or persons, which do sell their woollen clothe or clothes to any citizen and free man of London, without the liberty of the sayde citye and before the sayde cloth or clothes be conueighed and brought within the same citie shall not be compelled by any persō or persones to bringe their sayde cloth or clothes sold in fourme aboue said to the market called Blackwell hal within the sayd citee ne to pay any tolle custome or other impoſicion for any libertye or ease to be had in the same Halle, for any suche clothe or clothes so solde but may freely at their pleasure, bringe conueigh & deliuer their saide clothe or clothes immediately to the house or houses of such citizen and free men, as did bye the same in fourme aforesayde without any lette or disturbance in any behalfe.

¶ And if any clothmaker, or other person be letted or disturbed contrarye to this acte thā the letter or disturber to forfait to the owner of ỳ said cloth or clothes, for euery cloth letted or disturbed to the contrary hereof .xii.d. for which forfaiture ỳ sayd owner shall haue his remedy against ỳ said letter or disturber, by action or plainte of debt in any of the kynges courtes.

in which action or plaint ꝑ defendant or defendantes shall not wage their lawe ne any essoine, licence.or protection shallbe allowed,this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this act extende not to northerne whytes commonly named and called dosins,made in ꝑ Northe parties of this realme.

An acte concerning straungers artificers for taking of apprentices,tourneimen,and couenant seruantes.C.ii

BE it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord & the lordes spiritual and temporal,and the commons in this presente parliament assembled,and by auctorite of the same,that no maner of straunger borne out of the kinges obeisaunce be he denizē or not denizen vsing any maner of hādi craft with in this realme, shall take frō henssorthe any apprentise except the same apprentise be borne vnder the kinges obaisaunce, vpon peine to forfait for euery apprentice,that he shall take contrary to this acte x.li.the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, the other halfe to him or them that will sue for it,be it by action of dett, byl,plainte, informacion,or otherwise:in which sute the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his law,ne any essoine,licence, or protection to be allowed.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctorite afore said,and vnder lyke peine to be forfayted and recouered as is aforesayd that no straūger being alien born, and vsing any maner of handye craft within this realme,from the feast of al sainctes nert ensuing,shal in any maner of wise,vse,take.reteine or kepe into his or their seruises any maner of iourneimen or couenaunt seruaunt aboue the numbre of ii' at one tyme, excepte the same iourneiman or couenaunt seruaunt be borne vnder the kinges obeisaunce

And ouer this be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that all maner of persōs being aliens borne, vsing any maner of handye crafte,be they denizens or not denizens and inhabited within the citye of London, or suburbes of the same within the towne of westminster ,the parish of sayncte Martins in the field, the parishe of our lady of the Stronde, sainct Clement of Danes,without temple barr,sainct Giles in the field,sainct Andrewes in holburne,in the towne & borough of Southwarke, Shordiche, whyte Chapell parishe,sainct John streete,the parishe of Clerkenwel saincte Bottolphes parishe without Algate, saincte Catherins, Barmondsay streete or within two miles cōpasse of the said citie of Lōdō,or the parishes aforsaid shalbe vnder the serche & reformatiō of the wardens and the felowshippes of handy craftes within the sayd citie of Londō with one substancial strāger being an housholder of the same craft,by the same wardens to be chosen that is to say enery such stranger occupying any misterie or hādi craft as is aforesayd shalbe vnder the serch & reformacion of the wardens and one substantiall straunger,being an housholder of that craft that thei shal so occupie.And that the wardens of the said citie of euery suche handy craft with

with one ſtraunger or houſholder as is aforeſayd of the ſame craft, haue full power and auctoritie, by this preſent act to limitte & appoynt to euery ſtraunger of the miſtery & handy craft that they be of, inhabitinge within the ſayde citee, ſuburbes, places or precincte, aboue remembred, a proper marke, without taking any thing therfore by the which their wares, veſſels and workmanſhippes that they make, may be knowne. And that the wardens of euery ſuch handy craft, and miſterye aforeſayde calling to thē one ſtraunger of ẏ miſterie and occupaciō, that they be of being an houſholder, ſhal haue full power and auctorite, to ſerch view and reſourme, as well within the ſayd citee of London. as in all other places & limittes beforе ſayde all maner of wares of workmanſhippes made by any maner of ſuch handy crafte men being aliens borne, as is beforе ſayde.

¶ And that no ſtraunger borne out of the kynges obeiſaunce bringe any of the miſteries or occupacions of ſmithes, loigners, or coupers ſhall make any maner of wares, or veſſelles, concerning the ſame miſteries or occupacions, excepte that they and euery of them put to ſuch markes to euery of the ſame wares & veſſells beforе they ſhalbe put to ſale, or vſe as the wardens of their occupacions, crafte, or miſteries ſhall limitt and appoynte, without taking any thing therefore vppon peyne of forfayture the double valure of the ſame wares and veſſells: The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the king our ſouereigne lord the other halfe to the party that firſt will ſue for the ſame by action of dette, bille, plaint or informaciō in which the defendaunt ſhal not wage his lawe, nor any eſſoyne ſhalbe caſt, or protection allowed.

And further it is enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that if vpon any ſuch ſerche or viewe ito be made by ẏ wardeins and one ſtraunger of any craft or miſterie, beforeſayd, after the fourme of this eſtatute, in veſſells or wares to be found in the poſſeſſion of the workers or owners therof putting the ſame veſſels or wares, to workemanſhip of any ſtraunger falſely and diſceitfully made, to the hurte of the kinges liege people, and ſo adiudged by the ſayd wardens and one ſtraunger: that then ſuch worker or owner, in whoſe poſſeſſion the ſame falſe and diſceitfull wares ſhalbe found, ſhall forfait the ſame wares, the one halfe therof to ẏ king our ſouereigne lorde and ẏ other halfe therof to the firſt finder thereof ſuing for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes by action of detinue, in which action ẏ defendant nor defendantes ſhal not be admitted to wage their lawe nor protectiō ne eſſoyne be to them herein allowable.

¶ Be it alſo enacted by the auctorite afore ſayde, that all wardens and mayſters of felowſhippes of all and euery ſuch handy craftes within any ſuche citye, borough or towne corporate within this realme where any ſuche wardens happen to be, and in ſuche boroughes and townes corporate, where no wardens of handy crafts are the bayliffes, or ẏ gouernour or gouernours of the ſame boroughes or townes, ſo lacking wardens, ſhal haue lyke power and auctorite with the bailiff or bailiffes of the libertyes

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with them where any such libertye shalbe, being content so to do, to viewe, serche, and refourme straungers, borne out of the kinges obeisaunce, inhabitinge and vsinge within any suche citye, borough, or towne, corporate, any maner of handy craft, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardens and felowshippes of ỳ said citie of London may do by vertue of this present acte. And that all straungers vsing any of the sayde handy craftes in any of the said cities boroughes or townes, corporate, be bounden to do and obay in euery thing, according to the tenour of this present acte vpon lyke peines and forfaitures as is aboue remembred, to be had and recouered in fourme aboue rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwaie that if ỳ wardens of any felowship or misstery beforesayd, bayliffes gouernour or gouernoures beforesayd, wrongfully will entreate any straunger in executinge of this act, or any thinge therin conteyned: that than the straunger so greeued, may by auctoritye of this acte by bill or informacion, complaine to the lorde Chauncellour and Tresorer of England, or the Justices of assise in the countie for the time being, whiche by their examinacions shal haue ful power and auctoritie to heare and determine the same complaynt, and award to the partye complainant such amendes, as by their discrecions shal be thought reasonable.

Prouided also that it shalbe lawful for and to euery the said straungers borne out of the kinges obeisaunce, being a housholder to haue and retaine aswell all and euery such straungers borne out of the kynges obeisaunce, being the time of this parliament with him reteined as a turneiman as to haue and reteine euery suche straunger being borne out of the kinges obeisaunce being a prentise with him the tyme of this parliament this act not withstanding. This to endure to the last day of the nert parliament.

Prouided also that this act extend not to thinhabitauntes straungers that nowe be or hereafter shalbe, in the vniuersytyes of Oxforde, or Cambridge or within the sainctuarie of sainct Martins le graunde, within the said citee of London.

Prouided alwais, that if the said wardens of the said citie of Londō, with a straunger, or gouernour or gouernours, of any citye or borough corporat within this realme, refuse to marke the wares of any straunger, after that they be required so to marke that thā it shalbe lawful to ỳ same straunger or straungers, to whom such refusal shalbe made to sel and put to sale his sayd wares, so required to be marked & refused this act notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte extende not to any other handicrafte, than to the craftes of loigners, pouchmakers, coupers, and blacke smithes, for or cōcerning the forsaid article of marking of wares of the said estrāgers. Also that it shalbe lawful to any lord of the parliamente, and euery other of ỳ kinges subiectes hauinge landes and tenementes to the yerely value of one, C. pounde, to take & reteine estraungers loigners and glasiers in their seruice, from tyme to tyme, to and for the exercisyng with them their craftes, this act notwithstanding

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CAn acte concernyng worſtede weauers in Yarmouth & Linne. Ca. lii.

BEcause it is discretely cõsidered in this presente parliament, that the trew making & draping of worſteds, sais, & stamins is one of ỳ most profitable occupacions of this realm: And that the same worſtedes, saies and stamins truely and substancially made and wrought, benerighte acceptable and commodious marchaundises, as well in this realm of England, as in other forreine regions and countreis, For establishmente and good order whereof, dyuers good and lawdable estatutes, actes, & ordinaunces, heretofore haue bene made and enacted: and namely in a parliament holden at westminster the third day of June, in the seuenth yere of the raygne of the late kinge of famous memory Edward the fourth. Sithẽ which parliamente ỳ makyng of the sayd worſtedes, sais, and stamins hath much encreased & bene multiplyed, in the citye of Norwiche, and in dyuers townes & places in ỳ countie of Norffolke And because the townes of great Yarmouth and Linne in the sayd countye ben townes corporated and the inhabitauntes of ỳ same townes now dayly practise and vse the making and draping of the sayd clothes of worſtedes, saies and stamins, more busely and diligently than they haue done in tymes paste, to whom it is peinefull and costly to transporte and conueighe their said clothes to the said citie of Norwich, or to places within the sayd county of Norffolke, which ben farre distaunt from ether of the said townes to be serched and sealed by ỳ wardens of the worſted weauers of the same citye of Norwich or county according to the sayd act of parliament made the sayd vii. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourthe. It is therfore ordeined, established and enacted, by the king our souereigne lord, and by the lordes spiritual and temporall & the commons in this presente parliament and by auctoritye of the same, that the craftes men called worſted weauers inhabited in the sayde towne of greate yarmouth shall haue power and auctoritye by this present acte frõ henceforth to elect and chose yerely for euer in the munday next after the feaste of penticoſt one honeſt man of ỳ same misterie and occupacion being an houſehoulder within the sayd towne of great yarmouth & hauing of his proper goodes and cattells to the value of. x. li. at the leaſt, or landes & tenementes to his owne vse, of the estate of freehold at the leaſt to the clere yerely value of. xx. s. to be warden of the same craft & misterie for the yere next ensuing, which mã so elected and chosẽ shall personally appear before ỳ mayre of the said citie of Norwich, for the tyme being the monday next after the feaſt of Corpus Criſti than next ensuing, than and there to be ſworne and charged by lyke othe, cõcerning the trew and substancial making of ỳ said clothes within ỳ said towne of great Yermouth, as ỳ foure wardens of ỳ saide citie of Norwyche, by vertue of the sayd acte of parliament made in ỳ said vii yere of king Edwarde the iiii. bene charged and ſworne for the same citye of Norwich And if ỳ said maire happẽ to be absent ỳ said monday after Corpus Chriſti

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or els than refuseth to receiue or take the said othe: than the said warden so elect, within foure daies next after the same munday shall come before the bayliffes of the said towne of great yarmouth for the tyme being, or before one of them, the other being absent: & than and their receiue a corporal othe for the trew exercising of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be geuen to ỳ said wardens of the said citie of Norwich. And thã ỳ said wardẽ of the said towne of great Yarmouth for that tyme being, so elected & sworne may ordaine & apoynt a seale with this letter. Y. to be graue in the same seale, and maye haue full power and auctorytye to viewe, serche, ceale, & seale in lead with the same seale, so to be appoynted & engrauen & none other, all worstedes, saies & stamins within the sayd towne of yarmouth, & suburbes of the same, made or to bee made & not els where, in as large & ample maner, as the sayd wardẽs of the said citye of Norwich, & wardens of ỳ said countye of Norff. or any of thẽ hath or haue within the sayd citye, or countie, or in any wise may doe in that behalfe, by auctoritee or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd vii. yere of king Edward the fourth, any thing in the same act cõtained to ỳ cõtrary notwithstanding. ¶ And that no person inhabited within ỳ said towne of great yarmouth, or suburbes therof weaue any worstedes saies or stamins within the same towne, excepte he be an English mã borne and haue bẽ apprentise to the sayd occupatiõ, and without he weaue ther suche proper marke as shalbe limitted and appoynted by the saide warden of the said towne, for the time being, elect and swornie, as is afore said vpon peine of forfapture therof to the king our souereagne lord: And that euery warden of ỳ said towne shal limitte destincte and seuerall markes to euery of the said worstede weauers of ỳ same towne of great yarmouth, & ỳ same markes by the said warden to be regestred in a boke.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that if and whatsoeuer hereafter ỳ said towne of Linne shalbe inhabited with ten sondri housholders, or more number of housholders, exercising & vsing ỳ sayde craste or misterie of worsted weauers, thã and from thenforth, that is to saye as long as the same towne of Linne shalbe inhabited with the number of tẽ suche housholders at the least, it shallbe lefull to the same inhabitauntes of the sayd towne of Linne yerely in the munday next after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and choose of them selfe one warden of the sayd craste and misterie of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes & goodes as is beforesaide of the warden of yarmouth: which warden so electe shall yerely be swoine and charged at the sayd citye of Norwich, in lyke maner and at lyke daye, as is before limitted to the wardens of yarmouthe Or in defaute of the sayde mayre of Norwich than the sayde warden so to be electe for ỳ sayd towne of Linne to take a corporal othe before the maire of ỳ said towne of Lynne, within suche tyme, and after suche fourme, as is before limited vnto the warden of yarmouth. And that the sayd warden of the sayd towne of Linne or ỳ tyme being, so electe and swoine, by him selfe

may ordeine & apoinct a seale, with this letter. L. to be grauen in the same seale, and may haue full power & auctority to viewe, serche, ceale, and seale in lead with the same seale, so to be engrauen, and with none other, all worstedes, saies, and stamins, within the sayde towne of Linne, and suburbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner as the sayd warden of the Citye of Norwich, and Wardens of the sayde county of Norff. or any of them hath or haue within the sayd City of countye, or otherwise may do by auctority or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, any thing conteined in the same act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that no person enhabited within the sayd towne of Linne, or suburbes therof, make any worstedes, saies, or stamins within the same towne, except he be an Englishman borne, and haue ben apprentise to the same occupation, & without he weaue therin such proper marke as shalbe limitted and appointed by the sayd warden of the same towne of Lin, for the tyme being, vpon peine & forfaiture therof to the king our soueraigne lorde: And that euery warden of the sayd towne shall limit distinct and seuerall markes to euerye of the worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd warden to be regestred in a booke.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that from the feast of sainct Michaell tharchaūgell nert comming, vnto such time as the sayd towne of Lin shall be inhabited with the sayd number of ten housholders of the sayd craft of worstede weauers, & alwaies after, whan that number of ten housholders shall happen to faile, & not be inhabited in ỳ said towne of Lin, the sayd wardens of the sayd city of Norwiche, & their successours, shal procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardens of ỳ sayde craft of the sayde county of Norfolke, personally to come & be euery. xxviij day from and after the saide feast of sainct Michaell the archangell, in and to the sayd towne of Lyn, or within sixe dayes nert after euery such. xxviij. daye, and there to continue and abide by so longe tyme as hee maye serche and seale all such worstedes, saies, and stamins, made in the same towne of Lynne, as than shall be broughte to hym to be sealed, wythin the space of one hole daye. And the sayde Inhabitauntes of worstede weauers, of the same towne of Lyn beynge, shall content and paye to the sayd warden of Norwiche or Norff. whiche shall so come to Linne, in the sayd. xxviij. daye or within sixe dayes nerte after the sayde. xxviij. day, for hys costes and expences, for euery tyme that he shall so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes af Saincte Michaell the archangell, and the Annunciation of our Ladye saincte Marye. iij s. and for euerye tyme that hee shall so come to the sayde towne of Linne betwene the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady, & the feast of sainct Michaell the archangell. ij. s. And if the sayd inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Lin, do not content and pay to the sayd warden commynge to Lyn, in forme aforesayd, for the sayde costes and charges, the sayde. iij s. or. ij. s. as is aboue lymytted, than the same

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inhabitauntes shall forfaite and paye to the sayde warden, or to his executours, for euery such default of payment xl.s: And if none of the sayd wardens of Norwich and Northfolke, come to the sayd towne of Linne, for ẏ cause aforesayd, in maner and forme aboue remembred: than the said wardens of the said cittie of Norwich shal forfaite and pay to the sayd inhabitauntes of Linne, of the said misterie of worstede weauers, for euery such default xl.s. For recompence of which penalty and forfaites the sayd wardens of Norwich or Norff, being therunto entitled by this present act, by his proper name with this addicion. That is to say: Vnius gardianorum, or nuper vnius gardianorũ artis siue misteriæ textorum panni lanei vocat. VVorstedes in ciuitate Norwich, vel comit. Norffolke, as ẏ truth requyreth, shal and may haue action of det by writ, bill, or plaintee in any competent or lawfull court of this realme against the saide inhabitauntes of Linne, of the sayde mistery for the time being by theyr sondry proper names. And the sayde inhabitantes by theyr sayd names, wyth this addiciõ Textorum panni lanei voc. VVorstedes, inhabitantes ville de Linne, shall and maye haue like actions of dette against the sayd wardeins of Norwich, by the name of Gardiani artis siue misteriæ textorum pannorum laneorum voc. VVorstedes infra ciuitatem Norwy. com, Norff. To be vsed in good congruities of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme. In which actions, or any of them, none essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe suffered or alowed. And that the particuler bodies or goods of any of the sayd wardeines or inhabitauntes, beinge condempned in any of the sayde actions, shall and maye be put in execution, after suche manner and forme as is vsed in actions of debt, by course of the cõmon lawe of this Realme.

And moreouer be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that al clothes of worstedes, saies, and stamins, made or to bee made within any of the sayde townes of Lyn & great Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, or any of thẽ, & marked with such markes as shalbe limitted to the makers, by ẏ sayde wardens of the sayde towne in maner and forme aboue sayd: & weaued & sealed by any of the wardens of the sayde townes of Lyn and Yarmouth in forme aboue remembred: by force and vertue of this present act maye be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other marking or sealinge vpon the sayde clothes, or vpõ any of them to be had or made by any other wardens, dwelling or abiding without the sayd towne, and without any arrest, seisure, or forfaiture to be had or made of or vpon any of the sayde clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, anye thinge conteined in the sayde former acte, made in the sayde seuenth yere of kinge Edwarde the forth, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And ouer this be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that euery crafts man of the said mistery & occupation of worstede making, dwelling within any of the sayd townes of Lin & great Yarmouth, and suburbes of the same at their owne free wylles and lyberties from hẽceforth for euer, may haue & take apprentice or apprentyces (beynge male) of the age of .viii. yeres

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and vpwarde, and beyng the kinges naturall subiectes, for the terme of. viij yeres and not vnder, so that none of them excede the numbre of two at once to lerne, vse, and exercise the sayd craft within either of the sayd townes of Lyn & great Yarmouth or suburbes of the same: All be it the father of the same apprentises or apprentise, may not expende in any landes & tenemēts to the yerely value of xx.s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstandinge.

Prouided alway, that this present act nor any thinge therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to the mayre of Norwiche, or to his successours, or to the wardens of the sayd Citye and county, or to their successours, in any point article, power, or auctority, other thā for weuinge serching & sealinge of worstedes, saies & stamins made or to be made only within the sayd townes of Linne & Yarmouth or suburbes of the same, or to any of thē. And for limittinge of markes to the maker of worsteds, saies and stamins, only enhabited in either of the sayd townes or suburbes therof & taking of apprētises, in fourme aboue remēbred: but that ẏ sayd maire of the sayd city of Norwiche, & wardens of the said city and county, and euery of them may haue and vse all other poinctes, articles, powers, & auctorityes conteyned and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the iiij. as well for ẏ serche, sealynge, correction and reformation of the sayd wardens newly to bee elect by vertue of this present acte, and euery of them, according and after such forme as they may do or vse, any of the sayd wardeins of the sayd city or county, by force of the sayd acte, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, as all and euerye other inquiries, corrections, serches, sealynges, & reformations to be had, for the true makinge of worstedes, saies, and stamins, in and vpon any person or persons, as well within the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouthe as without, without trouble, lette, or veratiō of any of the inhabitauntes of the sayd townes, in as large and ample wise as they might haue done before the makinge of this present act, any thing cōteined in the same present act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And also prouyded and be it enacted, by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the sayd crafts men of worstede weauers inhabited or hereafter to be inhabited within either of the said townes of Linne & Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons, whiche shall happen to bye of the same craftes men or any of them, or of any other person, any of the sayd clothes of worstedes, stamins, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayd townes of Lin and Yarmouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same towne to be elect and sworne as is aforesaide, and any of them, shall not shere, die, or put in colour, or calendre, any worstedes, stamins, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayde townes of Lin & Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the sayd city of Norwich, or suburbes of the same vpon peine of forfaiture of euery peece of worstede, saies, or stamins to be

made wythin any of the said townes of Lyn and Yarmouth, or suburbs of the same, or the value therof, shorne, died, coloured, or calendred by anye of the sayde craftes men, biers, or marchaūtes in any other place or places than in the sayd city of Norwich or suburbs of the same: the one half therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other half therof to such person or persons as shal cease the same: so that the saide worsteds brought to the sayd city of Norwich to be shorne, died, coloured, & calendred, wythout couin or craft of any of the sayd inhabitauntes & marchaūtes, may be shorne, died, coloured, and calendred at and by as conuenient price or prices and in as redy wise as the sayd inhabitaūtes of either of ẏ sayd townes of Lyn and Yarmouth, & marchantes biers of the sayd worstedes, or other of the sayd citye or county hath had in times past, or hereafter shall haue.

And also that the inhabitauntes and marchauntes & euery of them, so bringinge their sayd worstedes to ẏ same city for to be shorne, died, colored & calēdred, be reasonably & lawfully entreated according to ẏ said act made in the sayd. viij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, & the ordinances made & affirmed, or hereafter to be made & affirmed for the sayd mistery, without let or disturbaunce, contrary to the same acte or ordinance in that behalfe.

And be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that no person or persons any time after cōuey or transport into any of the parties of beyond the sea any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes be shorne, died, colored, & calendred, vpon peine of forfaiture the value therof: the one half to the king our soueraigne lord, & thother half therof to the party that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of debt in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche action or suite no protection or essoyne shalbe alowed, nor the offēder admitted to wage his lawe. This act to endure to the nert parliamēt.

¶ An Act concerninge Englishmen beyng sworne to forren princes. Cap. liiij.

PRaien the cōmons in this presēt parliamēt, that where many and diuers persons being the kinges subiectes naturally borne within this his realme, haue withdrawen thē selues out of the same realme, and transported them selues with theyr wiues, children and goods, into Hollande, Zeland, Barband Flaunders, and into other countries of forren princes, and there be sworn to the obeisaunce of the princes, and lordes of the countreis, where they be now inhabited, makynge their great buildinges, and be contributories to all maner of charges, as ẏ subiectes of those coūtreis be: & thus they maintein asmuch as in thē is, the cities, boroughes, & townes of those coūtreis and many mo of the kinges subiects intend to do the same, if remedy therin be not prouided: which subiects borne in England, notwithstandinge, that they this estraunge theym selues from the kynges obeysaunce, yet they occupy here in all the portes, hauens, and creekes, cities, boroughes, & townes of England, as frely and as free in custome and subsidy as the kinges subiectes do occupy, and not onely for them selfe, but also colourably

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for other straungers, their frendes, & partiners, and also make them selues quite and exempte frō all charges within this realme, in preiudice & decay of the cities, townes & boroughes of England: and as for beyonde the sea they will obey to none auctority graūted to ẏ English nation, by the kynges highnes and his noble progenitours, vnder the great seale of Englād and by auctority of parliamente, but they giue thē selues ouer to ẏ protection & defence of those outwarde princes, to whom they be swoin subiects And by these maner of persons much coyne is conueyed out of the Lande. Wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde & the lordes spirituall & tēporall, & the commons in this presente parliamēt assembled & by the auctority of the same, that all and euery suche subiectes borne in England, and swoine to be subiectes to forren princes & lordes of outwarde parties, from hēcefoith (as lōg as they shall so abide, & be as subiectes to forren princes & lordes) that from hēcefoith so longe they & euericke of them shall pay such customes, subsidy, tolle, and other impositions within this realme of Englande, as other straūgers of those partes wher the sayd Englishemen make their inhabitacion: pay or vse to paye wythin this sayd realme: And that the knowledge of all and euery suche person or persons inhabitaūtes, and swoine in maner and forme as is before rehersed within the Archedukes countries, that is to say, Holand, Zeland, Brabande & Flaunders only, shalbe had by certificat thereof made by the gouernour of the marchaunt auenturers, and the assistens there for the time being: and also for all other reameis and countrees of forren princes to be certified by the kinges moste noble imbassidours, beinge at such tyme there as they shall happen to be in the sayd countries vpon the kinges affayres, shall likewyse certifie, as is before sayd vnder their seale into the chaūcerye of our soueraigne lorde the king: and thereupon oute of the sayde chaūcery writtes to be made & directed vnto the customers, controllers, or other officers of the kynges custome, in euery port, hauen, or creke wīn thys sayde realme, to perceiue, leuy, & take all maner of such customes, subsydies, tolles, & other impositions, as is before specified, of all suche goods and marchaundises, as shall belong vnto any such person or persons inhabited and swoine, in maner and fourme aboue writtē, as well inward as outward.

Prouided alway, that if hereafter it shall happen any such person or persons to retourne into the realme, & here to tary and inhabite: that than he or they shalbe restored to all such liberties and fredoms in paying of customes or subsidies and other charges, as all other Englishemen dothe vse to pay, and to haue a writ out of the chauncery for the same, this acte or any thinge therin made, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte concernynge Physicions. Cap. v.

IN their most humble wise sheweth vnto your highnes, your true & faithfull subiects & liege men, John Chambre, Thomas Linacre Fernandus de Victoria, your physicions, and Nicholas Halsewell,

John Frannces, and Robert yaxley, and all other men of the same faculty within the city of London, and .vij. miles about, that where your highnes by your most gracious letters patentes, bearinge date at westm. the .xviij. day of Septembre the .xv. yere of your most noble reign) for the comon welth of this your realme, in due exercisinge and practisinge of the faculty of phisicke and the good ministration of medicins to be had, haue incorporat and made of vs and of our company aforesayd, one body and perpetuall comynalty or felowship of the faculty of Phisicke, and to haue perpetuall succession and comon seale, and to chose yerely a president of the same felowship & comminalty to ouersee rule, and gouerne the sayd felowship and comminalty, and all men of the same faculty, with diuers other liberties and priuileges, by your highnes to vs graunted, for the comon welth of this your realme, as in your sayde moste gracious letters patentes more at large is specified and contained, the tenour whereof folowth in these wordes.

HENRICVS dei gratia, rex Anglie, & Francie, & dominus Hibernie. Omnibus, ad quos presentes littere peruenerint. Salutem. Cum regii officii nostri munus arbitremur ditionis nostre hominum, ac ciuitatum omni ratione consulere: Id autem vel in primis fore, si improborum curatibus tempestiue occurramus, apprime necessarium ducimus. Improborum quasi hominum qui medicinam magis auaritie sue causa quam vllius bone conscientie fidei ja profitebuntur, vnde rudi & credule plebi plurima incommoda oriantur, audaciam compescere. Itaq; partim bene instituarum ciuitatum in Italia, & aliis multis nationibus exemplum imitati, partim grauium virorum doctorum Ioannis Chamber, Thome Linacre, Fernandi de Victoria medicorum nostrorum, Nicholai Halsewell, Ioannis Francisci, & Roberti Yaxley, medicorum, ac precipue reuerendissimi in Christo patris, ac domini, domini Thome Tituli sancte Cecilie, trans Tiberim sacrosancte Romane ecclesie presbiteri cardinalis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, & regni nostri Anglie cancellarii charissimi precibus inclinati, collegium perpetuum doctorum & grauium virorum, qui medicinā in vrbe nostra Londino & suburbijs intra q; septem milia passuum ab ea vrbe quaqua versus publice exercent, instituī volumus atq; imperamus, & illud tum sui honoris tum publice vtilitatis nomine cure, vt seruemus ex timore eorum, quorum memoriam inscitiam temeritatem q;, tam exemplo grauitatis q; sua deterrere quam per leges nostras nuper editas ac per constitutiones per idem collegium condendas punire. Quod quo facilius rite peragi possit meminerimus doctoribus Ioanni Chambre, Thome Lineare, Fernando de Victoria medicis nostris, Nicholao Halsewell, Ioanni Francisco, & Roberto Yaxley, medicis concessimus, quod ipsi omnes & q; singuli eiusdem facultatis de & in ciuitate predicta sint in re & nomine vnum corpus & communitas perpetua, siue collegium perpetuum Et q; eadem communitas siue collegium singulis annis in perpetuum eligere possint & facere de communitate illa aliquem prouidum virum & in facultate medicine expertum in presidentem eiusdem collegii siue communitatis, ad superuidendum, recognoscendum, & gubernandum pro illo anno collegium, siue communitatem predict. & omnes homines eiusdem facultatis & negotia eorundem. Et q; idem presidens & collegium siue communitas habeant successionem perpetuam, & commune sigillum negotii dict. communitatis & presidentis in perpetuum seruiturum Et q; ipsi & successores sui in perpetuum sint persone habiles & capaces ad perquirendum & possidendum in feodio & perpetuitate terras & tenementa, redditus & alias possessiones quascunq;

Concessimus etiam eis & successoribus suis pro nobis & heredibus nostris quod ipsi & successores sui possint perquirere sibi & successoribus suis tam in dicta vrbe quam extra terras & tenta quacunq; annui valoris duodecim librar. non exceden. statuto de alienatione ad manum mortuam non obstante. Et q; ipsi

ipſi per nomina præſidentis collegii, ſeu communitatis facultatis medicinæ Lond. plitari & impliatari poſſint coram quibuſcunq; iudicibus in cauſis & actionibus quibuſuisque. Et q; prædict. præſidens & collegium ſiue communitat; & eorum ſucceſſores congregationes licitas & honeſtas de ſe ipſis ac ſtatuta & ordinationes, pro ſalubri gubernatione ſuperuiſu & correctione collegii, ſeu communitatis prædictæ & omniũ hominum eandẽ facultatẽ in dicta ciuitate ſeu per ſeptem miliaria in circuitu eiuſdẽ ciuitatis exercen. ſecundum neceſſitatis exigentiam (quotiens & quando opus fuerit) facere valeant licite & impune, ſine impedimento noſtri, hæredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtro ſeneſchallorũ, eſcaetorum, vicecomitum, & aliorum ballliuorum, vel miniſtrorum noſtrorum hæredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quorumcunque. Conceſſimus etiam eiſdem præſidenti & collegio, ſeu communitati & ſucceſſoribus ſuis q; nemo in dicta ciuitate, aut per ſeptem miliaria in circuitu eiuſdem, exerceat dictam facultatem, niſi ad hoc per dictũ præſidentem & communitatem, ſeu ſucceſſores eorum, qui pro tempore fuerint, admiſſus ſit per eiuſdem præſidentis & Collegii litteras ſigillo ſuo communi ſigillatas, ſub pœna centum ſolidorum pro quolibet menſe, quo non admiſſus eandem facultatem exercuit, dimidium inde nobis & hæredibus noſtris, & dimidium dicto præſidenti & collegio applicandum.

¶ Præterea volumus & concedimus pro nobis & ſucceſſoribus noſtris (quantum in nobis eſt) q; per præſidentem & collegiũ prædictæ communitatis pro tempore exiſten. & eorum ſucceſſores imperpetuum quatuor ſingulis annis per ipſos eligantur, qui habeãt ſuperuiſum & ſcrutinium correctionem & gubernationem, omnium, & ſingulorum dictæ ciuitatis medicorum vtentium facultate medicinæ in eadem ciuitate, ac aliorum medicorum forinſecorũ quorumcunq; facultatem illam medicine aliquo modo frequentantium & vtentium infra eandem ciuitatem & ſuburbia eiuſdem, ſiue intra ſeptem miliaria in circuitu eiuſdem ciuitatis, ac puniciõe eorundem pro delictis ſuis in non bene exequendo faciendo & vtendo illa. Nec non ſuperuiſum & ſcrutinium omni modo medicinarum & eorum reception. per dictos medicos, ſeu aliquem eorum huiuſmodi ligeis noſtris pro eorum infirmitatibus curandis & ſanandis dandis imponendis, & vtendis, quotiens & quãdo opus fuerit pro comodo & vtilitate eorundem ligeorũ noſtrorum, Ita q; punitio huiuſmodi medicorum vtentium dicta facultate medicine, ſic in præmiſſis delinquentium per fines, amerciamenta, & impriſonamenta corporum ſuorum, & per alias vias rationabiles, & congruas exequatur.

¶ Volumus etiam & concedimus pro nobis hæredibus & ſucceſſoribus noſtris (quantũ in nobis eſt) q; nec præſidens, nec aliquis de collegio prædicto medicorum, nec ſucceſſores ſui, nec eorũ aliquis exercens facultatem illam, quoquo modo in futur. infra ciuitatem noſtram prædictam, & ſuburbia eiuſdem, ſeu alibi ſummoneantur, aut ponantur, neq; eorum aliquis ſommmoneatur, aut ponatur in aliquibus aſſiſis, iuratis, inqueſitis, inquiſitionibus, attinctis, & aliis recognitionibus infra dictam ciuitatẽ, & ſuburbia eiuſdẽ impoſterum coram maiore ac vicecom̃ ſeu coronatoribus dictæ ciuitatis noſtræ pro tempore exiſten. capiendum, aut per aliquẽ officiarium, ſeu miniſtrũ ſuum, vel officiarios ſiue miniſtros ſuos ſummonend. licet iidẽ iurati, inquiſitiones ſeu recognitiones ſommon. fuerint ſuper breui, vel breuibus noſtris, vel hæredum noſtrorum de vẽto, ſed q; dicti magiſtri, ſiue gubernatores, ac communitas facultatis antedicte & ſucceſſores ſui et eorum quilibet dictam facultatem exercentes, verſus nos, hæredes, et ſucceſſores noſtros, ac verſus maiorẽ et vicecomites ciuitatis noſtræ prædicte pro tẽpore exiſtente) et quoſcunq; officiarios, et miniſtros ſuos ſint inde quieti, et penitus exonerati imperpetuum per præſentes.

¶ Proviſo quod litteræ noſtræ, ſeu aliquid in eis content. non cedent in præiudicium ciuitatis noſtræ Lond. ſeu libert eiuſdem. Et hoc abſque fine ſeu feodo pro premiſſis, ſeu ſigillatione præſentium nobis facienda, ſoluenda, vel aliqualiter, reddenda, aliquo ſtatuto, ordinatione, vel actu in contrarium ante hæc tempora facto, edito, ordinato ſeu prouiſo in aliquo non obſtante. In cuius rei teſtimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes. Teſte me ipſo apud weſtmonaſterium, xxiii. die Septembr. Anno regni noſtri decim. Per ipſum tẽ gem et de data prædicta auctoritate Parliamenti.

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nd for so much that the makyng of the sayd corporatiõ is meritorious & very good for the cõmon welthof this your realme,it is therefore expedient and necessary to prouide, that no person of the sayde politike body and comminalty aforesayde,be suffered to exercise and practise Phisike, but only those persons that be profounde,sad, & discreet,grouidly learned and deepely studied in Phisicke.

In consideration wherof,and for the further auctorisinge of ỳ same letters patentes,and also enlargeyng of further articles for the sayd common wealth to be had & made:Pleaseth it your highnes with ỳ assente of your lords spirituall and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, to enacte,ordaine and establish that the sayde corporacion of the sayd comminaltie and felowship of the faculty of Phisike afore sayde, and all and euery graunte,article and other thinge contained, and specified, in the said letters patentes,be approued,graunted, ratified,and confirmed in this present parliamente ,and clerly auctorysed and admytted by the same good, lawfull, and auailable, to your sayde bodye corporat, and theyr successours for euer in as ample and large maner as maye be taken , thought, construed by the same. And that it please your highnes with the assent of your sayd lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in thys your present parliament assembled,furtherly to enacte, ordeyne,and stablishe, that the sire persons beforesayd,in your said most gracious letters patentes named as principalles,and first named of the sayde comminaltye and felowshyppe, chosinge to them twoo moe of the sayde comminaltye from henceforwarde,be called and cleaped electes. And that the same Electes yearely chose one of them to be president of the sayd comminalty, and as ofte as any of the roumes and places of the same Electes shal fortune to be voyde by death or otherwyse, than the superuysours of the same Electes(within xxx.or xl.dayes nexte after the death of theym or anye of theym)shall chose, name,and admitte one or moe,as neede shall require,of the most conning, and experte men,of and in the sayde faculty in London,to supply the saide roume and numbre of eight persons. So that he or they that shalbe so chosen,be first by the sayd superuisors straitly examined, after a forme deuised by the sayde Electes,& also by the same superuisours approued. And where that in dioceses of England out of London it is not light to finde alwaye men able sufficiently to examine(after the statute) suche as shalbe admytted to exercise Phisike in them: that it may be enacted in thys present parliament,that no person from henceforth be suffred to exercise or practyse in Phisicke thoughe Englande,vntill such tyme that he be examined at London by the sayd president and three of the sayd Electes and to haue from ỳ said president or Electes letters testimonials of their approuynge and examination,except he be a graduate of Oxforde or cãbridge,whiche hath accomplished all thynges for his forme without any grace.

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An acte concerning the high wayes in the wolde of Kent. Ca. ii.

TO humble wyse beseecheth your highnes your true and faithfull subiecte George Guldeforde squier for your body, that where there is and of tyme whereof mynde of man is not to the contrary hath bene an olde common waye or streete for carters, and all other passages and businesse for you and your progenitoures and you and their people in the hundred of Cranebroke, in the wolde of youre county of Kente, leading and extending betwene and amonge the landes of the manor of hemptiede of the sayd George in the sayde hundrede of Cranbroke, fro the bridge called hemptiede bridge dividing the sayd hundred of Cranbroke and the hundred of Rolvinden in the same weld of your sayd county to a crosse called Totenden crosse standinge right to a greate Oke, named hemptiede oke which is in length vpon a hundred foote stone and ten perches: whych common way so vsed is in diuers places thereof right deepe and noyous for the passage of your people, and also is not so directe in leading betwene the sayd bridge and crosse neither so commodious for your people as an other way of lyke bredth in other places within and ouer the landes of the sayd manor mought be made.

In consideration whereof, it maye please your highnesse of your blessed disposicion with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled and by the auctoritye of the same to enacte ordayne that it shalbe lefull to your sayde beseecher his heires and assignes, owners of the sayde manor of hemptiede, at his and their proper costes & charges at any time on this side ỳ. xxvii. day of May which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D.xxvii. by the ouersight and assent of two Justices of peace of the said county of Kente and xii other discrete men, inhabitaunites within the sayde hundredes of Cranbroke & Rolvinden, to assigne, limite and laye ouer and throughe the landes of the sayde manour one other way, for cariages & passages of your grace and of your people and your and their heires and successours, of as great largenesse in bredeth or larger than the sayd olde waye now being is, and as commodious for the sayd cariages and passages, as the same waye now being is or better extending and leading directly betwene the sayde bridge and crosse, so that your grace and your people by the sayd new way so to be assigned and layed out, shall haue the more easye cariage, and passage, than is or of late tyme hath bene by the sayd olde waye. And that after the sayde new way so layde out and assigned the sayde cariages, passages and other businesse there may be as liberally, commonly, and freely from thens for the there vsed and had for euer, and euery other thinge there exercised & kept, as before this tyme hath bene had and vsed, exercised and kept in the sayd olde waye with out let or interrupcion of the sayd George his heyres or his assignes, or any other personne which hereafter shall haue, holde, or possede ỳ said manor. And that immediately after that the sayde new way

(as is beforesayd) to be assigned and limitted shalbe as is abouesayd layed out and fully made, it shall be lefull to your sayde beseecher, his heires, and assignes owners of the said manour to enclose the said old way and euery parte therof. And that fro thensforth to holde in seueralty to them and to their heires and assignes to their owne vse and profit for euer as parcel of the said manour, without any comun way or passage their fro thensforth to be had or claimed any prescripcion or vse to the contrarye heretofore had not withstanding.

¶ And in consideracion that many other common waies in the said weld of Kent be so deepe and noyous by wearing and course of water and other occasions that people can not haue their cariages or passages by horses vpon or by the same. But to their great perils, perill, and leoperdye it may be by the sayd auctoryte enacted and established, that if any other person or persons any tyme hereafter in any place within the sayd weld of your said countye, of his good mynd and disposicion, without any value of good by him or them to be receiued for ye same will for the common weale of your people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in and ouer the lādes therunto adioyninge wherof the person or other to his vse shalbe seased of fee in estate of inheritaunce that the same new way so to be assigned and layd out, by ouersight and assent of two Justices of peace of ye said countye, and .iii. other discrete mē inhabitinge within the hundred, where any suche new way shalbe limitted & layde out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundreds to that hundred nerte adioyninge shalbe fro thensforth holden, occupied, and vsed in lyke maner as the olde waye ther now is or before hath bene

¶ And that also the same person or persons, so disposed, willynge, and accomplishynge the same, shall and may for the saide new waye so assygned and vsed, retaine and holde in way of recompence for the same new way so to be geuen, ye soyle and grounde of ye olde way in seueralty as is abouesayd, to him or them and to their heires for euer. in lyke maner as is abouesayd of the sayd new waye to be assigned at Hempstede. And that ye sayde two Justices of peace, .iii. other discrete persons by whose ouersight and assent, the sayde new waye at Hempstede, or any other waye by vertue of this acte shalbe hereafter assigned, limitted and layde out, shal within thre monethes next after the assignement limittacion, & laying out of the same make certificate into the kinges most honorable courte of Chauncery vnder their seales, of the length and bredeth of the same new way or strete & of other thinges adioyning or concerning the same as by their discrecions shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for ye cōmon welth of that countre to be certified: And that certificat to be made fro time to time as often as any suche new waye or strete shalbe assigned, limitted, and laied out in forme aboue written.

¶ Prouided alway that if any person, or persons, or bodye politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche way or other what so

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euer way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioyning to any of the sayd olde wayes or streetes, which shalbe taken, and vsed by force of this acte, as seuerall soyle and free holde in recompence for any newe waye to be made & layed out, in forme aforesaid or haue or ought to haue, hereafter shall paie any landes or tenementes adioyning to the sayd olde way, that they and euery of them, their heires, and successours, shall and maye haue and vse their sayd wayes or wayes, out of and into the sayd newe way ouer and through the land of the sayd olde waye or streete, into or ouer the sayd lande or tenement adioyning to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shal appertaine ouer the same olde waye at such conuenient place or places therof, as therefore shalbe limited and assigned by the sayd two Justices of peace and other men and by them to be certified into the chauncerie, among other thinges by the to be certified in forme aforesaide: any thing in this acte aboue written notwithstanding.

An acte concerning shoting in crosbowes and hand gonnes. Cap. viii.

BE it enacted by the kinge our soueraige lord, by the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled & by auctoritie of the same, that euery person and persons hauing landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, annuities, or other yerely profites in his owne right or in his wiues to the yerely value of one hundred poundes, from henceforth may lawfully vse and shote in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and in euery of them, & retayne and kepe the same: Any thing contained in the acte made at a parliament holden at westminster, in the first yere of the raygne of our soueraigne lord, for reformacion of shoting in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and for keping of the same notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that all licences graunted, and placardes made by our sayde soueraigne lord to any person or persons before the.xx. day of August in the.xv. yere of his raigne for showting in crosbowes or hand gonnes, or for keppynge of the same, or any of them, shalbe from the feast of sainct Michael the archangel next comming vtterly voyd and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde that euery person, not hauing in vse or possession landes, feutes, fees, annuties, or other yerely profites, to the yerely value of.C. poundes (as aforesayde) offending contrary to the sayd actes made in the sayd.vi. yere, shall forfaite for euery tyme that he shal so offende, but onely.xl.s. and the crosbowes & hand gonnes to be had, recouered, seased, & leuied according to ỹ sayd former act any thing contained in the sayd former acte or for any greater penalti notwithstanding. And that it shalbe leful to all Justices of peace in their sessions and stewardes & bailiffes, in their leetes, to enquire of euery person, & persones

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other than be prouided for by this present acte, offending contrary to the said former acte, or for any great penalty notwithstanding.

¶ And that it shalbe lefull to all Iustices of peace in their sessions, and Iurates and baylifes in their leetes to enquire of euery person & persons other than be prouided for by this present acte, offending contrary to the said former acte, & that vpon all presentmentes had before Iustices of peace in their sessions, vpon billes made for lenytye of the said .ij. s. to the baylifes be in such forme and in the maner as is made vpon endytements of riottes, and vpon euery presentmente had in any leetes the lorde and owners of the leetes to leue and haue the said penalty of .ij. s. by way of distresse, accion of dette, or otherwise in the which the offender shall not be admitted to wage his law, ne any essoyne ne protection to be alowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritye afore said, that no lordes of owners of leetes beare or maynteine any of their tenauntes or seruauntes within the iurisdiction of their leetes to do or offend contrary to the said former act, vpon peine to forfaite for euery time so doing .xl. s. the one halfe therof to the king our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that will sue for the same by accion of dette, bylle plaint or informacion in which suite no wager of law ne essoyne or protection shalbe alowed or admitted. The olde act in all other poyntes, not otherwise prouided for in this acte, to be of force and effecte.

¶ Acte concerning the fyue clerkes of the Chauncery to be maried. Cap. viii.

A most humble wise beseecheth your true & faithful subiectes & dayly seruauntes the fyue clerkes of your high courte of Chauncerie, that whereas of olde tyme accustomed hath bene vsed in the said courte that all maner clerkes and ministers of the same courte writing the great seale, shold be vnmaried except only the clerke of the crowne: so that as well the courtefoutes & other clerkes as the fyue clerkes of the said Chauncerie bear by the same custome estemed from mariage, whereby all those that contrarye to the same dyd mary, were no longer suffered to write in the said Chauncery not onely to their great hinderance, losing therby the benefite of their longe studie and tedious labours and peines in youthe, taken in the said court, but also to the great decaye of the true course of the said court.

¶ And for as muche as the sayde custome taketh no place nor vsage, but onely in the office of the sayde fyue clerkes but that it is permitted and suffered for maintenance of the said courte, that as well the said courtefoutes as the other clerkes afore said, may and doe take wiues and mary at their lybertye after the lawes of holy churche. and of longe tyme haue so done, without interruption or lett of any person. It may therefore please your highnesse of your most abundant grace, with the assent of the lordes spirituall

tuall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, in consideration of the premisses, and also for that the sayd custome is not grounded vpon any law, to ordeine enacte, and establishe, that John Treuerthen, Rycharde Welles, Oliuer Leder, Johan Croke, Wyllyam Jesten, and John Lemsey, nowe beynge in the office of the fire clerkes of the Chauncery, & euery of them, and all other whiche in time to come shalbe in the same office, & euery of them, may and do take wiues & mary at their liberty, after the lawes of holy churche.

And that they and euery of them so maryed maye haue, holde, and enioye, their sayd office of fire clerkes in as ample, large, and like manner, as they did or should do before the sayd espouselles, or as if they had neuer ben maried, the sayd custome or any other custome or ordinaunce heretofore had or made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwaye, that by any thinge in this acte conteined the maister of the Rolles (for the time being) be not prejudiced either in the geuing and disposicion of the sayde offices from time to time, as hath beene heretofore accustomed, the forfaiture of that office by reason of mariage onely excepte. And that the sayd officers, which nowe be & hereafter shalbe, do geue such attendance vnto the sayd maister of the Rolles for the time being, as heretofore in the sayd offices hath bene accustomed.

¶ An act cõcerninge the liberty of Cordwainers or shoemakers. Cap. ix.

PRaien the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that where in the parliament holden at Westmin. in the fourth yere of the reigne of the excellẽt prince of famous memory Edward the. iiij. late kinge of Englande your noble graunfather, among other things it was ordeined, established, and enacted, that no person cordwainer of the city of London, or within three myles nere about the same, vpon any sonday of the yeare, in the feastes of the Natiuity or Ascencion of our lord, or Corpus Christi, should sell, commaund or make to be solde any shoes, bootes, or galeges, or vpon any of the sayd sondaies or feastes, should put vpon the foote or legges of any person or persõs any shoes, bootes, or galeges, vpon peine to forfaite and lose twenty shillynges sterlinge, as often and whansoeuer any person shoulde doe contrary to the sayd ordinaunce, or any parcell thereof.

And where by the same estatute it is ordeyned and prouyded, that the same acte should not extende to the domage or prejudice, nor any manner be hurtefull or prejudiciall to the Deane and Chapiter (for the time beinge) of the free chapell of the kynge, of Saincte Martins le grannde of London nor to any person or persons, Dwellinge, Abidinge, or Beinge within any place or places in saincte Martyns lane in London, or wythin any place or places within the precincte, fee, or fraunchyse, of the sayde Deane, or of the

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sayde Deane and chapiter. wherefore to the honour of almighty god and to the intent that the kinges subiectes may be hereafter at their liberty, as well as the sayd inhabitauntes within the liberties and precinct of the said sainct Martines the graund, be it enacted by the auctority of this presente parliament, that the sayd estatute, made in the parliament holden at westminster in the sayd fourth yere of the reigne of kinge Edwarde the fourth, staude and be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effect.

¶ An act conceninge the huntinge of the Hare. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and other noble men of thys realme of Englande, before this time hathe vsed and exercised the game of huntynge of the Hare, for their dysporte and pleasure, whyche game is nowe decayed and almooste vtterly dystroied, for that, that diuers persons in dyuers partyes of thys Realme, by reason of the trasinge in snow, haue killed and destroied, and dayly do kill and dystroy the same Hares, by x. xij. or xv. vpon a daye, to the dyspleasure of our said soueraigne lorde ye kinge & to other noble men of this his realme wherefore be it enacted by our sayd soueraigne lorde, by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente Parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that no person or personnes of what estate degree, or condicion they be, from hencefoorth trace, distroye, and kill no Hare in snow with any dogge, bytche, nor otherwyse. And that the Justice of the peace within euery shire, at euery sessions of the peace, and stewardes of leetes shall haue full auctority and power to enquyre of such offenders. And after such inquisitions found, the sayd Justices of the peace & stewardes of leetes for euery Hare so killed, shall seasse vpon euery such offender. vi. s. viij. d. to be forfaited to our sayd soueraygne lorde, that shall be so founden by the Justices of peace in their sessions, & the forfaiture found in euery leete to be to the lorde of the leete.

¶ An acte concerninge clothes, called Uesses, made in the county of Suffolke. Cap. xj.

HUmbly shewen vnto your highnes your true subiectes & clothiers of your Cōsty of suffolke, that where in ye xiith yere of your most noble reigne, it was & is enacted amōges other thinges, cōcerninge making of cloth, ye any person or persons shall not put any cloth to sale, which whan it is full wet, shall shrinke more than one yard in length, & one quarter of a yard in bredth, for ye more part therof: and clothes called narrowes or straits after the rate, vpō peine to forfaite for euery cloth otherwise put to sale, vi. s. viij. d & beside to deduct of his price for ye same, to be rebated to the vier therof as muche after the rate, as the same

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cloth so otherwise put to sale (beinge full wette) shalbe shronke more than one yarde of that it was in lengthe, time of the same sale, and as it shall (beynge wette) lacke of the bread of one yarde & three quarters of a yard. And in the same act was and is a proviso made, after the forme folowing.

Provyded alwaye, that this acte extende not to woollen clothes, called kendalles, nor clothes called corpenell whytes, commonly made for lyning of hosen, nor to any clothes called Tostockes, made in the countye of Deuonshyre, nor to any woollen clothes made in the county of Cornewall, nor for any Cottons or plaine linnige or frise, made or to bee made in wales, Lancashyre, and Cheshyre, or any of them.

So it is moste gracious soueraigne lorde, that Vesses, otherwise called Set clothes of diuers colours, be made in your sayde county of Suffolke which be made to be worne, and be worne in farre countreis, & not in Englande, and be of small prices not aboue .vi.s. a clothe, that doe not holde the length nor bredth whan they be wet, which the byers do know wel whã they bie them, so that therin is no deceite. which clothes in the thirde yeare of the reigne of your most noble father kinge Henry the seuenth, were prouided for, so that they might lawfully be solde without any penalty or forfayture, though they lacked in length or bredth whan they were full wet and so they haue vsed to do time out of minde.

And in the proviso made in the sayde acte of the sixte yeare of youre moste noble reygne they were forgotten & not prouided for, which should be to ỹ vtter impouerysshinges of the clothiers of your sayde county, and all other that be wrought by reason of clothe makinge wythin thé sayde countye of Suffolke, if no remedy should be therfore prouided.

Wherefore your humble subiectes humbly beseech your highnes, that it be enacted by all the lordes spirituall and temporall, and all the commons in this present Parliament assembled, with your most royall assente to the same: that all clothes called Vesses, otherwise called Sette clothes, what colour so euer they be of, not beynge aboue the value of .xl.s. a clothe, shall not be forfait, for that they lacke in length & bredth whan they be full wet after the sale of them afore this time made or hereafter be made. The sayd act made in the sixte yere of your most noble reigne, or any other acte heretofore made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An act concerning coiners, that shall coine and make any money at any mint within this realme of Englande. Ca. xii.

BE it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorytye of the same: that all suche coiners, as shall coyne and make any money at any mint within thys Realme of Englande, shall make and coyne of euerye hundred pounder wourthe of Goolde, that they shall stryke into coyne

xx.li. in the coyne of halfe angelles, commonly called peeces of golde of.xl.d. And of euery hundred poundes woythe of Bullyon, Plate, or Siluer, that they shall strike into coyne, as many grotes as shall amount to the summe of fifty poundes sterlinge: as many halfe grotes called pence of two pence, as shall amounte to the summe of.xx.li. sterlinge: as many pence as shall amounte to the summe of.xx.li. as many halfe pence as shall amount to the summe of ten marbes sterling and as many farthinges as amount to the somme of fiue marbes sterlinge. And that at any time that any coyners in any minte within this realme, shall doe contrarye to thys acte, the maister and keper of that minte, for the time beinge, shall forfayte and lose.x.li. The one moity thereof to be to the king our soueraygne lorde, & other mopty to the party that shall sue for the same, by bill, information, action of debte, or otherwise: wherein the sayd maister shall not be admitted to do his law, ne no protection ne Essoyne to be allowed for the defendant.

And for as muche as at this present time Farthinges and halfe pence be strihen all with one coyne, so that the common people of the realme manye times take these that be farthinges for halfe pence. Be it therefore enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that all suche farthinges (that from henceforth shalbe made wythin this realme) shall haue vppon the one syde thereof the print of the port colice, and vpon the other side thereof the print of the Rose with acrosse, vpon like peine.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that all maner persons resortinge to ỳ sayd mint with any plate or bullion, vnder the value abouesayd, to be coyned, shall haue and receiue at the said mint ỳ tenth parte of all such plate and bullion in halfe pence and farthinges.

Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge conteined in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the Coyners, and minte maisters of Yorke, Durelme, and Canterbury, ne to any of them, for any money to be coyned there, other than heretofore hath bene accustomed. This acte to beginne to take effect at the feast of saincte Michaell the archaungell nert commynge, and not before.

An act cõcerninge the hauen and porte of Southampton. Ca.xiij.

Where in a parliament holden at westmin. the.xiiij. day of Octobre, the.xi. yere of the reigne of king Henry the.vij amongs other it was ordeined, established, and enacted by the kinge our souereigne lorde. vỏ the assent of ỳ lordes spirytuall and temporall & ỳ commons in the same parliamente assembled, for the reformation & remedy of the decay of the hauen and port of Southampton, had by reason of diuers weres & ingins for fyshynge, made & leued in the same hauen, betweene a certaine place called Calshare, and another place called Redbridge, that it should be lawefull to euery man to abate, plucke, & take aways

away all and euery of the ſayd weres and ingins, at all times at their pleaſure, being in the ſayd hauen, betwene the ſayd places, called Calſhare and Reedbridge, directly, without trouble, let, or veration of any man, wyth diuers penalties and forfaytures to all ſuche perſons as hereafter ſhoulde make or leuye any ſuch weares or ingins, as in the ſame act more plamely may appere: The which act was made to endure only the ſpace of .xx. yeres than next enſuyng, during which act the ſayd weres and ingins were pulled downe, and the ſayd hauen greatly amended, to the ſuccour and cõfort of all the marchauntes there reſortinge, the which yeres be now expired & paſte, and the ſame act in no forme by the ſpace of .vii. yeres now paſſed duryng which .vii. yeres diuers newe weres, gores, ſtackes, and ingins haue bene leuied and enhaunſed, by reaſon wherof, the ſayd hauen is greatly decaied again, and likely to be loſt for euer, to the kinges diſheriſon, & hurte of the common weth of all thoſe parties if remedy therefore be not ſhortly had and prouided: wherfore be it now enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, that the ſame acte and euery thinge therein conteined, ſhall be from hẽceforth good and effectuall accordinge to the purporte and entent of the ſame, and to continue for euer.

And furthermore be it enacted, that euery owner, fermer, & occupier of the ſayd weres, gores, and ingins, and euery of the ſame, do pulldowne and put awaye the ſame, a this ſide the feaſt of ſaincte Michaell tharchaungell nert cõming, without leuiyng, maintenyng, making, or repayringe ỹ ſame from henceforth, vppon peine of a hundred pounde, to be forfaited & leuied like wiſe & in like maner, as in the ſame former act is conteined. This acte to endure for euer.

¶ An acte concerninge ſuche as be in the kinges warres ouer or vpon the ſea. Cap. xiiij.

THe Kynge our ſoueraygne Lorde of hys moſt bleſſed diſpoſition well conſideringe, that nowe he is broughte into warre of neceſſity with his auncient enemies, the Frẽche kinge and the Scottes, and hathe had and ſhall haue daily the humble ſeruice in hys ſayde warres, as well of hys nobles as other hys true ſubiectes: of his mooſte eſpeciall grace and benigne fauour, that he beareth vnto his ſayde ſubiectes, and for theyr more ſuretye and profyte, and for other reaſonable conſiderations hym eſpecially mouinge, by the aſſent of hys Lordes ſpyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame hathe enacted, ordeined and eſtabliſhed that euerye perſon and perſons, of what degree or condicion hee be of, that ſhall paſſe ouer the ſea, or that abideth vppon the ſea, or beyonde the ſea, and be in the kings wages or ſeruice of warre at this time, or hereafter ſhalbe

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in any other place durynge his sayd warres in seruice of warre, that euery of them, which haue lands & tenements holden of the kinge or any other to their only vse, shall now lawfully make therof alienation, feoffements and transmutacion of possession, by dede or dedes, fine or fines, recouerye or recoueries, for the perfourmaunce of his or their will or willes, without any fine or fines, for the said alienations, feoffements, fines, recoueries, or trãsmutacion of possession therfore, or for any of thẽ to be made: And that thei and euery of them, their heires & assignes, & the heires & assignes of euerye of them, by auctority of this presente acte, be discharged of all & euery suche fines, without letters patẽtes of licẽce or pardõ, or other discharge in that behalfe. And furthermore be it also ordeined and enacted, by the sayd auctority, that if any person or persons, so beinge in the sayde seruice of warre, which hold lands, tenements, or hereditamẽts of the kyng or of any other by knightes seruice or otherwyse, wherefore his heyre or heyres ought or might be in warde, & fortune in the sayd seruice to decease beyond the sea or vpon the sea, or els where, in the seruice of the kinge in his warres against his enemies, or that any feoffement of the same landes and tenements, be supposed to be made by colluſiõ the heire or heires of the owner of the same lands & tenements being within age: that than the feoffees or executours of euery such person & persons so deceased, haue the warde and mariage of the heire or heires, so being within age, vntill they come to their full & lawfull age. And the landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments so holden, during the nonage of euery such heire or heires to the perfourmaunce of the wil of the sayd person or persõs so deceased without any accompt or sommes of money, or other thinge therefore to be yelden, payinge therout yerely the rentes of the chiefe lorde or lordes of the fee of the same, sauinge to euerye person or persons, other then the sayde person or persons, that shal make any such alienation, feoffement, fine, or suffer recouery to be had against him, without paying therefore any fine to the kinge, or the lorde or lordes (of whom the sayde landes be holden) for the same suche right, tytle, vse, and interest, as they had before the said feoffement, alienation, fine, recouery, or transmutacion of possession, or any of them made or suffered of any such lands, tenements, or hereditamentes, wherof any such feoffemẽt, fine, recouery or alienation so shall be made. Prouided alwayes, that thys act extend not to any captaine or captaines, souldiour or souldiours, that now be or hereafter shall be reteygned wythin the townes of Calis, Hammes, Guines, Risebanke, Berwike, Wales, or any of them, or marches of the same. Excepte they or any of them procede in army royall against the kynges enemyes.

God saue the king.

ANNO XXI. HENRICI VIII.

STATVTA ADREMP.

Spectantia, edita in prima sessione parliamẽti, primo inchoati in ciuitate Londin. tertio die Nouembris, Anno regni inuictissimi principis Henrici octaui, Angliæ & Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, & domini Hiberniæ. XXI. et ex ea ciuitate tam adiurnati quam prorogati ad Palatiũ VVestmon. et ibidẽ continuati per. XLIIII dies, videlicet vsque ad. XVII. diem Decembris et abeisdem loco et diẽ prorogati vsque ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc proxime insequentis.

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¶ An acte concerninge the kinges generall pardon. Cap. j.

THe kinge our ſouereigne lorde callinge to his bleſſed and moſt gratious remembraunce the dailye manifolde daungers, wherein his good and louinge ſubiectes of thys hys realme of Englande do and may incurre by thinges done perpetrated, and committed contrary to the order of hys lawes, & hauinge alway a tender eye, with mercy, pitye & compaſſion towarde his ſayde ſubiectes, myndinge of his highe goodnes and great benignitye ſo alwaies to imparte the ſame vnto them, as iuſtice beinge daily adminiſtred, all rigour be excluded, and the greate and beneuolent mindes of the kinges ſayde ſubiectes largely and manye times approued towarde his highnes, by correſpondence of gratuitye reacquyted, of his meere motion, benignitye, and liberalitye, by auctoritye of his parliamente hath geuen and graunted his liberall and free pardon to hys ſayde good and louinge ſubiectes and to euery of them to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this preſente acte, in maner and fourme enſuinge.

That is to wete, the kinges highnes of his ſayd benignity and high liberality is fullye and reſolutelye contented and pleaſed, that it be ordeined eſtabliſhed, and enacted, by auctoritye of this his ſayd parliament, that all and euerye of his ſayde ſubiectes as well ſpirituall as tempozall, the heires ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them and euery of theym, and all and ſinguler bodies in anye maner of wyſe corporate, Cityes, Boroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithynges, and euery of them, the ſucceſſours and the ſucceſſour of euery of them ſhalbe by the auctority of this preſent parliament acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged againſt hys highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours and executours, and euery of them, of all and all maner offences, contemptes, treſpas, wronges, deceiptes, miſdemeanours, forfaytures, penalties, profites, ſummes of money, peynes of deathe, and peines corporall, and pecunyary, and generally of all other thynges, cauſes, quarelles, ſutes, iudgementes, and executions in this preſent act hereafter not excepted nor forepriſed, whiche maye be or can be by hys highnes in any wyſe or by anye meane pardoned, before and vnto the laſte daye of the moneth of Octobre, in the .xxj. yeare of his mooſte noble reygne, to euerye of his ſayde ſubiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and tithinges, or to any of them. And alſo the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, that this ſayd free pardon ſhalbe as good and effectuall in lawe to euery of hys ſayde ſubiectes of thys hys realme, and to all and euery of the ſayd bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhyres, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, Villages, and

tithinges, and to euery of them, by these generall wordes before reherſed, in al thinges, which be not hereafter excepted as the ſayd pardon ſhoulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, cauſes, matters ſutes, quarels, iudgmentes, execucions, penaltyes, & all other thinges not here after excepted, hadde be particularlye, ſingulerly, ſpecially and plainlye pardoned, named, reherſed, and ſpecified, by proper or expreſſe wordes, and names in their kindes natures and qualities, in wordes, and termes ther vnto requiſite in the ſayd pardon, and that his ſaide ſubiectes nor anye of them their heires, executours, nor adminiſtratours, nor the heyres executours or adminiſtratours of any of them nor any of the ſayde bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes townes villages nor tithinges, nor any of them, bee ſued, vered or inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes nor cattels nor any maner matter cauſe cõtempt, miſdemeanour, forfaiture, treſpas, offence or any other thinge ſuffered, done or committed before the ſayde laſt daye of Octobre, againſt the kinges highnes, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, ſtatutes, or dignitie, but onely for ſuche cauſes, matters, and offences as be ſpecially & playnelye reherſed in the exception and forepryſes in thys preſente pardonne hereafter mentioned, and for none other. Any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſe or preſident heretofore had, made, or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandinge.

Alſo the kynges hyghnes of his bountious liberalitye, by auctorite of this preſent parliament, grauteth, and freely giueth vnto his ſayd ſubiects and to euery of them, and to euery of the ſayd bodyes corporate, citys, boroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, wapentakes, Townes, Vyllages, and tithinges, and to euery of them all ſuche goodes, cattels, fynes, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and ſommes of money, by any of them forfaited, which to his highnes do or ſhould belonge or apperteine by reaſon of any offence, contempt, miſdemeanour, treſpas, matter, cauſe, or quarell ſuffered, done or cõmitted by them or any of thẽ, before the ſayde laſt day of Octobre, whiche be not hereafter ſpecially and playnly forpryſed and excepted in this preſent pardon. And that all and euery the kinges ſaid ſubiectes, and all and euery bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and tythinges, may by him ſelfe, or hys or their attourney or attourneys, pleade and miniſter this preſent acte and free pardon for his or their diſcharge of & for euery thing that is therby pardoned without any fee or other thinge therfore in any wiſe paynge to anye perſon or perſons for pleadinge, wrytynge, or entre of the iudgement, or for any other cauſe cõcerninge the ſame but only, viz. to the clerke that ſhal entre the plea, matter, or iudgemẽt, for his or their diſcharge in that behalfe. Any eſtatute or vſe to the contrarye notwithſtandinge.

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſente Parliamente, that his free pardon in all manner

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courtes of his lawes, and elles where shalbe reputed, deemed, and iudged, allowed, and taken aswell in the wordes and clauses, of the exceptions and forprises specified in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other clauses, wordes and sentences, mencioned and reherſed in ỳ sayd free pardon, moste beneficially and auailable to all and singuler his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and to euery of the sayd bodies corporated, cityes, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, & tithinges, and euery of theym, and most strongely in barre, and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours, in euery thinge without obstacle challenge or other delay whatsoeuer it be, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his or any of theyr generall attourney or attourneis, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne, lorde & by auctority of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of his high courtes commonly called the kinges benche, chaficery, and common place, or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feast of the Natiuity of our lord god next cõminge, make out, or write out any maner of writtes, or other proceſſe or any extractes, or other preceptes, wherby any person or persons of his sayde subiectes, or any of the sayde bodies corporated. Cities, boroughes, shires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, dystrained sommoned, or otherwise vexed, troubled, or greeued in their bodies, landes tenementes, goodes, or catteis, or in anye of theym, for or because of anye maner of thinge, acquited, pardoned, released, or discharged, by this present acte of free pardon: he so offendinge, & therof lawefully condempned, shall pelde and paye for recompence thereof to the party so greeued or offended, treble damages, accoumpted as parcell of those damages, all costes of the sute. And neuertheleſſe all and singuler suche writtes, proceſſe, extractes, and preceptes, made or to be made, for or vpon any maner thinge acquited pardoned, released, or discharged by thys present acte of free pardon, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except alwayes & forprised out of this pardõ all maner of high treaſõ all prepensed & voluntary murders, all robberies of Churches, & robberies done vpon or to men persons, all other felonies & robberies by the cõmon lawe, of felonous takinge of any money, goods, or catels above ỳ value of xx.s. all felonous brenning of houses, all carnall rauiſhementes of women, all rasinges of recordes, all outlaries of highe treasons, & of all maner of felonies, other then felonies to the sayd value of xx.s. or vnder that summe.

And that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or against any person or persons for any cause not beynge treason, murther, or felony aboue the sayd summe of xx.s. to be pardoned by the generall woordes of this par-

done afore sayde, so alway that the same persons and euery of them stande to right to answere or satisfy the party, at whose sute he is outlawed, accordynge to the lawes of this Realme. Also excepted and forprised out of thys pardon of offences, and contemptes cõmitted and done against the statute or statutes of prouision and Premunyre, or any of them, and of forfaitures and tytles that may growe to the kynges highnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, and all titles and actions of Quare impedit, all rauyshementes of the kinges wardes, all wastes of the kinges woodes in his forrestes, Parkes, or Chases: all concelementes of customes and subsidye: all riotes, rowtes, and vnlawfull assembles cõmitted and done aboue the nũbre of .xx. persons. And also excepte and forprised out of thys pardone all issues and profites, fines, and other penalties for inclosures of landes, and issues, profites, fynes, & other penalties, for decaies of houses & husbandry if that the same inclosures be not reformed, and the landes put in tillage or the sayd houses not reedified before the last day of September nexte cõmynge. ¶ And also excepte all maner of alienacions and giftes into mortmayne or thuse of any maner of mortmayne, & all intrusions, had, made, or done in any manours, landes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of saincte Michaell ỳ archangell, which was in the .xx. yeare of the reygne of our sayd souereigne lorde. ¶ And also all offences committed by dyggynge downe or castinge downe of any crosse or crosses, which stoode or were sette in any common or highe way or waies: And all and singuler debts, other then debtes growinge vpon recognisances beinge all redy forfayted, for surety of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

And excepted and forprised out of thys pardon all accomptes, and all actions, suites, and impeticions for the same accomptes & arrerages of accomptes, and for the saide debts or any of them hereby excepted & forprised. All homages and reliffes, all wilfull escapes, as well of cõuictes as other debts, which were due to the moste noble kinge of famous memory kinge Henry the .vii. or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation, or other wyse. All and singuler those forfaitures due to our souereigne lorde kinge Henrye the .viij. by any penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted in to the nature of debt by iudgemẽt or by agrement of the offendours before the fyrst daye of thys present parliament and all forfaitures & other penalties & profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte cõmitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe whereof any sealure is made, or any informatiõ geuen in the kinges eschequer, or any sute there commenced before the saide firste day of thys parliament, or whereof the kynges highnesse by hys byll signed or otherwise hereto fore hath made any gift or assignement to any of his seruauntes: And also excepted all issues forfaited, fines, amercements, afferred, tared, set, extreted, or iudged seuerally and particulerly, extẽdyng to the some of a C.s. or aboue that summe. And that all and singuler other fynes, as well fynes (Pro licencia concordandi) as other, and all other issues

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and amercemente, as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particulerlye extend not to the sayd sūme of a C.s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe, or not take to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be turned into debt or not debt, and not being leuied nor receiued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers shalbe fully clere and plainly pardoned and discharged againste the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours for euer.

And it is further enacted by ꝑ auctority aforesayde, that in case it be objected to any sherif or sheriffes or other accomptantes in the kinges court of escheker, or in any other his courts, that any sheriffe or sheriffes or other officers accoumptaunt, hath receiued or taken any suche fines, issues or amerciamentes before pardoned, released, and aquited, that then euery such shereffe and sheriffes, and other accoumptātes shalbe discharged, released pardoned, and acquited thereof by his or their othe, without anye further triall in that behalfe. ¶ God saue the kynge.

¶ An acte that abiured persons shall be marked in the righte hande with the signe of an A. Cap. ij.

BE it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person take sainctuary in any churche, churcheyarde, or other holy place, for felony or murder where he ought by the lawes and customes of this realme to haue his abiuration for the same, that then the same felon or murderer, shall take his abiuracion, and passage out of the same churche, churcheyarde, or other holy place at such daye & tyme as shall be limitted to him by the coroner of ꝑ shire or place wherin he taketh such sainctuarie, and that the coroner immediately after his confession, and before his abiuracion, shall cause euery suche felon or murderer to be marked with an hote yron vppon the brawne of the thombe of the right hand with the signe of an. A. to the entent he may be the better knowen amonge the kinges subiectes, that he was abiured, and than to geue him his abiuration, and to be vsed in all other thinges as hath bene accustomed. And that all maires, bailiffes and constables, shall be attendant at the commaundement of the coroner for ꝑ due executiō therof, as they will answere at their perils to the kinges highnes for the same.

And if any felon or murderer that ought to haue any such abiuratiō refuse to take his passage out of the sayd sainctuary at such time as shalbe limitted to him by the sayd coroner: that then the sayd felon or murderer so refusing shall lose the benefite of the same sainctuary, and be taken out of the same & committed to prisō, and further to be ordered for his offence after his meri-tes, without any restitution to sainctuary for the same.

An act concerninge abridgementes of plaintes in assise. Cap. iij.

FOr asmuch as assises which haue bene thought the most speedy remedy be now by occasion of pleadinge of many barres to moities & partes and partes of the landes put in viewe and plaint, greatly delayed for difficulties and diuision of pledinge. And one cause thereof is, because ỹ plaintifes in the assise in such plees, to moities, and partyes, can not by the lawe abridge theyr playntes. For remedy whereof, be it enacted, that the plaintife in every assise from hēceforth may at his pleasure seuer & abridge his plaint, of any parte or partes, whereunto any barre is pleaded, in suche like maner, as he or they might do in case the plees in barre had be made & deuided to any certenty or numbre of acres in the plaint, and that the plaint for the residue of the parte or partes of the landes not abridged, shall be, & stand good and effectuall in lawe.

An acte concerninge the sale of landes by executours of the testamentes. Cap. iiij.

WHere diuers sundry persons before this time, hauinge other persōs seased to their vses, of and in landes and other hereditaments to & for the declaratiō of their willes, haue by their laste willes & testamentes willed & declared such their sayd lands, tenements, or other hereditamentes to be solde by their executours, as well to and for the paimentes of their debtes, performance of their legacies necessary, & conuenient findinge of their wiues, vertuous bringinge vp, and aduauncement of theyr children to mariage, as also for other charitable deedes to be done and executed by their executours for the health of their soules. And notwythstanding, such truste and confidence so by them put in their sayd executours, it hath ofte times bene seene, where such last willes and testamentes of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes hath beene declared, and in the same diuers executours named and made, that after ỹ decease of such testatours, some of the same executours willinge to accomplishe the trust and confidence that they were put in by the sayde testatour, haue accepted and taken vpon them the charge of the sayde testamente, and haue beene redy to fullfill and performe all thynges conteined in the same, and the residue of the same executours, vncharitably contrary to the trust that they were put in, haue refused to entermedle in any wyse with the execution of the sayde wyll and testamente, or wyth the sale of suche landes so willed to be solde by the testatour. And for as much as a bargaine and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so wylled by any persōne to be solde by his executours after his decease, after the opinion of diuers persons, can in no wise be good and effectuall in the lawe, vnlesse the same bargayne and sale be made by the hole numbre of the executours, named

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to and for the same: by reason wherof as well the debts of such testatours hath rested, vnpayed and vnsatisfied, to the great daunger and perill of ỳ soules of such testatours, and to the greate hinderance, and many times to the vtter vndoinge of their creditours. As also the legacies and bequestes made by the testatour to his wife, children, & for other charitable dedes to be done for the wealth of ỳ soule of the same testatour, that made the same testament, hath bene also vnperfourmed, aswell to the extreme misery of the wife and children of ỳ sayd testatour, as also to the let of perfourmance of other charitable dedes for the wealth of ỳ soule of the said testatour, to the displeasure of almighty god. For the remedy whereof, be it enacted ordeyned and established by the auctorite of this present parliamēt that where part of the executours named in any such testamēt of any such person so makinge or declaringe any such will of any landes, tenements or other hereditamentes, to be solde by his executours, after the death of any such testatour, do refuse to take vpon him or them the administracion and charge of the same testament and last will, wherin they be so named to be executours, and the residue of ỳ same executours do accepte and take vpō them the cure and charge of the same testament and last wyll: that thā all bargaines and sales of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by the executours of any such testatour, as well hereto fore made, as here after to be made by him or them, onely of the sayde executours that so dothe accepte, or that heretofore hath accepted and taken vppon him or them any such cure or charge of administracion of any such will or testament, shall be as good & as effectuall in the lawe, as yf all the residue of the same executour, named in the sayde testament, so refusynge the administration of the same testamente, had ioyned with hym or them in the makinge of the bargaine, and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by the executours of any such testatour, whyche heretofore hath made or declared, or that hereafter shall make or declare any such will of any such landes, tenements, or other hereditamentes after his decease to be solde by his executours.

Prouided alway, that this act shall not extende to giue power or auctorite to any executour or executours at any time hereafter to bargaine or put to sale any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes by vertue and auctorite of any will or testament heretofore made, otherwise thā they might do by the course of the common lawe afore the making of this act.

¶ An act concernynge probate of testamentes. Cap. v.

WHere in the parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the .xxj. yeare of the reigne of the noble kinge of famous memorye, Edwarde the thirde, vpon the complaint of his people for the outragious and greeuous fines and summes of money taken by the ministers

sters of bysshoppes, and of other ordynaries of holy churche for the probate of testamentes, and for the acquitaunces by the sayd ordinaries to be made concerninge the same, the sayde noble kinge in the same parliament openly charged and commaunded the Archebisshoppe of Caunterbury, and the other bisshoppes for that time being, that amendement therof should be had. And if none amendement were therof had, it was by the auctority of the same parliament accorded, that the king should therof make inquiry by his iustices of such oppressiō and extorcions. And that the same iustices should here and determine them as well at the sute of the kinge as of the party, as of olde time hath bene vsed, as by the same statute playnly appereth. And where at the parliament holden at Westminster in the .3. yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the .v. it was recited, that the commons of the realme had oftentimes complained them in diuers parliaments of that, that diuers ordinaries take for the probation of testamentes and other thynges therunto belongynge, sometime .xl.s. sometime .lx.s. and sometime more agaynste ryght and Justice, where in the time of kinge Edwarde the .iij. men were wonte to pay for such causes but .ii.s. vi.d. or .v.s. at the moste by whiche vnlawfull eractions the testamentes of the testatours might not be executed accordyng to their last willes. It was then enacted for ỹ auoydyng of such oppressions, that no ordinary frō thencefoorth should take for the probation of any testament and inuentorye, or for any other thynges to the same belonging any more than was accustomed and vsed in the time of the sayde noble kinge Edwarde the thyrd, vpon peyne to yelde to the partye so greued three times as much as the sayd ordinaries did so receiue, whiche acte did endure but to the nexte parliament folowing by reason that the ordinaries did than promise to reforme and amend the sayd oppressions and eractions. And for that that the saide vnlawfull eractions of the sayde ordinaries and their ministers be nothynge reformed nor amended, but greately augmented and encreased, against right and Justice, and to the great impouerishinge of the kinges subiectes.

The kinge our souerayne lorde by the assente of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, hath ordeined, established, & enacted, that from the firste day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde. M. D. xxx. that nothinge shalbe demaunded, receyued, nor taken by any Bisshoppe, Ordinary, Archedeaken, chauncellour, commissary, official, nor any other manner of person or persons, what soeuer they be, which nowe haue, or whiche at any time hereafter shall haue auctority or power to take or receiue probation insinuaciō or approbation of testament or testaments by him selfe or thē selues, nor by his or their regesters, scribes, prayers, sommoners, apparatours, or by any other of their Ministers, for the probation, insinuation, and approbation of any testament or testamentes, or for writinge sealinge, praysynge, regestringe, fines, makinge of inuentories, and geuing of acquitaunces, or for any other maner of cause concerninge the same, wher the goods of the testatour

tour of the said testament or person so dyinge, do not amount clerely ouer and aboue the value of C.s. sterlinge, excepte onely to the scribe to haue for writinge of the probate of the testamente of him deceased, whose goodes shall not be aboue the same clere value of C.s. vi.d. and for the commissiō of ministration of the goods of any man dissealynge intestate, not beinge aboue the value of C.s. clere. vi.d. and that neuertheless the bysshop, ordynarye, or other person or persons, hauing power or auctority to take or receyue the probation or approbation of testamentes, refuse not to approue any such testament, being lawfully tendred or offred to them to be proued or approued, whereof the goodes of the testatour or person so dying amount not aboue the value of C.s. sterlinge, so that the sayde testament be exhybited tohym or theym in writynge with ware thereunto affixed redye to be sealed, and that the same testament be lawefully proued before the same ordinary (before the sealinge) to be true, holle, and last testament of the same testatour, in suche fourme as hath beene commonly accustomed in that behalfe.

And whan the goods of the testatour do amounte ouer and aboue the clere value of C s. dooe not exceede the summe of xl, pounde sterlinge: that than no bysshop, ordinary nor other manner of person or persons what soeuer he or they be, nowe hauinge, or whiche hereafter shall haue auctorytye to take probation or approbation of any testament or testamentes, as is afore sayde, by them selues nor any of their sayde regesters, scribes, prayers, sommoners, apparatours, nor any other their ministers for the probation insinuation, and approbation of any testament or testamētes, or for the regesteringe, sealinge, writinge, prayinge, makinge of inuentories, geuinge of acquittaces, fines, or any other thinge cōcerninge the same, shall take or cause to be taken of anye person or persons, but onely .iii.s. vi.d. and not aboue, whereof to be to the sayde bysshop or ordinary, or to other person or persōs, hauinge power and auctority to take the probation or approbation of any testamente or testamentes, for hym and hys ministers .ii.s. vi.d. and not aboue, and .xii.d. residue of the sayd .three shillinges. vi.d. to be to the scribe for the regestring of the same. And where the goods of the testatour or person or persons so dyinge, dooe amounte ouer and aboue the cleare value of xl. pounde sterlinge, that than the bisshoppe nor ordinarye, nor other person or persons, nowe hauinge or whyche hereafter shall haue auctority or power to take probate of testamentes, as is afore sayde eyther hym or them selues nor anye of hys or their sayde regesters, scribes, prayers, sommoners, apparatours, or anye other their ministers, for the probation, insinuation, and approbation of any testamente or testamentes, or for the regestringe sealynge, writinge, prayinge, makinge of inuentories, fines, geuinge of acquytaunces, or anye thynge concernynge the same probate of testamente, shall from the sayde fyrst day of Aprill take or cause to be taken of any person or persons, but onely .x.s. and not aboue, whereof to be to the sayde bysshoppe, ordinary, or other person hauinge power to take the probation of

ſuch teſtament or teſtamentes for him and his miniſters.ii.s.vi.d. and not aboue and .ii.s.vi.d. reſidue of the ſaid.v.s. to be to the ſcribe for regeſtring of the ſame or elſ ẏ ſame ſcribe to be at hys lyberty to refuſe thoſe.ij.s.vj.d. and to demaunde and haue for writting of euery tenne lines of the ſame teſtament, wherof euery line to conteine in lẽgth.x.inches.j.d. And that euery ſuche biſhoppe or ordinarye, and other perſon or perſons, ſo haunge or which hereafter ſhal haue auctority or power to take or receiue the probation or approbation of any teſtament or teſtamentes, as is aboueſaid, their regeſters, ſcribes, & miniſters, ſhall approue, inſinuate, ſeale, and regeſter, from time to time the ſayd teſtamẽtes, and deliuer the ſame ſeale, with the ſeale of their office to the executour or executours named in any ſuch teſtamentes, for the ſayde ſume or ſummes aboueſayd, as in maner and fourme, as is aboue reherſed, to deliuer it with conuenient ſpeed, without any fruſtratory delay. And in caſe any perſon die inteſtate, or that the executours named in any ſuche teſtamentes, refuſe to proue the ſayd teſtament: than ẏ ſayd ordinary or other perſon or perſons, hauinge auctoritye to take probate of teſtamentes, as is aboueſayde, ſhall graunte the adminiſtration of the goodes of the teſtatour or perſon deceaſed to the widowe of the ſame perſõ deceaſed, or to the nerte of hys kynne, or to bothe, as by diſcretion of the ſame ordinarye ſhall be thoughte good, takinge ſuretye of him or them, to whom ſhalbe made ſuche commiſſion for true adminiſtratiõ of the goods, cattels, and debtes, which he or they ſhalbe ſo auctoriſed to miniſter. And in caſe where diuers perſons claime the adminiſtration as nerte of kinne, which be egall in degree of kinred to the teſtatour or perſon deceaſed, and where any perſon onely deſireth the adminiſtration as nerte of kin, where in dede diuers perſons be in equalitye of kinred, as is afore ſayde: Than in euery ſuch caſe the ordinary to be at his election and liberty to accepte any one or mo making requeſt, where diuers do require the adminyſtration. Or where but one or more of them, and not all beinge in equality of degres doe make requeſte, than the ordinarye to admitte the widowe and him or them onely makinge requeſte, or any one of them at his pleaſure, takynge nothing for the ſame, onleſſe the goodes of the perſon ſo deceaſed, amount aboue the value or ſumme of C.s. And in caſe the goodes of the perſon ſo deceaſed amounte aboue the value of C.s. and not aboue the value or ſumme of.cl.li. than the ſayd byſhoppe, ordinary, or other perſon or perſons, ſo haunge auctorytye to take probate of teſtamentes, as is afore ſayde their miniſters and officers, ſhall take onely twoo ſhillinges fyre pence ſterlinge and not aboue, and that the executour and executours named by the teſtatour or perſon ſo deceaſed, or ſuch other perſon or perſõs, to whom ſuch adminiſtration ſhall be committed, where any perſon dyeth inteſtate or by way of inteſtate, callinge or takynge to hym or theym ſuch perſon or perſons, twoo at the leaſt, to whom the ſayde perſon ſo dyinge was indebted, or made any legacie, and vppon their refuſell or abſence, twoo other honeſt perſonnes beynge nerte of kynne to the perſonne ſo dyinge, and

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in their defaute or absence .ii other honest persones and in their presence, and by their discrecions shal make or cause to be made a trew and perfite inuentorie of al the goodes, cattels, wares, marchandices, as wel mouable as not mouable, what soeuer that were of the sayde persone so deceased, and the same shall cause to be indented whereof the one parte shalbe by the sayd executour or executoures, administratour or administratoures, vpon his or their othe or othes to be taken before the sayde bishoppes, ordynaries their officials, or commissaries or other persones hauynge power to take probate of testamentes vpō the holy Euangelist to be good and true and the same one parte endented shal present and deliuer into the keppynge of the sayde byshopps ordinarye or ordinaryes, or other persone hauynge power to take probate of testamentes & the other parte therof to remaine with ẏ sayd executour or executoures administratour or administratoures and that no byshoppe, ordinarie or other whatsoeuer persone hauinge auctoritye to take probate of testament or testamentes, as is aboue sayde, vpon the peyne in this statute hereafter contayned refuse to take any such inuentorie or inuentoryes to him or thē presented or tended to be deliuered as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouided alwaies that if the persō so deceased, will by his testamēt or last will, any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, to be solde, that the money thereof comming nor the profites of the said landes, for any time to be taken shall not be accompted as any of the goodes or cattals of the said person so deceased and that the same bishoppe, ordinary, or other person or persons, hauinge auctoritye to take probate of testament or testamētes as is aforesaid vpon the deliuerie of the seale & signe of the testatour, do cause the same seale to bee defaced, and there vpon incontinente deliuer the same seale vnto ẏ sayd executour or executoures without claime or chalēg there vnto to be made. And in case any person or persōs at any tyme hereafer requyre a copy or copies of the sayd testamentes so proued, or of the sayde inuentory so made, that than the sayde ordinary or ordinaries, and the other persons hauing auctoritie to take probate of testamētes, or their ministers shal from tyme to time with conueniēt spede, without any frustratory delaye, delyuer or cause to bee deliuered a trewe coppe or coppes of the same, to the sayde person or persons so demaunding them or any of them, taking for the serche and for the makinge of the coppe of eyther of the sayde testamente or inuentorie, but onely suche fee as is before rehersed, for the regestringe of the sayde testament, or elles the scribe or regester to bee at his election and libertie to demaūd haue and take for euery ten lynes therof beinge of the propozcion before rehersed i.d.

Prouided alwaye that where any persone or personnes hauinge power or auctoritye to take probate of testamentes, haue vsed to take lesse summes of money than is aboue sayde for probate of testamentes or cōmissions of administratours, or other cause concerning the same, shal take and receiue such summe or summes of money for the probate of testamentes and com-

missions of the administratours and other causes concerning the same as they before the making of this act haue vsed to take, and not a boue.

¶ And it is enacted that euerye bysshoppe, ordinarye archedeaken chauncellour, commissary, official, and other person and persones, hauing, or the which hereafter shall haue auctoritye to take probate of testaments, their regesters, scribes, praisers, summoners, apparatours, and all other theyr ministers, whatsoeuer they be that shall dooe or attempte, or cause to bee done and attempted agaynst this acte or ordinaunce in any thinge shall forfait and lose for euerie time so offending to the partie greued in that behalf so muche money as any suche person abouesayde shal take contrary to this present acte. And ouer that shall lose and forfait.x. pounde sterling whereof the one moytye shallbee to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytye to the partye greeued in that behalfe that wil sue by action of dette byl informacion or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes for the recouerie of the same, in which action no essoyne protectiō nor wager of law shal be admitted or allowed. And that euery of the same bisshoppes, and other persons which shall here after incurre or fall into the daunger of suche penaltye or forfaiture shalbe charged onely for hym selfe. And none of them to be chargeable to that penaltye for others offence.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this present acte bee not preiudiciall to any ordynarye or other personne which now haue or hereafter shall haue auctoritie for probate of testamentes but that euery of them shall and maye conuent before them all and euery person or persons made and named executour or executours of any testamente, to thentente to proue or refuse the testamēt or testamētes of their testatour or testatoures and to bringe in inuentories, & to doe euerye other thing concerning the same as they might do before ỹ making of this acte, so that alwayes any suche ordinarie, or other personne or persons hauing suche auctoritie by them selfe their commissaries scribes, regesters, or other mynisters aforesayde, shall not in any wise take for the same aboue the fees limitted by this act ne in any wise attempt any thing contrary to any parte of the same acte.

An acte concerning takynge of mortuaries, Cap. vi.

FOr as much as question ambiguitye and doubte is chaunced and risen vpon the order maner and fourme of demaunding receiuinge, and claymynge of Mortuaries, other wise called Corse presentes, as wel for the greatnes and value of the same which as hath latelie bene taken, is thoughte ouer excessiue to the poore people and other personnes of this realme, as also for that suche mortuaries or Course presentes haue bene demaunded and leuied for such as at the time of their death haue had no propertie in any goodes or cattels And many times for trauaillinge and waifairing men in the places where they

they haue fortuned to die to thentente that all doubte, contencion and incertaintie, herein may be remoued, and as wel the generalitie of the kinges people therein remedied as also the personnes vicars, parishe prieſtes, curates and other hauinge interest in ſuche mortuaries and corſe preſentes indifferently prouided for.

¶ Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by the kynge our ſouerayne lorde and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this parliament aſſembled and by auctoritie of the ſame that from the firſt daye of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xxx. no perſon vicar, curate, or pariſhe prieſte ne any other ſpirituall perſone nor their fermours baylliffes, nor leſſes ſhall take, receiue or demaunde of any perſonne or perſonnes within this realme for any perſonne or perſonnes dying within the ſame, any maner mortuarie or corſe preſēt ne any ſumme or ſummes of money ne any other thing for the ſame more than is herafter mencioned.

Ne alſo ſhall cōuent or call any perſon or perſones before any iudge ſpirituall for the recouery of any ſuche mortuaries or corſe preſentes, or anye other thing for the ſame more than is herafter mencioned, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery tyme ſo demaundynge, receiuinge, takynge, conuentyng, or callinge any ſuche perſonne or perſonnes, before any ſpirituall iudge, ſo much in value as they ſhal take aboue the ſumme limitted by this act. And ouer that .xl.s. to the partie greued contrary to this acte for the which forfaiture the partie ſo greued contrary to this acte, ſhall haue an action of dette by writte byll, playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of law. eſſoyne, nor protection ſhallbe allowed.

Firſt it is ordayned, eſtabliſhed and enacted, that no maner mortuarye ſhalbe taken or demaunded of any perſon whatſoeuer he be, whiche at the tyme of his death hath in mouable goodes vnder the value of .x. marke. Alſo that no mortuarie ſhalbe geuen or demaunded from henſforth of any maner perſonne. but onely in ſuche place where hertofore mortuaries haue bene vſed to be payd and geuen and in thoſe places none other wiſe but after the rate and fourme herafter mencioned. Ne that any perſon paie mortuaries in more places than one, that is to ſaye, in the place of their moſte dwellinge and habitacion, and there but one mortuarie. Nor no perſon vicar, curate, pariſhe prieſt, or other ſhal for any perſone dienge or dead, and being at the time of his death of the value in mouable goodes, of .x. markes or more clerely, aboue his dettes payed and vnder the ſumme of .xxx. pound take for a mortuarye. iii. s. iiii. d. in the holle. And for a perſonne dienge or dead being at the tyme of his deathe of the value of .xxx. pounde or aboue, clerely aboue his dettes payde in mouable goodes and vnder the value of .xl. pound there ſhall no more be taken or demaunded for a mortuarie than vi. s. viii. d. in the holle: and for any perſonne dienge or dead hauinge at the time of his deathe, of the value in mouable goodes of .xl. pound or aboue to any ſumme whatſoeuer it be, clerely aboue his dettes payde, there ſhalbee no more taken, payed, or demaunded, for a mortuarie than .x. s. in the hole.

Prouided alway that for no woman beynge couert baron nor child, ne for any persionne not kepyng house, any maner mortuarie be payed ne that any persionne, vycar curate, parishe preist, or other, aske, demaunde or take for any suche woman childe or for any persionne not kepinge house, dyenge or dead, any maner thinge or money by way of mortuarye ne also for anye wayfayring man, or other that dwelleth not ne maketh residēs in ỹ place where they shal happen to die, but that the mortuarie of suche wayfarynge persionnes, be answerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payed, and in maner and fourme and after the rate before mencioned, and none otherwise, in the place or places where suche wayfaryng persons, at the tyme of their deathe had their moste habitacion, house, and dwellinge places, and no where els.

Prouyded alway that it shallbe lefull to all maner persones, vicars, curates, parishe priestes, and other spirituall persionnes, to take and receiue any maner summe of money, or other thynge whiche by any persionne dyynge shall fortune to be disposed geuen, or bequethed vnto them, or any of them, or to the highe aulter of the churche. This acte or any thynge therin mencioned notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde that no mortuaries nor corse presentes, ne any summe or summes of money or other thinge, for any mortuarye or corse present shalbe demaunded taken, receiued or hadde in the parties of wales, nor in the marches of the same, nor in the townes of Caleis or Berwike nor the marches of the same but onely in suche parties & places of wales marches and townes aforesaid, where mortuaryes haue bene accustomed to be take̅ and payed. And in those parties and places no mortuaries nor corse presentes, nor any other thinge for mortuarie or corse present from henceforthe shalbee demaunded, taken, receyued, or hadde, but onely after the fourme order and maner aboue specifyed in this present acte and none otherwise ne of any other person or persons, than is limitted by this present acte, vpon the peine aboue contayned in this present acte.

Prouided also that it shalbe lefull to the bisshoppes of Bangour, Landaffe, sayncte Dauids, and sayncte Asse, and likewise to the archedeacon of Chester, to take suche mortuaries of the priestes within their dioces and visitations, as heretofore haue bene accustomed.

Prouided also that in such places where mortuaryes haue bene accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is aforesayde, that noe persionne shallbe compelled to paye, in anye suche place any other mortuarye or more for any mortuarie than hath bene accustomed, ne that any mortuarye in suche place shalbe demaunded, taken receiued, or had, of any person or persionnes exempte by this acte, nor in any wise contrarye to this acte vpon the peyne afore limitted.

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An act against seruauntes imbesillinge their maysters goodes. Cap. viii.

Whereas before this tyme diuers, as well noble men, as other the kynges subiectes haue vppon confidence & trust deliuered vnto their seruantes their caskets and other iewels, money, goods and catteis safely to kepe to the vse of their sayd maysters or mistresses, and after such deliuery the sayd seruauntes haue withdrawen thē selfe and gone away from their sayd maisters or maistresses with the said caskettes, iewels, mony, goodes and catteis, or parte therof to thentent to steale the same and defraud their said maisters or maistresses thereof, & somtime being with their saide maisters and maistresses haue conuerted the sayd iewels money, & other catteis, or parte thereof to theyr owne vse, which misbehauiour so done was doubtfull in ẏ common law whether it were felonie or not. And by reason therof ẏ forsaid seruaūtes haue bene in great boldnes to cōmit such or like offēces. Be it therfore enacted ordained, & established, by ẏ kinge our soueraigne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cōmons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same that all and singular such seruauntes, to whom any such caskettes, iewels money goodes or catteis by his or their sayd maysters or maistresses shall from henceforthe so be deliuered to kepe ẏ if any such seruaunt or seruaūtes withdraw him or them frō their said maysters or maistresses & goe away with the said caskettes iewels, money, goodes or catteis or any parte therof to the entent to steale the same and defraude his or their sayd maysters or maistresses therof cōtrary to the trust & confidēce to him or them put by his or their sayd maysters and mistresses, or els beinge in the seruice of his said maister or maystresse without assent or cōmaundement of his maister or maystres he imbesell the same caskettes, iewels, money goodes or catteis or any parte thereof or otherwise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to steie it that if the sayd caskettes iewels, money, goodes or cattalles that any such seruaunt shall so go away with, or which he shall imbesell with purpose to steale it, as is afore sayde be of the value of xl.s. or aboue. That than the same false fraudulent and vntrew act and demenour from henceforth shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And he or they so offendinge to be punished as other felons be punished for felonyes committed by the course of the common law.

Prouided alway that this acte or any thing therin contained shal not in any wise extend or be preiudicial to any apprētice or apprētises nor any perso̅ within ẏ age of xxiii yeres going away with his or their maisters goodes, iewels or otherwise conuerting the same to his or their owne vses, during the time of their apprentishipp or being within the same age of xxiii yeres, but that euery apprentyce or apprentices suche person or persones being within the said age doing or offending contrary to this presēt act shall be and stande in like case as they and euery of them were before, ẏ making of this act the same acte to continue and endure vnto the next parliament.

An act against killing of Calues Cap. viii.

FOr as much as of olde tyme great multitude of cattell was yerely increased by weaning, bringinge vp, and rearinge of calues through out this realme, wherby the numbre of oxen kine, and steres wear in such aboundance & plentie that befe and all other vittell was than goode cheape, and solde to ỳ kinges subiectes at reasonable pens worthes and prices, vntil now of late yeres passed that ỳ breders of such calues of their conetous mindes haue vsed to sel their calues yong sucking to bouchers, weining, rearing, and bringing vp few or none, wherby the encrease of old cattel & also the encrease that should or might haue comme or growen of the same is maruailously minished & decreased in such wise ỳ great derth of cattail and other vitaile hath and doeth daylye spring, grow, continue and aryse, through out this realme, not onely to the great enhaunsynge of the prises of beffes and all maner vittaill, but also to the greate minishing and empairynge, of good hospitalitie and extreme vndoinge of the kynges poore and nedy subiectes within the same, which in conuenience and great scarcitye is like to ensue & encreace more and more, if spedye remedye bee not prouided in that behalfe.

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same, that no maner of person or persons beyng bouchers or other, inhabitynge with in this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, shal from the first day of Januarye next comynge during three whole yeres than next folowynge kyll or cause to be killed any maner yong sucklinge calfe or calues to be solde or put to sale to any persons or personnes, hole or by retaile, which calfe or calues hereafter to bee killed, shall happen to fall or to be calued betweene the sayde first day of Januarye and the first day of Maye in any of the sayde iii. hole yeres vppon peyne of .vi.s.viii.d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betweene the sayd dayes and killed and put to sale contrary to this acte to bee paied and forfaited by euery such boucher or bouchers, which shall kill or cause to be killed or put to sale any suche calfe or calues, so fallynge and to bee calued betweene the sayde first daye of Januarye, and the sayde first daye of Maye durynge the sayd thre yeres. The one halfe of euery suche forfaiture to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to the partie that will sue for the same by bill action of dett or information in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of law, ne yet no protection shal be allowed.

Prouided alwayes that euery lorde maryner haue the forfaites, mofures, and aduantages onely of euery such offender & offenders, against the preuisyng of this acte with in their seignoryes, libertyes, fraunchesses or pall

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An act limitting the price of hattes and cappes brought from beyond the sea. Ca. xi.

THe king our soueraigne lord by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritye of the same, hath ordained, established, and enacted, for the common welthe of the subiectes of this his realme that no maner person nor personnes whatsoeuer he or thei be, from the feast of the Purification of out lady next coming do sell or cause to be sold with in this realme to any person or personnes, any wollen hattes or bonetes, or wollen hatte or cappe, made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of England, in any of the partyes of beyonde the sea, ouer or aboue the pryses vnder writen, that is to say, no suche cappe or bonet to be solde aboue the summe of .xi.s. sterlynge, and no such hatte to be sold aboue the summe of .x.s. and no suche single crowned cappe nor single nightcappe to bee solde aboue the summe of .vi.d. vppon payne to forfaite for euery suche bonette, cappe or hatte, at any tyme after the sayd feast to be sold ouer the pryse aboue sayde, contrary to the tenour of this acte .xl.s. sterling, all which forfaiture shall extend onely to the losse of the seller or sellers thereof, and to none other, the one halfe thereof to be leuied and recouered to the vse of our sayd soueraigne lorde and the other halfe to the partye that will sue for y same in any of our soueraigne lorde y kinges courtes by actiō of dette, bil, informaciō or otherwise, in which actiō or sute no protectiō, wager of law, nor essoyne, shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aboue said that euery person or personnes, bynge or weating any suche bonette, cappe, or hatt, made out of this realme, may lawfully at all tymes hereafter vse weare and detaine any suche bonette, cappe, or hatte, cappes, or hattes, without seisure of the same or any daunger losse or other forfaiture, or penaltye, to be hadde or suffered for the same. Any matter, clause or other thinge contained or expressed in this present act or actes heretofore made to the contrarye not withstanding.

An acte against carrying out of bralle laten, and coper. Cap. xi.

FOr as muche as ther is no mine of mettall of copper, within this realme of Englande founde nor hadde, where sufficyente copper may be gathered for the vse of the kinge our soueraigne lorde and for the people of this realme, and also for as muche as diuers mines of copper in the parties of beyonde the sea, be now lately minished and decayed, by reason whereof the pryse of copper is greatly risen as well in the parties of beyonde the sea as in this realme of the which copper diuers mettals mixed be made as well laten, of the which

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the founders make diuers vessels, instrumentes and other necessarie thinges, as also panne mettal, brasse mettal, gonn mettal, and bellmettal, made and wrought by diuers artificers within this realme, which bee now also at a great price and also where dyuers within this realme of late haue caried and conueied, and daylye vse to carie and conuey into the parties of beyonde the sea, much latten, brasse, and suche mettall, mixed aswell in olde panne mettall, and broken vessels, and instrumentes, as in mettall shrofte and other thinges, not only to the great hurte of our soueraigne lorde the kynge, in lackinge mettall to make and furnishe his ordinaunce: but also to the greate hurte and decay of al such artificers which vse to worke any such mettall and to the hurte of all the kinges lyege people, not withstãding that a redresse was communed by the kynge our soueraigne lorde and the lordes of his honorable counsaile in Ester terme last past tithẽ whiche time muche of the sayde metal hath beene conueighed.

¶ Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliament, that no person or persons, from henseforth do conuey or carie any suche mettall whether it be clene or mixed to any porte, hauen place, or creke, of this his realme, in any ship, vessel, or boate, to bee caryed or conueied into any parte beyonde the sea vppon peine of forfaiture of all the sayd mettall, in whose handes soeuer they be founde or the value of the same, the one moitie of the sayd forfaiture to be to our soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other moity to the vse of him that shal take or find the same forfaiture. This acte to continue vnto the nexte parliament.

An acte for restitucion of goodes felonously stollen. Cap. xi.

BE it enacted by this present parliamẽt, that if any felon or felons hereafter do rob or take away any money goodes or cattels, from any of the kinges subiectes from their person or otherwise within this realme: & thereof the said felon or felons, be indyted, & after arrayned of the same felonie, and found guilty therof, or otherwise attainted by reason of euidence geuen by the partie, so robbed or owner of the said money goodes, or cattels or by any other by their procurement that than the partie so robbed or owner shalbe restored to his said money, goods and cattels and that as well the Justices of gaole deliuerye as other Justices, afore whom any such felon or felons shallbe found guilie or otherwise attainted by reason of euidence geuen by the partye so robbed, or owner, or by any other by their procuremente, haue power by this presente acte to awarde from tyme to time writtes of restitucion for the sayde mony, goodes, and cattels, in lyke maner as thoughe any suche felon or felons were attainted at the suite of the partie in appeale.

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An acte for trew making of cables, halsers and ropes. Ca. xii.

MOste humbly beseching your highnes, the bailiffes, burgesses, and other the inhabitauntes of your towne and borough of Burpoyte within your countie of Dorset, that where they out of tyme that no mans mynd is to the contrary haue vsed, & exercysed to make within the same, the moste parte of all the great cables halsers, ropes and all other tabelynge as well for your royall shippes and nauye as for the moste parte of all other shippes within this realme, by reason whereof your sayde towne was right well maintained and inhabited, your highnes and your subiectes ryghte well serued, vntyll nowe of late many dyuers and euell dysposed persons entendinge the destruction of your sayd towne for their priuate lucre and aduauntage haue withdrawen them selfe into the countrie in diuers places, there taking fermes and vsinge husbandrye out of the sayde towne, and also dayly resorte to your sayde towne to bye and prouide hempe and therof make cables, ropes halsers, traces, halters and other tacle whiche cables, ropes, halsers, traces, halters and other tacle beene by the saide persons sleightly and deceiuably made by reason whereof not onely the byers of ỳ same bene continually therby deceiued but also the prices of the sayd cables, halsers, traces halters and other tacle thereby greatlye enhaunsed and your sayde towne or borought by meane therof is lyke vtterly to bee decayed, ruined and dissolated, if spedye remedy be not by your hyghnes in that case prouided

Be it therfore enacted by your highnesse, by the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, that no maner person or persones dwellinge or inhabitinge within the distaunce of fiue myles from the sayde towne or borough of Burpoyte shall from henceforthe sell or cause to bee solde out of the market, holden, and to be holden within the same towne or borough of Burpoyte to any personne or personnes, any hempe, which shal happen to growe within the sayd fiue miles in distaunce from the sayde towne, or borroughe. vpon peine of forfaiture of the sayde hempe so solde or to be sold in any place or places within the distaunce of the said fiue miles out of the sayde towne borough or market contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritye aboue saide that no personne nor personnes, other than suche as shall dwell and be inhabitauntes within the sayde towne shall make after the feast of Ester next commyng out of the sayde towne any cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within the sayde distaunce of fiue miles from the sayde towne, vppon peyne of forfaiture of the sayde cables halsers, ropes, traces halters and other tacle made and to be made contrarye to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of euery

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such forfaitures, as wel for the hempe so solde or to be solde out of the said towne borough & market, contrary to the fourm aforesaid as also the sayd cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle made out of the said towne contrary to this statute, to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by action of dett, bill, or information, wherin neither wager of law, essoyne, nor protection shalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that twenty poundes weight shallbe accompt d to the stone.

¶ Prouided also, that euery person dwellinge within the sayd distaunce, may make cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle for their owne vse and occupacions, but in no wise against this acte. This acte to endure vnto the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte against pluralitye of benefices for takinge of fermes by spirituall men and for residens. Cap. viii.

FOr the more quiete and vertuous increase, and mayntenaunce of diuyne seruice the preachinge and teachynge, the word of god, which godly and good example geuing the better discharge of curates, the mayntenaunce of hospitalitye, the relefe of poore people, the encrease of deuocion & good opinion of the lay fee towardes the spirituall persones: Be it enacted, ordayned, and establyshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same, that no spirituall person, secular or regular of what degree soeuer he or they be shall frō henceforth take to ferme to him selfe or to any person or persons to his vse of the lease or graunte of y kinge our soueraygne lord nor of any other person or persones, by letters patentes indentures, writinges, by worde or otherwise by any maner of meanes any manoures, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes for terme of lyfe, for terme of yers, or at will, vppon peyne to forfaite tenne pound for euery moneth that he or any other to his vse shall occupie any such ferme by reason of any such lease or graunt hereafter to be made. The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord and the other halfe thereof to euery such person as will sue for the same, by originall writte, bill or playnt of dette or by any information in anye of the kynges courtes: in whiche action and sute no wager of lawe shallbee admitted for the defendaunte, nor any essoyne, or protection alowed.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that all and euery such spirituall personne or personnes, which now haue or occuppe in ferme bye them selfe or by any other to their vse, any manoures landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, of the lesse or graunte of the king our soueraigne lord, or

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any other person or persones for terme of lyfe or for yeres, or at will by any writing or otherwise or that now haue any annual rentes, or other annual aduauntage or profet by occasion or colour of any suche lesse or ferme shall clerelye bargaine, sell, geue or graunt away one this syde the feast of saint Mighell the archangell next commynge to any suche laye personne, or persons as they will at their owne nominacions and appoyntmene, all suche lesse, terme interest, and profite as any such spirituall person or any other to his vse now hathe or haue, in, or by reason of any suche ferme: so that in no wise any such spirituall person or persones at any tyme after the same feast by thē selfe or any other to their vse by any maner of meanes, fraud or male engine shal haue, vse, or occupy in ferme any manours, landes tenemētes or hereditamentes, of the demise, lesse, or graunt of any person or persones heretofore made or hereafter to be made to thē selfe or to ani other to their vses: nor from the sayd feast shall take any annuall rente or other annuall aduauntage or profite by occasion or colour of any such lessee, or ferme, by any maner of meanes vppon peyne to forfaite for euery moneth so occupying any such farme, at any tyme after the sayde feast contrary to this present acte, tenne pounde, and vpon peyn to forfait tenne times as much as any such spirituall person or any to his vse, shall take in any annuall rente, aduauntage or profite, by occasion or colour of any suche lesse, at any tyme after the sayde feaste. The one halfe of whiche forfaitures to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde and the other halfe to him that will sew for the same by originall writte, byll or plainte of Dette or by informacion in any of the kynges Courtes, in whiche actyon and suyte noe wager of lawe shall bee admytted for the defendaunte, nor any Essoyne, or protectyon allowed.

And be it also enacted that all such leasses made or hereaffer to be made, vnto any suche spirytuall person or persons, or to any other to theyr vse for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres or at will of any manoures, landes tenementes or hereditamentes whereof they or any of them shall take any profyte, or medlinge by them selfe or by any of their vse after the said feast of saincte Mighell by colour of any suche lesse or graunte, and none by them bargained graunted, and solde awaye before the sayde feast as is before limitted, shall from thensforth be vtterly voyde and of none effecte, as well against the lessour or lessours, grauntour or grauntoures their heires and assignes and against euery of them as against the, lessee or lessees, and their executoures and assignes, and euery of them.

Prouided alway that this present act shall not extende to any spirituall person or persones, in and for taking to ferme any temporalityes, durynge the tyme of vacacions of any archebishoprikes, bysshoprikes, abbeys, pryories or other collegiall cathedrall or conuentuall churches, nor to any spyrituall person or persons that shal tende or make any trauers vpon any offices or office concerning his or their freeholde.

And be it also enacted by the auctorityе aforesayd, that no spirituall person

son or persones secular or regular, of what estate or degree so euer they be, shall from hensefor the by him selfe nor by any other for him, nor to his vse bargaine and by to sell agame for any lucre, gaine, or profite, in any markettes, faires, or other places, any maner of cattells, corne, leade, tinne, hydes, lether, tallow, fisshe, wolle, wodde or any maner of vitaile, or marchaundise, what kynde soeuer they be of, vppon peine to forfaite treble the value of euery thinge by them, or by any to their vse bargained and bought to sell againe contrary to this present act. And that euery such bargaine & contract hereafter to be made by them or by any to their vse contrarye to this act, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect. And the one halfe of euerye suche forfaiture to be to the kinge our soneraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by original writte of dette bil plaint. or informacion. in any of the kynges courtes. In which action or sute no wager of lawe for the defendaunte shall be admitted, nor any essoyne, nor protection alowed.

¶ Prouided alway that if any suche spirituall personne or persones, shal happen hereafter without fraude or couyne to bye any horses, mares, or mewles to the onely intent to occuppe for hym selfe, or his seruauntes, to ride to and fro, vpō his necessarie businesse, or any other cattals or goodes to the onely intente and purpose at the bying thereof to be employed & put in and aboute his necessarie apparell of his owne house, or of his person, & seruauntes, or in for and about the onely occupiynge, manuring or tyllage of his owne glebe or demeane landes annexed to his churche, or for the necessarie expences of his owne householde keppyng. And after the biynge of any such horses, cattales, or goodes, or exercise of them or any of them happeneth to mislike any of them that they should not be good, profitable nor conueniente for any of the purposes aboue sayde for the which they were bought: that than euery suche spirituall personne or persones may lawfully bargaine and put awaye suche thinges so by hym bought, without fraude or couin for any of the purposes abouesayde at his pleasure and aduantage this acte or any thing therin contained notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that al abbottes, priours, abesses, prioresses, pronostes, presidentes, maysters of colleges and hospitalles and all other spirituall gouernoures and gouernesses of any spirituall monasteries or houses of religiō by what name or names soeuer they be called hauing manours landes, and tenementes, hereditamentes, and other yerely profittes in the right of their monasteryes or houses of the yerely value of. viii. C. markes or vnder, & not aboue, may vse and occupie as much and as many of their demeane landes, fee fermes, and fermes to their most aduauntage, commoditye and profit to and for the onely mayntenaunce of their householdes, and hospytalyties in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or their predecessours, or the predecessoures, of any of them, at any tyme by the space of one. C. peres last past, before the makynge of this acte haue done, vsed and occupied: Any thing in this presente acte to the contrari

trary notwithstandinge.

¶Prouided also, that euery other spirituall personne and personnes, not hauynge sufficyente glebe or demayne landes in their owne handes, in the tyghte of theyr churches, monasteries, and howses for pasturage of cattels or for increase of cornes, to and for the onelye expences of their households, or for theyr carpages and iourneys, maye take in ferme other landes and by and sell corne and cattell for the onely manuraunce, tyllage, and pasturage of suche fermes so that the increase thereof bee allwayes employed, and put to, and for the onely expenses in theyr householdes and hospitalyties, and not in any wise to bye and selle agayne, for any other commoditye, lucre or aduauntage any corne or cattelle, renewynge commynge, or growynge in and vppon anye suche ferme or otherwyse but onelye the remayne and ouer plus aboute theyre expenses of theyre householdes, If any suche shall happen to the breede and Encreases thereof, with oute fraude or couin: Any thing in this present acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶And bee it enacted by the auctorityе aforesayde that if any personne or personnes hauynge one benefyce with cure of soule being of the yerely value of .viii. pounde or aboue accept and take any other wyth cure of soule, and be instituted and inducted in possession of the same that than and immedyatelye after suche possession hadde therof, the fyrste benefice shallbe adiudged in the law to bee voyde. And that it shallbee lawfull to euery patron hauing the aduouson thereof to present an other and the presentee to haue the benefite of the same in such like maner and fourme as though the incumbente had dyed or resigned, any licence, vnion or dispensacion to the contrary hereof obtained notwithstanding.

And that euery suche lycence, vnyon or dispensacion had or hereafter to be obtayned contrary to this present acte of what name or names qualitie or qualities soeuer they be, shallbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And if any personne or personns at any tyme after the first day of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god. M.v.C.xxx. contrarye to this presente acte, procure and obtayne at the courte of Rome or els where any lycence or lycences vnyon tolleracion or dispensacion to receyue and take anye more benefyces with cure than is aboue limitted or els at any tyme after the sayd daye putte in execucion any such lycence tolleracion, or dispensacion before that obtained contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person or persones so after the sayd daye suinge for him selfe, or receyuinge and takynge such benefyce by force of suche licence or lycences vnion tollerac.on or dispensacion that is to say the same person or personnes onely and none other shall for euery such defaulte Incurre the daunger peyne and penaltye of .xx.li. sterlynge And also lose the hole profites of euery suche benefyce or benefices as he receiueth or taketh by force of any suche lycence or lycenses vnyon tolleracion or dyspensacion. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to bee to kynge our souerayngne lorde and the other halfe thereof to hym that will sue for

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the same by originall writte, bill playnte of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, in which accion and sute no wager of lawe essoyne, or protection for the defendant shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouyded alwayes that this acte concernynge the not kepynge of moe benefices with cure of soule than one extende ne be preiudicial to any personne or persones, which at any time before the said first daye of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. and .xxx. shal bee really intitled or possessed of anye such benefices with cure of soule, as concernynge or touchynge any of the same benefices, whereof they shal than be al redy really intitled or possessed before the sayd daye to or vnder ỹ numbre of .iiii. and not aboue and if any suche spirituall persone or persones so beyng intitled or possessed of mo benefices with cure of soule than .iiii. do not by the sayd first day of Aprill clerely and without perely pencion resigne or otherwyse geue vp all and euery such benefices and benefice as he shal be so entitled and possessed of aboue the sayde numbre that than it shal be lefull for euery patron hauing the aduouson of any suche benefice ouer the numbre aforesayde, to presente an other, and the presentee to haue the benefite of the same in like maner and forme, as thoughe it had ben voyde by death or resignacion of the incumbent any lycens, vnion, or other dispensacion to ỹ contrary herof obtayned notwithstandinge. And this clause of presentacion to be taken & vnderstanden and of suche benefyces with cure of soule, as were geuen to any such spirituall person after the sayd numbre of .iiii. benefices with cure furnished and fulfilled.

Prouided also that all spirituall men now beynge or whiche hereafter shalbe of the kynges counsayle, maye purchase lycence or dispensacion and take, receiue and kepe thre personages or benefices with cure of soule, and that all other beynge the kynges chapleynes, and not swoorne of his counsayle, the chapleynes of the queene, prince or princesse, or of any the kynges children, bretherne, sisters, vncles or auntes maye semblablye purchase lycence or dyspensacyon and receyue and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule. And in lykewyse that euery archbishoppe and duke may haue .vi. chapleyns whereof euery one shal and may purchace licence, or dyspensacyon and take, receyue and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule and that euery marques and erle maye haue fiue chapleynes whereof euery one may purchase licence or dispensacion, and take receyue and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euery viscounte and other bisshoppe may haue foure chaplaynes whereof euery one may purchase licence, and receyue, haue and kepe .ii. personages or benefices with cure of soule as is aforesayd. And that the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beynge, and euery baron and knyght of the Garter may haue thre chapleines whereof euery one shal now purchace licence or dispensacion & receiue, haue and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euerye Duches, marques, Countesse and baronesse, beynge wydowes, may haue .ii. chaplaynes whereof euery one of

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theim maye purchase lycence or dispensation to receyue, haue, and kepe two benefices withe cure of soule, and that the tresourer and comptroller of the kinges house the kinges secretarie and Deane of his chapell the kinges amner, and ỳ mayster of the rolles may haue euery of them two chapleynes, and the chiefe Justices of the kynges benche one chapleyne. And the wardeyn of the fiue portes for the tyme beynge one chapleine whereof euery one may purchace licence and, receiue haue, and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that the brethern and sunnes of all temporall lordes whiche are borne in wedlocke may euery of thē purchase licence or dispensacyon, and receiue haue and kepe, as many personages or benefices with cure as the chapleines of a duke or an archebishop And lyke wise the brethern and sunnes borne in wedlock of euery knight may euery of them purchace lycence or dispensation & receyue take & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule.

¶Prouided alwayes that the sayde chaplaynes so purchasinge takynge, receyuynge and keppynge, benefyces with cure of sowle, as is aforesayde, shalbee bounde to haue and exhibite where nede shal bee letters vnder the sygne, and seale of the kynge or other ỳ their lorde and mayster testefyenge whose chaplaynes they bee, and elles not to enioye anye suche pluralitye of benefyces bye suche chaplayne. Any thynge in this acte not withstandinge

¶Be it also prouided that all doctoures and bacheliers, of diuinitye, doctoures of lawe, and bacheliers of lawe canon, and euerye of them whiche shall bee admitted to anye the sayde degrees, by anye of the vnyuersityes of this realme, and not by grace onely, may purchase licence, and take haue and kepe, ii. personages or benefices with cure of soule, so that alwaies the sayde libertye by any of the prouisions beforesayde geuen to any of ỳ sayd counsailoures, chaplaines and other personnes before specified, to purchase lycence or dispensation, and take, receiue and kepe mo benefyces than one after the maner and fourme aforesayde, be taken and vnderstanden to extende in numbre to no mo benefyces with cure of soule than is aboue limytted, accomptynge in the same and as parcell thereof suche benefyces with cure of soule as any of the sayde persons shall haue in reall title, or in their possession at the sayde first daye of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god M.v.C. and.xxx.

¶Prouided also that euery archebishoppe because he muste occuppe viii. chaplaynes at consecracions of bysshoppes. And euery bysshope because he must occupie vi. chapleines, at geuing of orders and consecracions of churches, may euery of thē haue. ii. chapleines ouer and aboue ỳ numbre aboue limitted vnto them whereof euery one may purchase lycence or dispensacō and take receiue & kepe many personages and benefices with cure of soule as is before assigned of suche chaplaynes.

Prouided also and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that no persone

or persons to whom any numbre of chaplaines or any chaplayne by any of the prouisions aforesayde is limitted, shal in any wise by coloure of anye of the same prouisions, auaunce any spirituall person or personnes, aboue the numbre to them appoynted to receyue or kepe any mo benefyces with cure of soule than is aboue limitted by this acte, any thinge specifyed in the said prouisions notwithstandynge: and if they dooe than euery suche spirituall person and persons so auaunced aboue the sayd numbre to incurre the peine and penaltye contayned in this acte.

Be it also furthermore enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that as well euery spirituall person now beynge promoted to any archdeconry, deanry, or dignitye to any monasterie or cathedrall church or other churche conuentual or collegiall or beynge benefised with anye personage or vicarage as all and euery spirituall persone and persones, whiche hereafter shall be promoted to anye of the sayde dignityes or benefices with anye personage or vicarage from the feast of sainct Mighell the archaungell nexte comming, shall be personallye resident and abidyng in, at and vpon his sayde dignitye, prebende, or benefice, or at one of them at the leaste. And in case anye such spirituall perso at any time after ỳ said feast, kepe not residence at one of his sayde dignityes, prebende, or benefices, as is aforesayde, but absent him selfe wilfullye by the space of one monethe together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere & make his residence and abydyng at any other places, by suche tyme that than he shall forfaite for euerye suche defaute x.li. sterlinge. The one halfe thereof to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe of the same to the partye that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writte of dette, bill, plainte, or informacion. In whiche accion and suite the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any essoyne or protection allowed.

And if any perso or persos procure or obtaine at the court of Rome or elswhere any maner of licence or dispensacio to be none resident at their said dignities, prebende, or benefices contrary to this acte, that than euery such persone or personnes puttynge in execucion, any such dispensacion, or licence for him selfe, from the sayde first daye of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god M. v. C. xxx. shall renne and incurre in the penaltye, damage and peyne of xx. pounde sterlinge, for euery tyme so doinge to bee forfayted and recouered as is aboue sayde, and suche ipcente or dispensacion so procured, or to be put in execucion, to be voide and of none effecte.

Prouided alwayes that this acte of none residence shal not in any wise extende ne be preiudiciall to any such spirituall person as shal chaunce to be in the kynges seruice beyonde the sea nor to anye personne or personnes goynge to any pilgrimage or holy place beyond the sea, duryng the time that they shall so be in the kynges seruice or in their pylgrimages goynge and returnynge home, nor to any scholer or scholars beynge connersante and abydynge for studie without fraude or couine at any vniuersitie within this

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realme or without nor to anye of the chapleynes of the kinges or queenes dayrye or quarterly attending and abyding in the kinges or queenes moste honorable houſholdes. Nor to any of the chapleines of the prince or princeſſe or any of the kinges or queenes childzen, brethern or ſiſterne attēding daily in their honorable houſholdes duringe ſo longe as they ſhall attende in any of their ſayde houſeholdes. Nor to any chaplain of any archbiſhope or biſhop or of any ſpirituall or temporall lordes of the parliament, dayrye attendinge, abydynge, and remaynynge, in any of theyr honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any chaplein of any duches, marques, conteſſe vicounteſſe, or baroneſſe, attending dayrye and abydynge, in any their honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any chaplein of the lord chauncellour or treſourer of Englād the kynges chamberlayne or ſtewarde of his houſholde for the tyme beynge the treſourer and comptroler of the kynges moſte honorable houſeholde for the tyme beynge attendynge dayly in any their honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any chapleine of anye of ỳ knightes of the honorable order of the garter, or of the chefe iuſtice of the kynges benche, wardein of the portes or alſo of the mayſter of the rolles. Nor to any chaplaine of the kinges ſecretarye and deane of the chapell, or amner for the tyme beyng: daily attendyng and dwellyng in any their houſholdes. duringe the tyme that any ſuche chapleine or chapleines ſhal abyde and dwell, without fraude or couin, in any of the ſayd honorable houſholdes. Nor to the mayſter of the rolles or deane of the arches. Nor to any chauncellour or cōmiſſarie of any archebiſhoppe or biſhoppe. Nor to as manye of the .xii. mayſters of the chaunceryre, and .xii. aduocates of the arches, as be or hereafter ſhall be ſpirituall men duringe ſo longe tyme as they ſhall occuppe their ſaide roumes and offices. Nor to any ſuche ſpirituall perſons, as ſhal happen by iniunction of the lorde chauncellour, or the kynges counſaile to bee bounde to any dayly apparance and attendaunce, to anſwere to the lawe, duringe the tyme of ſuche iniunction.

¶ Prouided alſo that it ſhalbee lefull to euery ſpirituall perſonne or perſones, beyng chapleines to the kinge our ſoueraygne lorde, to whom it ſhall pleaſe his highnes to geue any benefices or promocions ſpirituall, to what numbre ſo euer it be, to accepte and take the ſame without incurrynge the daunger penalrye and forfaiture of this eſtatute compriſed. And that alſo it ſhalbe lefull to the kinges highnes to geue licence to euerye of his owne chapleynes for none reſidence vpon their benefices. Any thing in this preſent act contained to the contrary not withſtanding.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctority afore ſayde that no ſpirituall perſonne, ſeculer or reguler beneficed with cure as is afore reherſed, from the feaſt of ſaincte Mighell tharchaungell next commyng bye auctoritye of any maner lycente, diſpenſacion, or otherwyſe, ſhall take any particuler ſtipende or ſalarie to ſinge for any ſoule. Nor haue or occuppe by hym ſelfe or by any other to his vſe any perſonage, or vicarage in ferme of the leeſſe or graunte of any perſonne or perſones, nor take any profite or rente

out of any suche ferme, vppon peyne to forfaite.xl.s. for euery suche weke hat he or any to his vse shall occuppe or haue anye suche stipende or ferme contrarye to this present acte. And vpon peyne to lose.x. times the value of such profitt or rente as he shall take out of anie suche ferme after the sayde feaste. The one halfe of which forfaitures to be to the king our soueraigne lorde and the other moytie to him that will sue for ȳ same by originall writ, byll, playnte of Debte or by information in anye of the kinges courtes, in which suite and action no wager of law shalbe admitted for the defendāt, nor any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye that no deanerie, archdeaconry, chauncellourship, treasorership, chauntership, or prebende, in any cathedrall or collegiall church, nor personage that hath a vicar indued, nor anye benifice perpetually appropriate, bee taken or comprehended vnder the name of benefyce, hauing cure of soule in any article afore specified.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritye afore sayd that no spirituall personne or personnes reguler or seculer, of what estate degree or condition soeuer he or they be from the first day of Aprill nert commynge, haue, vse, or kepe by him or them selfe or by any person or personnes to his or their vse or commoditie any maner of tāne house or tanne houses, to be vsed or occuppyed to his or their owne vse, commoditye or behoue nor from the sayde firste daye of Aprill, nerte commynge shall haue, vse, or kepe any maner of brewhouse or brewhouses to any other vse, intente, or behoue than onelie to be spente and occuppyed in his or their owne howses, vppon peine to forfaite for euery moneth so vsinge and occupiyng any of the sayd misteries, or occupations .x. li. The one moitye thereof to the kinge our soueraygne lorde & the other moity to him that will sue for the same bye originall writte, byll, plainte of dette, or information in anye of the kynges courtes, in whiche action and suite, no wager of law shall bee admitted for the defendante, ne any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that euery duches, marques, contesse, baronesse, widowes, whiche haue taken or that hereafter shall take any housebandes, vnder the degre of a baron, may take such number of the chaplaines as is aboue limitted to them beynge wydowes: and that euery suche chapleine may purchase licence to haue and take such numbre of benefices with cure of soule, and haue lyke lybertye of none residence in maner and fourme as they myght haue done if their said ladies and maistresses hadde kepte thē selfe wydowes: Any thinge in this present acte contained to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that euerye spirituall person or personnes, hauinge landes, tenementes, or other possessions in the right of their houses aboue the yerely value of .viii.C, markes maye kepe and retayne in their occupacion and manurance, as muche as their sayd landes, and tenementes, and other possessions, as shallbe necessarie and sufficient for pasturage of their cattells, and for tillage of cornes to be employed and spente for the onelie

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maintenaunce, ſuſtentacion and kepinge of his or their houſeholdes and hoſpitalityes, without fraude or couin: any thing in this preſent act to the contrarye thereof not withſtanding.

Prouided alwaye that it may be lefull to euery ſpirituall perſon and perſons to take in ferme anye meſes, manſions, or dwellinge houſes, hauinge but onely orchardes or gardains in any citye, boroughe, or towne for theyr owne habitacion or dwellynge. Any thing in this act to the contrary not withſtanding. So that no perſon ſpirituall other than be aboue prouided for, for their none reſidence haue any libertye of none reſidence by colour of this prouiſo.

An act concerning linnen cloth, called Dowlas and lokerams. Cap. xiiii.

In moſt humble wiſe ſheweth vnto the kinges highnes, and to the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled. The linnen drapers inhabitauntes within the citye of London, vſinge to ſell linnen clothe, called dowlas and lockeram of ye commodities wrought and made in Britaine, in the partyes beyond the ſea that where by all the tyme, whereof mynd of man is not to the contrary in the tyme of the kinges moſt noble progenitoures, all ſuche marchauntes as well engliſh as ſtraungers as at anye tyme brought or conueied the ſayde dowlas and lokeram into this realm of England, brought and conueied the ſame in peces, or halfe peces, euery whole pece of dowlas conteining in lengthe .v. score elles of aſſiſe accoumpting to euerye ell one inche of aſſiſe, and in bredthe one yarde of aſſiſe, and euerye halfe pece fiftye ells in lengthe, and one yard in bredthe of lyke aſſiſe. And all the hole peece and halfe pece of one goondes in making, and as wel euery pece of lokeram to be of lyke length as the hole peece of dowlas. and euery halfe peece of lockeram to bee of lengthe, as the halfe pece of dowlas, and euery ſuch hole peece and halfe pece to be in bredth a hole yard lacking a naile of the yarde and euery pece and halfe pece to be in like goodnes by all the lengthe of the ſame pece whiche whā it was ſo bled, was to the great profit of all the kinges ſubiectes.

And now of late within the ſpace of .xx. or .xxx. peres paſſed, diuers perſonnes for their owne ſynguler lucres, haue brought all the ſayde Dowlas, and lockeram in halfe peeces, whiche halfe pece lacketh in euerye ſuche one halfe pece of the due lengthe .iii. or .v. elles, and ſome more and ſome leſſe, beſide the bredth of aſſiſe and acuſtomed to the great and extreme hurt of the kinges poore ſubiectes, occuppers, byers, and ſellers of the ſame. It may therefore pleaſe your highnes with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled and by auctorityе of the ſame, to enacte and eſtabliſhe, that no perſonne or perſons, engliſhe nor ſtraunger, denizen nor alien, from or after the feaſte

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of S. Michell the archangell nexte commynge, shall bringe or conuey or cause to bee broughte, or conueyed, by anye maner of meanes into this realme of Englande, any of the said linnen clothe, called dowlas or lockerams so to bee brought or conueied into this realme not containynge the full lengthes, breadthes, goodnesse, & assises, as is aforesayd and as heretofore in olde tymes haue bene accustomed and vsed, vnder peyne of forfayture of the same dowlas and lockeram, so to be broughte or conueied into this realme, not containynge the full lengthe bredth, goodnes and assise, or the value therof the one halfe to the king our soueraygne lorde and the other halfe of the sayde forfaiture to hym or them that shal take or seale the same or sue for the same by action, or informacion, bylle or otherwise.

In which actions suites or informacion no wager of lawe or essoyne shal bee admitted.

An acte that all termers may enioy their lesses agaynst recoueries had by fained titles and falsifie the same recoueries. Cap. xb.

Where afore this time diuers persons haue made lesses of their manoures landes, tenementes, and other hereditamētes somtime by their indentures & somtime without writynges to other persons for terme of yeres, taking of them great fines for the incumbrances of the same lesses & after the same lessoures, their heires or assignes, haue caused and suffred recouerys to bee had against them in the courte of our soueraygne lord the king and in other lordes courtes vpon fained & vntrewe titles by crafte and couin to put ẏ sayde termers from their said termes. And after suche recoueries had the same recouerers by reason of suche recouerys and iudgmentes haue entered into the same manoures, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, so to fermelettē, and therof haue expulsed the said termers, contrary to their said lesses couenauntes and agrementes. And because it was doubted to some persons whether ẏ sayd termers might falsifie suche recoueries or not.

Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all suche termers shall and maye falsifie for his terme onely, suche recoueries as wel here to fore had, as herafter to be had, in such wise and fourme as a tenaunte of a free holde, shall and may do by the course of the common lawe, where suche tenaunte of freeholde was neither pryue nor partye to the same recouerye And that the same termers, their executoures and assignes not wythstandynge suche recoueries so had, shall retayne, holde, and enioye their sayd termes accordinge to their sayde lesses agaynst all suche recoueries their heires and assignes after suche recouerye so had shall haue lyke remedye agaynst the sayde termers their executoures and assignes, by auowrye or

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action of dett for therentes, and seruices, reserued vppon the same lesses beinge dewe after the same recoueries, and also take accions against them for wast done after the same recoueries so had in like mãer & fourme as the sayd lessoures should or mughte haue had, if the same recoueries had neuer be had, And also be it further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that no maner of statute of the staple, statute marchaunt nor execuciõ by elegit, be hereafter auoyded or in any wyse made frustrate, by meanes of any suche feyned recouerie but that all persons hauing any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes in execucion, or beyng intitled to haue execution of any manoures, landes or tenementes by any such meanes shal haue by force of this estatute like remedye to avoyde and falsifie the same recoueries, as before is ordayned and prouided for the lesse for terme of yeres.

An acte concerning artificers straungers. Cap. xvi.

PRaien the cõmons in this presente parliamẽt assembled that where in the xv. day of Febuary in the xx. yere of the raigne of our now most gracious soueraigne lord the kinge Henry the viii. by our said soueraygne lorde the king his most honorable counsail in his sterr chaumber at Westminster for ỹ cõmõ welthe of his natural subiectes borne within this his realme by great and deliberate aduise, it was demed, adiudged, and decred that no straunger artificer, borne out of our sayd soueraygne lorde his obeisaunce, inhabiting within any citye borough or any other place within this his realme of Englande, from henseforthe shoulde kepe in his or their house or houses, any maner straungers seruauntes, borne out of his obeisaunce, but onely ii. seruauntes straungers and no moe at one time, And also al and singuler straungers, that than were, or after the makinge of the said decree should be made denizens, that at the time or after the makinge therof, would inhabite within the citee of London, suburbes or within vii. myles compasse of the same and kepe or woilde kepe houses or occuppie their crafte, should bee contributories to and with our sayde soueraygne lorde his subiectes artificers within the sayde citye of London, payinge, bearynge, and sustayninge suche charges, as hereafter shalbee expressed, that is to say, that all other straungers artificers, denizens or no denizens of euery handye crafte or mistaryes inhabiting as wel within the citie of London as in any other citye, towne borough or village within this his realme, shoulde pay beare and sustayne all such and like charges, as our said soueraygne lorde his subiectes of the crafte and misterie do alwayes vse to pay.

And if any of them refused or denyed, the same or any parte therof, than hee or they so denyinge or refusynge so to do shoulde not any longer occuppye any handye crafte, vppon the peynes, damages and perylles specyfyed as wel in the actes or statutes made in the viii. and xv. yeres of ỹ raygne of our nowe soueraygne lord, as in one estatute made in the fyrste yere of

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the reigne of kynge Richarde the.iii. And that the same straungers, denizens or no denizens householders, which wold remaine and abyde with in our sayde souereygne lorde his realme, should vppon lawfull warnynge to them geuen, by the mayster and wardaines of diuers and sundry misteries, mencioned and specified in the sayde decree within the sayd cityes and townes presente themselfe in the common halle, or meetynge place of the sayde craftes and there to receyue and take theyr othe, and bee sworne vppon the holy Euangelyste before the mayster and wardaynes of their said crafte, to be faythfull and trew to the kynge our souerayngne lorde, and his heires, kinges of Englande, and to bee obediente to him and them and his and their lawes.

Also that no straunger artificers or handy craftes man borne out of our sayde souerayngne lorde his obeisaunce not beynge denizen, whiche was not a howsholder, the.xb. daye of Februarye aboue sayde, should not set vp ne kepe any house, shoppe, shoppes, or chamber wherein they shold exercise or occupy any handy crafte or misterye within this our sayde souerayngne lorde his realme vppon payne to incurre and runne into suche penaltyes as be contayned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted as is aforesayde. And that none of the straungers artificers or handy craftes men borne out of our souerayngne lorde his obeisaunce as well denizens as no denizens, shoulde assemble in any compaynye felowshippe congregacion or conuenticle but onely in the common halle of their craftes with our sayde souerayngne lorde his subiectes whiche be of the companyes of theyr sayde crafte or craftes, at suche time as they shoulde bee commaunded and warned by the sayde mayster and wardeines of their sayde crafte or craftes, And at none other place and tyme or in any other maner vppon the peyne afore expressed as by the sayde decree shewed and exemplifyed, and here vnto annexed, vnder our sayde souerayngne lord the kynge his greate seale more playnly and at large it may and dothe appeare: That for the common welthe about sayde it maye bee enacted by the kinge our souerayngne lord the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled and by the auctorite of the same that the saide order and decree, hadde geuen, and made, by our sayde souerayngne Lorde the king his moste honorable counsayll and all and euery thynge therein contayned specified and declared be holden and obserued firme and stable and duelye to bee put in execucion in euery poynte and article in maner & fourme as is aboue rehersed, accordynge to the purporte, effecte, and true meaninge of the same.

Be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that the acte made in the parliamente begonne at London the xb day of Aprill, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde souerayngne lorde the kynge that nowe is and from London adiourned to westminster the last daye of July, in ye xb. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayngne lorde concerning straungers artificers for takynge of apprentyces tournoymen and couenaunte

ſeruauntes and euery article and prouiſions contayned in the ſame acte, ſhallbe from henſforthe put in due execucion, accordynge to the trewe intente, meaning, and purporte of the ſame as well within the citye of London as in all other cities, boroughes and townes corporate within this realme, & the ſame to endure perpetually any thing contained in the ſaid act or decree to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that no artificer, aliant or eſtraunger, borne out of the kinges obeyſaunce, beyng a houſeholder or inhabityng with in anye of the vniuerſities of Orforde and Cãbridge or within the ſainctuary of ſaint Martin le graunde within the citye of London, ſhall frombenſforth haue or retayne in their ſeruice, iourneymen or apprentices, beynge alyantes, or eſtraungers borne, aboue the numbre of.v. perſons at one time vpon peine of the penaltie contained in the ſaid acte made in the ſaid. xiii. and. xv. yere of our layd ſouerayne lorde: The prouiſion contayned or ſpecified in the ſame acte notwithſtandyng.

¶ The decree made in the ſterre chaumber for artificers ſtraungers by the kynges moſt honorable counſayle the. xx. day of Februarye in the. xx. yere of the raygne of our ſouerainge lord kinge Henry the. viii.

HENRICVS octauus dei gratia Angliæ, Francie & Hibernie Rex, fidei defenſor, & in terra eccleſiæ Anglicanæ & hiberniæ, ſupremum caput: omnibus, ad quos preſentes litteræ peruenerint. ſalutem. Inſpeximus quoddam breue noſtrum de certiorand, Thome Eliot clerico conſilii nõſtri dire ct. & in filaciis cancellar. noſtræ reſiden, in hæc verba: Dilecto ſibi Thomæ Eliot armigero, clerico conſilij noſtri ſalutem. Volentes certis de cauſis certiorari ſuper tenore cuiuſdam finalis decreti coram nobis & conſilio noſtro habit. de & ſuper execu tione quorundam ſtatutorum & ordinationum contra alienigen. exercentes artes & artificia manualia, inhabitantes infra regnum noſtrum Angliæ edit. & prouiſ. tibi precipimus quod tenorem finalis decreti predict. eum omnibus eum tangentibus nobis in Cancellar. noſtram ſub ſigillo tuo diſtincte & aperte ſine dilatione mittas, & hoc breue. Teſte meipſo apud vveſtmonaſt. xiiii. die Aprilis, Anno regni noſtri. xx. Inſpeximus etiam quoddam decretum per nos & concilium noſtrum apud vveſtmonaſt. in Camera ſtellata redditum & in filaciis eiuſdem Cancelari. noſtræ ſimiliter reſiden. in hec verda.

VVhere of late our true and faithful ſubiectes, artificers and handye craftes men borne vnder our obeiſaunce inhabiting within our citye of London and the ſuburbes of the ſame, exhibited vnto vs a lamentable byll of complainte contayning that notwithſtandyng many good and neceſſarye ſtatutes

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and actes of parliament haue bene edifyed, ordayned and made, and especiall one in the first yere of kynge Richarde the third. And the other beynge made in the yere of the raigne of our dereſt father of noble memorie, Henry the.vii, late kynge of this our realme and in the. xiiii. and.xb. yeare of our reigne, concernynge the ſtraungers, artificers, & handy craftes men, borne out of your obeiſaunce, vſinge and exercyſynge handye craftes within this our realme of England, as wel for the reſtrayning of the exceſſiue numbre and vnreaſonable behauiour of the ſame ſtrangers artificers borne out of our obeyſaunce, whiche by continuall reſorte and repayre into this our ſaid realme dayly increaſed to the greate detriment of our owne naturall ſubiectes, artificers of the ſame handy craftes and miſteries, and of other ſondrie inconueniences, by occaſion that diuers of the ſayd ſubiectes for lacke of occupacion, fall into idelnes: as alſo for the reformacion of ſundrye dyſceytes and falſehoodes practiſed by the ſayd ſtraungers artificers in theyr ſayde handy craftes, to the great damage and loſſe of vs and of al our ſaid naturall ſubiectes. The ſayde ſtraungers, artificers, nothing pondringe or dredynge the ſayde ſtatutes, ne the penalties in the ſame contained and expreſſed, ceaſſe not contemptuouſly, as well to abuſe the ſayde ſtatutes as moſt parte intierly to infring and breake the ſame. And to accumulate frō time to time more offences & ennormities as wel againſt our prerogatiue as to the detrimente of the common welthe of this our realme and our louing ſubiectes of the ſame, for whan any ſerche ſhallbe made in euery handie crafte within any citye, towne or borough corporate, within our ſayde realme by our ſubiectes, the ſaid wardaines and others ordained by ỹ ſaid laſt acte of handy craftes men, within any citye, towne or borough corporate and one houſholder ſtraunger borne out of our obeiſaunce inhabiting within our ſayde citye towne or borough corporate, vſing any handy craft be he denizen or not denizen, the ſaide ſtraunger beyng a houſholder as before is ſayde, being lawfully warned and required therevnto, accordyng to the ſayde acte, other will refuſe to do his dutye therein, or els he will geue ſecrete warnynge thereof to his bretherne of the ſayde craftes, whereby they haue not onely conueighed and hidde al their vnlawful, vntrew ſubtill, and diſceitfull wares whiche they vntruely ſubtilly, vnſubſtancially and dyſceytfullye haue made and daylye make and vtter, to our ſubiectes at exceſſiue and vnreaſonable prices to the great detriment and damages of our ſayde ſubiectes, but alſo their ſeruauntes, and prentyces, they haue hyd from the knowledg of the ſayde wardens whan any ſuche ſerch hath happed to be made and to defraude the ſame good and honorable eſtatute and acte. So that thereof no lawfull punyſhment could, can, myghte, or maye enſue accordynge to the tenure, purporte and effecte of the ſayde ſtatute but they contempne, diſpiſe and ſet at naught the ſame wherbyand by the other vnlawfull meanes aforeſayd, and others, as ſubtilly ſendynge and conueiyng ouer the Sea, bacon, cheeſe, poudered beffes, muttons, and other commodityes within this our realme, not onelye within and out of

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the saide citties, townes, and boroughes, corporate, but also within and out of other places through out our realme, by them the sayd straungers practised and executed, wherebye they dayly encrease in greate richesse, and in great multitude in numbres of straungers handye craftes men borne out of our obeisaunce. And whan they haue gathered muche riches and money, they agaynst our lawes conuey the same money ouer ỳ sea. And than they also goe ouer the sea into their countreis: and ther purchase them landes and tenementes with parte thereof and with the residew of the same they liue thereby. And sometyme they conuerte parte thereof to the vse of our enemyes in those partyes. And so as wel our poore subiectes coordwainers, and all our subiectes handye craftes men borne within our obeysaunce by the meanes aforesayde, bee sore impouerysshed, minysshed and almoste vtterly decayed and distroied and many of them for lacke of occupacion in the sayde handye craftes, bee constrayned to liue in idlenes by occasion whereof, they do cõtinually fall to theste, murder and other greate offences, and consequently, in great numbres be put to death by our lawes as we be infourmed. And also the great scarcitie of grayne & vittaile at this present time throughout this our realme to be the more enforced and caused by reason of the great multitude and continual recours of the sayd straungers handye craftes men, whiche consume a great porcion of corne, and vittaile, growen and bredde within this our realme, the premisses, cõsidered to the entent to be therof more perfectly and truely instructed, for the charitable zeale that we haue to the common weale of our realm, and our sayd subiectes of the same: and for the quietnes of the sayd straungers we haue assigned and geuen in commaundement to our lordes and others of our counsaile indifferently to examine the premisses, and as well to here the sayd complayntes, as the sayd defendantes, and their allegiaunces and saienges of, in, and to the premisses, and to euery partie therof, and the same by them harde, examined and by good deliberate aduise vnderstanden, to ordeyne, adiudge and decree the same, after their wysdomes and lerninge, whervppon as well the sayd bill of complaynt the answere of the saide defendantes therunto made, the replication of the sayd complainauntes to the sayd answere also made. And all other allegiaunces and saying of both the sayde partyes, by mature and deliberate aduise by our sayde counsaile ripely examined, hard, and vnderstande.

¶ It is ordeined adiudged and decreed, the .xx. daye of Febrvarye in this present terme of sayncte Hillarye. in the .xx. yere of our reigne in our starred chamber by the moste reuerende father in god. Thomas lorde Cardinall legate de la terre of the apostolique see. archebishoppe of Yorke, primate. and Chauncellour of Englande, and by our nobles and others of our sayd counsaile. and by the mutual assentes of the complainantes and defendantes than there being in maner and fourme folowinge. That is to saye that according to the act of parliament made the sayd .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne, that no straunger artificer borne out of our obeisaunce. inhabitinge

tyng within any citye, towne, or borough, or any other place within this our realme of England, from thensforth he shall kepe in his or their house or houses any maner of seruauntes straungers borne out of our obeysaunce, but onely two straungers seruauntes, and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers artyficers, now inhabityng within any citye, towne, or borough corporate, or in any other place within our sayde realme that wil be apprentices or seruauntes to or with any of our subiectes artificers borne within our obeisaunce, exercisinge ne we or olde stuffe, inhabytynge within our sayd realme shall bee suffered to to abyde and dwell with them, without interrupcion, as longe as they will so continue and abyde with them and can agree together.

And furthermore it is decreed that it shal be lefull to al and euery of the sayd straungers artificers nowe beynge housholders within our sayde realme to take as manye of our subiectes borne within our obeisaunce, to be their seruauntes and apprentices in the crafte that they doe exercyse, as they can lawfully gett. And that all the straungers artificers, nowe beynge householders within our sayde citye of London, suburbes, parishes, or compasse thereof expressed in the sayde statutes, or within .ii. myles compasse of the sayd parrishes. And also al and singuler straungers that nowe be or hereafter shall bee made denisens that do or hereafter will inhabite within our sayd city of London, suburbes, or parrishes aforesayde, or within .ii. myles compasse of the same, and kepe howses, and occupy their crafte shall be contributorie to & with our subiectes artificers within our citie of London, paying, bearinge, & susteinyng such charges as hereafter shalbe expressed. That is to say, aswel euery of the said straungers, beyng of the craft & misterie of cordwainers, householders, as denisens that now be or hereafter shall bee made denisens and shall inhabite within our sayde citie, suburbes, parishes or .ii. myles compas of the same shall quarterly pay to the said maister wardeines and cõminaltie of the said craft of Cordwainers within our saide citie of London for the time beinge .vi.d. And euerye seruaunte straunger of the sayde occupacyon of the sayde cordwayners within the sayde citye, suburbes, and precincte, nor beyngedenisen, shal quarterlye pay to the saide mayster wardaynes and comminaltye .iii.d. And that al other straungers artifycers, and denisens, of euerye handy crafte and misterie, inhabitynge as well within our sayde citye of Londone, as in anye other citie or towne within this our realme shall paye beare and susteyne, all suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and misterye borne out of our obeysaunce. Inhabitynge within the citye, borroughe, towne of there habytacyon at thys tyme, doe beare and susteyne. And also all straungers artificers and denisens exercisinge the crafte and misterie of Cordwayners, dwellinge out of our citie of London in anye other citye or towne withe in this realme shall paye beare, and susteyne, scotte, Tares, tallages, subsydies, prestes and al other reasonable exactions from tyme to time, according as the sayde maysters, wardaines and companies.

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of the sayd craftes for the tyme beynge shall be bounden to pay, beare, and susteyne, when any subsidie taxe, tallage, or prest or other reasonable charges, shallbe by the mayre and aldermen of our sayde citye of London: and the maires and aldermen of our sayde other citye and townes, or bye the common counsaile of the sayd city, cities and townes, of and for any charges of paimentes of money to be paide by the companies of the sayde craftes, citizens of anye citye for anye paimente to bee made vnto the kynges highneisse, or his heires or els to be paid for any cause concernyng the common welthe of any our sayd cities or townes or common welthe of ỳ said artificers. the sayd straunger shall paye all the same, that they shalbe assessed or tared to pay, as contributories with the said cõpanies being our subiectes as our said subiectes shalbe assessed, & tared to pay. And if any of thẽ denye or refuse ỳ same or any part therof than he or they denying and refusing so to do, shal not onely lose the benefite of this decree, but also shal not any longer occupie any handi craft vpõ the peines, daũgers & perils specified in ỳ aboue remẽbred actes & statutes.

¶ And that as wel al and euery of the sayd housholders straungers afore sayde as all other straungers artificers, made or to be made denisens, that shalbe householders, and inhabite, and occuppe any crafte within our said citye, suburbes, or .ii. myles compasse of the same as longe as they shall remayne and abyde within the said citie, suburbes, and two miles compasse of the same, beynge reasonablye required and warned by the wardeines & other persõn gouernours in any citye towne or borough corporate of theyr sayd craftes within any of our sayde cities or townes corporate or by anye of them for the tyme beynge or by their lawfull deputies or deputye, shall go with the sayd wardeines or other gouernours there as no wardeines be, to make serche according to the aboue remembred actes of parliament made in the .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne, whiche if they refuse to dooe, and that proued before the chauncellour of Englande, or before the maire of London and in other cityes before the chiefe personnes of the sayde cities or townes, for the tyme beynge: That then the same honsholders, or householder so offendinge, denynge, or refusinge the same, shall noone longer the same his occupacion, exercise or vse within this our realme, vppon peyne, perill and daunger expressed in the afore remembred actes and statutes. And that the same straungers artificers, denisens or not denisens, householders, whiche will remayne and abyde, within our sayde realme, shall vppon lawfull notice to them geuen by the mayster or wardeines of their crafte or one of them personally presente them selues in the common halle or metynge place of their sayde craftes within our sayde cityes, and townes there as they be inhabiting and then and there euerye of them to receiue and take their othes, and be sworne vppon the holy Euangelist before the said maister and wardeins of their said crafte and misterie within our sayd cityes and townes corporate to be faythfull and trewe to vs and

to our heires kinges of England, and to be obedient to vs, & them and to our and their lawes and to al actes, ordinaunces, and decrees, made and confirmed by vs and our counsaile or bye our counsaile and dewelye and trewely at al times whā they shalbe appoynted by the wardeins of their felowshippe craste, or misterye, for the tyme beynge, or their deputyes, to make serche with them accordyng to the purporte, tenour or effecte of an estatute and act of parliament made in the.xiiii. and.xv. yere of our reygne and haue warning and monicion thereof by they wardeins or any of them or anye other their sufficiente deputye or deputies in that behalfe to theim made and geuen, and that they shal be readie to go with the said wardens to make the same serch, and that they shal not geue notice to any stranger of the sayde serche, vntill they with the saide wardeyns come together to make the sayd serch and that they shal wel, indifferently and truely behaue them in the same, settynge all affection, fauour malice & drede of any creature, and all fraude and disceite aparte, so helpe them god and all sayntes and by the holy Euangelist, And their othe so receiued, in fourme aforsaid the sayde straungers shall pay for their admission, accordynge as our sayde subiectes haue alwaye vsed to paye.

¶ It is also further decreed that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man borne out of our obeisaunce not beyng denisen, which at the daye of the makinge of this decree is not a householder within this our realme, or kepeth any shoppe or shoppes within the sayde citie, and suburbes, or any other citye, towne or borough within this our realme shall from that day forwarde sette vp, or kepe anye house, shoppe or chamber within our citye of London, suburbes or parishes before rehersed or within anye other citye towne, borough, or village within this our realme, wherin he shal exercise & practise any handy craft or misterie, vpō peyne to incurre & reuie in suche penalties as be contained in the statutes before this time made & enacted And that none of the sayde straungers, artificers, or handye craftes men, borne out of our obeisaunce, as well denisens as other shal assemble in any company felowship, congregacion or conuenticle but onely in the common hall of their craftes with our subiectes whiche bee of the company of their said craste or craftes at such time as they shalbe commaunded and warned by the mayster and wardeins of the sayd craste or craftes and at no other place or tyme and in any other maner vppon peyne afore expressed.

¶ Prouided alway that this decree and euery parte thereof, concerninge the craste and misterie of Cordewaners shall extend as well to them that worke olde stuffe, as newe within our citie of London the suburbes of the same or in any other citie towne, borough or village, within this our realme of Englande.

¶ Prouided also that not withstādynge any wordes compriſed in this decree, the straungers artificers denisens or not denisens, inhabitynge in the vniuersityes of Oxforde and Cambridge, and within the saincte quarye of sayncte Martines le graunde, within the citye of London, shall enioy all the benefites and aduauntages

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reserued vnto them by reason of any prouision made by acte of parliamẽt expressed in the statute made in the viii. and xb yere of our reigne, So that the sayd straungers denizens or not denizens inhabitinge within the said sainctuary of sainte Martins le graunde be conformable to suche direction and order as shalbee taken by the reuerende father in god Cuthbert byshoppe of London, sir richarde broke knighte chiefe baron of our eschequer, John Moze knight one of the Justices of our bynche, sir John Dalicy and sir John Aleyn knightes to whom wee haue of late directed our letters patentes and by the same geuen them power and auctozitye, and commaundinge them and euery of them to cause the house of euerye straũger and denizen artificer inhabitynge and dwellyng within the said sainctuarie to bee serched and viewed howe many seruauntes he or they keepe borne out of our obeisaunce and they beyng all viewed and seene, than to appoynt to euery of the sayd straungers householders inhabitynge within the sayd sainctuary by them in fourme afore sayd so tryed to be within the bondes and limittes of the sayde sainctuarye such numbze of seruauntes straũgers born out of your obeisaunce, as they by their discrecions shal thinke conuenient and sufficient and not to be at any detrimente vnto our subiectes inhabitauntes within our sayd citie

¶Also commaundinge in our name al and euery the sayd straungers denizens householders, that they from henceforthe do not keepe within their howses, or in anye other house, shoppe or chamber within our sayd citye of London or the suburbes of the same, any moe seruauntes beynge borne out of our obeisaunce then shalbe to them at that tyme to them appoynted, as they will auoide ỳ daũger and penaltie of our lawes and what they haue done in the premisses, that they doo certifye to vs and our counsaile in our Starre chaumber at Westminster at the xb. daye of Esterne next comminge in witnesse wherof we wil as wel the saide decree as al other ỳ premisses shall be exemplified vnder our seale.

¶Nos autem tenorem breuis & decreti predicti ad requisitionem magistri & gardianorum artis siue misterie aulutariorum siue Cordwveyners Londoñ duximus exemplificand. per presentes In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud westmonaster, vicesimo die Aprilis Anno regni nostri vicesimo.

¶An act for the annulling of the letters patentes made to the citye of yorke concerning shippyng of wolles. Cap. xbii.

Where as the king our soueraigne lord vppon feyned suggestions surmised to his highnesse to haue bene for the aduauncement of his auncient citye of yorke by his letters patentes graunted vnto the mayre and citezens of the same citye of yorke to shippe conueye transporte and carye vnto the porte of Hulle in the countye of yorke wolles and felles of the growynge of diuers places in the sayde countye Expressed. As in the

sayde letters patentes may appere the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth. Henry the eyghte by the grace of god kyng of England Fraunce and Irelande defendour of the faith and of the churche of Englande & also of Irelande in earthe supreme head, to al and euery our iustices Mayres, shiriffes, baylliffes, customers, cõtrowlers, constables and all other our lieges & subiectes as well within ỹ libertyes as without, greting. knowe you ỹ we of our especial grace, mere motion & liberalitie hauing a tẽder zeale & loue to the encreasse aduauncemẽt & amẽdment of our auncięt citie of Yorke haue geuen, & granted & by these presents geue & grant for vs and our heires as muche as in vs is. vnto our louinge & humble subiectes the maire & citizens of the sayd citye & to euery of them and to their heires & successours, & to the heires and successours of euery of them as long as they inhabite & dwel within our said citye & be free of the same, free libertye & licence frõ henseforth from tyme to tyme, to shippe, conueye transporte and carye vnto our porte of Hull, in our countie of Yorke, and from thens to al foreine countreis and regions at their pleasure, bye them selues, their apprentices tourneimen and factoures to their owne vse onelye. All suche woolles and felles, whiche any of the sayde citizens inhabited in our sayde citye and being free therof by their featoures & policies or marchaundise or otherwise may lawfully attayne and come by, of the sayd brede fallynge, growyng, and encreasinge, within the limittes and places of Houdenshire Marchelande the honoure of Pountrete lately the forreste of knaresburghe Richemoundshire, Clefelande, the forest of Gautres, Blakemore, & Yorkeswold, or in any of them in our sayde countye of yorke without any danger, peine trouble or damage of any of the sayd citizens, their heires. or successoures, or losse lesure or forfaiture of any of the said woolles or felles or any of the, or any peyne punishmente, or penaltye for them or anye of them, to be had done. or attempted for or by vs or our heires, or by anye of our ministers, or subiectes in our name or to our vse or to the vse of our heires, by vertue of any acte, vse, ordinaunce, or estatute heretofore made against any of the sayd citizens their heires or successours, & without any toll, charge, or imposicion, to be had, perceiued, & taken to our vse or to the vse of our heyres, of any of the sayde citizens for the sayde woolles and felles, or anye of them other than suche lyke custome and subsidye, as the inhabytauntes of our towne of Newcastell, for woolles and felles by them shipped, and transported to forayne countreis vse commonly to pay, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made or to be made to the contrary not withstanding, whiche custome and subsidie shalbee contented to our vse, from time to tyme bye our sayd citizens to our customer of the sayd porte of Hull, for the tyme beyng. And moreouer we of our especiall grace by these presentes grant vnto the sayde Maire and citezens that these our present letters of licence shall bee to the sayde Mayre and citezens and to euerye of them to their heires, and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them at all times hereafter good and auaillable for euer, agaynste vs and our heires, in and

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for the premisses and for euery of them according to the tenure thereof, in euery behalfe without any restraint, repeale, diminucion or reuocacion here after to be had or made thereof or of any parte of the same, albe it there be no expresse mencion, of the verye value and certaintye of the premisses in these our letters specifyed, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made or to be made to the contrary not withstanding. And the said Mayre and citesens shall haue these our presente letters of licence vnder our great seale, wyth out any fine or fee to our vse in our hamper thereof to be payed, and without anye further warrante to bee obtained of vs to be directed to any of our ministers and officers in that behalfe. In witnesse wherof we haue caused these our letters patentes to bee sealed wyth our greate seale, at Hampton courte, the .xxii. daye of Auguste the .xb. yere of our reigne. Sithen the whiche letters patentes, the sayd citye is thereby nothinge helped ne encreased according to the sayd surmise nor the comminaltye thereof in any thing thereby increased or aduanced, but suche profit as did growe by reason of the sayde letters patentes came to the handes of .iii. or .iiii. persõs there onely, contrary to the entent and meanyng of our sayde souereygne lorde: by reasone whereof our sayde souereigne lorde hath susteined, and daylye doth susteyne great losses in his customes of wolles and felles: and the clothears there lacke the wolles, wherwith they vsed to make clothe within the sayde county whiche in lengthe should not onely growe to the hurte of all the kinges poore subiectes, that bee occupied with makinge of clothe in those partyes but also to the kinges disinheritaunce & minishing of his said customes if it were continued. In consideracion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our souereigne lord by the aduice of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled and by the assent and auctority of the same that the sayd letters patentes and euery thinge therein contayned be from henseforthe adnulled, repelled and voide and of none effecte. And that the sayde mayre and citesens, nor their heires nor successours wyll not haue ne take from henseforthe anye auauntage, profit or commoditye by reasõ of ỹ same letters patentes or of any licence and graunt or any other thinge therein contained in any wise. Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesaid that no citisens or inhabitauntes within the said citye which before the first daye of this presente parliamente haue shipped, conueyed, or caried, any wolles or felles into the sayde porte of Hull by vertue and auctoritye of the kynges sayde letters patentes be charged ne chargeable vnto the kinges highnesse for or with more payment charge or impositiõ, for the sayd wolles or felles or any of them, other than with suche like custom and subsidie, as the inhabitantes of the towne of Newcastell, for wolles and felles by theym shipped and transported vsen cõmonly to pay according as is afore rehersed in the letters patents and no further ne otherwise any informacion or other charge or matter had made, or hereafter to bee made, or had in the kynges escheker or otherwyse for the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

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¶An act concerninge Newcastell vppon Tine, and the porte and hauen thereunto belonging. Cap. xviii.



Umbly shewen to your highnesse your trew and faithfull subiectes the Maire burgeyses and comminaltie of your towne of Newcastell vpon tyne that where your grace & your moste noble progenitoures kinges of Englande, time out of mynde haue bene sealed of the sayd towne and of the portes and hauē of the riuer of Tine there vnto belonginge and of all grounde with water couered within the sayd riuer of Tine, from one place in the mouthe of the sayd riuer called the Sparhauke. to one other place in the same riuer called Hedwinstremes in their demeane as of fee in right of their crowne of Englande, and as parcell of the same. And duringe all the sayd tyme, all maner of person or persons as well free men as straungers and denisens, applyeng or commyng in the sayd porte, hauen, and riuer, from any parties of beyonde the sea or of this realme of Englande with shippes or other vesselles, charged, or loden, with anye maner of wares or marchaundices or shippyng chargeyng or lodynge any shippes or vessels, with any kynde of marchaundices to be conueied out of this sayde port and hauen, to anye partyes of this realme of Englande or els where out of this sayde realme haue alwayes duringe all the sayde tyme vsed to charge & discharge, lode and vnlode their sayde goodes, wares, and marchaundises, at the sayde towne of Newcastell and no where els, within the sayd porte and hauen and there haue alwayes payed to your sayd highnesse and your said moste noble progenitoures all customes, subsidies, tolles, and other thinges due for the same amountinge yerely to the summe of fiue hundred pondes and aboue whereof your sayd progenitoures, your highnes, and your assignes, haue ben hetherto duely and truly answered and paid as in your escheker more ample and at large doth appeare. The whiche your towne of Newcastell is, as well in tyme of warres, as of peace, the chief key, relefe, and defence of all the partyes of this realme ther vnto adioynyng. And by reason of the sayde libertyes and fraunchesses, your sayd towne hath ben to this tyme wel replenished and mayntained. In so much as the inhabitauntes of your sayde towne, of late dayes haue bene able to serue your highnes in your warres with .iiii. C mariners or mo, apt and able persons for that purpose till nowe of late that diuers greate personages, as well spirituall as temporall, haunge landes adioyninge to the sayd porte and riuer betweene the sayd towne of Newcastell and the sea apt and easy for chargeynge and discharging of shippes and marchandices, haue charged and discharged, loden and vnloded, diuers shippes, and marchaundises within the sayde porte and hauen at the sayde places not payinge thereof any customes or duetyes, to your highnesse, by meane whereof your sayde towne is likely to come to vtter decaye and ruine: and the inhabitauntes of the same to refuse and forelinquishe the sayde towne, and to repayre and

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resorte to the sayde places to the greate dishersison of your highnesse and minishmente of your customes, subsides and duetyes and profites customably payde at your towne and porte aforesayde. And also where diuers weiers and fishegates of late tyme haue bene made, rered, fixed and set in the sayde porte and riuer of Tine betweene your sayde towne and the hie sea, by dyuers persons hauing great landes and tenementes adioyning to the sayde riuer, most specially within the bishoprighe of Durhame, where your gracious writtes doth not runne, and where your commissions out of your court of Chaunterie, or other your courtes, do not take any effect: by meane whereof great sande beddes and grauel heapes be growen and cast vp in the sayde riuer and porte, so that within fewe yeres to come, no shipp of good burden or weight shalbe able to come or resort to your said towne, to the estimable hurte of the countries therunto adioyning and to the greate damage of this your realme, specially to all persons nedinge sea coles, which be onely conueighed from the sayd port of Newcastel and in no where els had or to be shipped within this your realme.

¶ In consideracion whereof it maye please your highnesse of your moste abundaunte grace with the assente of your lordes spirituall, and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same to enacte ordeyne and establyshe that from henseforthe anye marchante or marchants, or any other person or persons shal not ship, lode or vnlode charge or discharge any maner of goodes, wares or marchaundises to be solde here, within this your realme or els where, in, to, or from any shippe or ships, or other vessels, in or at anye place or places within the sayd porte, riuer and hauen, betwene the sayd place called the Sparhauke & the said place caled Hedwynstremes, but onely at the said town of Newcastell and no where els vppon peyne of forfaiture of al suche goodes, wares and marchaundises to the kinge our sayde souereigne lorde, and to his heires kinges of Englande, and that it shalbee lefull vnto the mayre, burgesses and comminaltye of the sayde towne of Newcastell, and their successoures, and all other the kinges officers ther for the tyme beynge, for to take and sease all that sayde such forfait goods, wares, and marchandises to the vse of our soueraygn lord the kynge and of his heires, and the value thereof to be answeared in his eschequer.

¶ Be it also enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the auctorite aforesay, that euery owner, fermer and occupyer of the sayde weyres, gores and engins and euery of the same doe abate, put downe, and put away the same weires, gores & engins, on this side the feast of Ester nexte comming. And that no maner person or persons from henseforthe areise, lenie, or make any maner weir, gore, or engin in the sayd hauen betwene the sayde places called Sparhawkes & Hedwynstremes vpon peyne of C.li. of lawful englysh money for euery time they do the contrary, wher of the one halfe shalbe to our souerayngne lorde the kinge and the other halfe to him or them that will sue therof by action of dette, byll, plaint or information in anye of the kynges

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courtes wherin the partie defendaunt shal not wage his law nor in the action any essoyne, licence, ne protection be allowed.

¶ And further it shalbe lawful at all tymes after the feast of whitsontide nert commyng to the Mayre, burgesses and communalty of ỳ said towne of Newcastell and their successours to abate pluche downe and take away all and euery of the sayde weyres, gotes, and Engins that shall bee than founde standynge in any place within the sayd porte and hauen betweene the sayde places of Sparhawke, and Hedwinstremes and that hereafter shal be newly made leuied, and arrered any where within the same without trouble, lette or veracion of any maner person or persons by suite in the lawe or otherwise.

¶ Prouided alway that this act be not preiudicial or hurteful to any persone or persones beynge the kinges subiectes for bynge shippinge lodinge, or vnlodinge of any salte or fishe within the sayd riuer and port or to any of them or to any other person or persons repayrynge to the said port with shippes and marchaundises for sellyng or bying of any wares or marchandises, nedefull for the vitellynge and amendynge of their sayde shippes, at the tyme of their there beyng within the sayd porte: this acte or any thing comprised in the same notwithstandynge.

And acte concerynge auowries. Cap. xii.

Where as well the noble men of this realme as diuers other persons, by fines recoueries grauntes and secrete feoffementes and leases, made by their tenauntes, to personnes vnknowen, of the landes, and tenementes, holden of themhaue bene put from the knowledg of their tenauntes vpon whom they should by order of the lawe, make their avowries for their rentes customes, & seruices to their great losses & hinderāces. ¶ Be it therfore enacted established, and ordayned, by auctorite of this present paliament that where so euer any maner landes tenementes, and other hereditamentes be holden by any maner person or persons, by rētes customes or seruices, that if the lorde of whom any suche maner lands tenementes or hereditamētes be so holdē, distrayne vpon the same manours landes or tenementes for any suche rentes, customes, or seruices and replevine thereof bee sued, that the lorde of whom the same lādes tenementes, or hereditamentes be so holden may avow, or his bayliffe or seruaūt make confisance or iustifie for takynge of the sayd distresses, vppon the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes so holden as in landes or tenementes, within his fee seignory, alleging in the sayde auowrye confisance and iustification the same manoures, landes and tenementes to be holden of him without naminge of any personne certaine to bee tenaunt of the same and without makynge any auowry iustification or confisaunce vppon any person certaine. And likewise the lorde bayliff or seruaunt, to make auowrye

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iustificacion or conisaunce, in lyke maner and fourme vppon euerye writte sued of seconde deliueraunce.

And also bee it enacted by ỳ said auctho*ur*te, that euery auowantie, and enery other persone and persones that make any suche auowrye iustifycacion or conisaunce, as bailie, or seruaunt to any person or persones in any replegiare, or Seconde delyueraunce, for rentes, customes, seruices or for damage faisant, or other rente or rentes, vppon any distresse taken in anye landes, or tenementes, if the same avowrye, conysaunce, iustificacyon bee found for thē or the plaintifes in ỳ same be nonsuit or otherwise barred that than they shal recouer theyr damages and costes agaynste the sayde plaintyffes, as the same playntiffes should haue done or had if they had recouered in the replegiare, or second deliueraunce, found agaynst the sayde defēdauntes.

And bee it also ordayned that the sayde plaintiffes and defendauntes in the sayd writtes of replegiare, or writtes of seconde deliueraunce and in enery of them shal haue lyke plees and lyke ayde & praiers in al such avowries conisaunces, and iustificacions, Pleas of disclaym onely except, as they might haue had before the making of this act & as though the sayd auowri conisaunce, or iustificacion had bene made after the due order of the cōmon lawe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the sayd auctorite that all such persons as by the order of the commō lawe may lawfully ioyne to the plaintifes or defendauntes in the sayde writtes of replegiare or Seconde deliueraunce, as well without proceſſe as by proces, shal fromhenceforth ioyne vnto the said plaintiffes or defendantes, as wel without proceſſe as by proceſſe, & to haue like plees and like aduauntages in al thinges, declaim onely except as they myghte haue done by the order of the common lawe before the makinge of this acte

An act that the president of the kinges counsaile shalbe associate with the Chauncelour and Treasourer of England, and the keper of the kinges priue seale. Cap. ii.

Vhere at a parliament holdē at westminster in the .iii. yere of the raygne of our late moste dreade souerayne lorde Henrye the .vii. for as much as by ỳ vnlawful mayntenances geuing of liueryes, signes, tokens and retaindours, bye indentures promises othes, wrytinges or otherwyse embraceries of his subiectes, vntrewe demeanynge of sheryffes in makynge of panelles, and other vntrewe returnes by taking of money by iuries and great riottes and vnlawfull assemblies the policye and good rule of this realme was al moste subdewed. And for the punishement of these inconueniences by the occasion of the premisses nothinge or litell myght bee founde by ienquyrye wherby the lawes of the lande in execucion might take littell effect, whiche

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was to the encreale of murders, robberies, periuries and vnlefull lyues of all men liuinge & losses of their landes and goods, to the greate displeasure of almightye god. For reformacion of which premisses, it was ordayned and enacted by the auctoritye of the sayd parliamente amongest other thinges that the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande, for the tyme beynge and the keper of the kinges priuie seale or .ii. of them, callynge to them a bisshope and a temporall lorde of the kinges moste honorable counsaile, and the .ii. chefe iustices of the kinges benche, and the common place for the time being, or other .ii. iustices in their absences vppon bill or informaciō put to the sayd Chauncellour for the king or any other against any person for any misbehauinge afore rehersed, would haue auctoritye to call before thē by writte or by priuie seale the sayd misdoers. And they, and other by their discrecion by whom the truthe myght be knowen to examine. And suche as they should finde defectyue to punish them after their demerites after the fourme and effecte of statutes there of made, in lyke maner and fourme as they should and ought to be punished if they were therof conuicte after the dewe order of the law as by the same statute amonge other thinges now plainlye dothe apere. Neuertheleſſe in the same good and profitable estatute the presidente of the kinges most honorable counsaile for the tyme beyng. attending vpon his most noble and ropall person is omitted and not named in the sayde former statutes, made in the .iii. yere of the reygne of kinge Henry the vii. to be one of the sayd persons that should haue auctoritye to call before them such misdoers so offending the kinges lawes in any of the premises as is before rehersed.

Be it therfore now by the auctority of this present parliamente ordeined, and enacted, that from henceforthe the Chauncellour, Treasourer of Englande, and the presidente of the kinges moste honorable counsaile, attendinge vpon his moste honorable persone, for the tyme beyng, and keper of the kinges priuie seale or two of them callynge vnto them one bishoppe, and one temporall lorde of the kinges moste honorable counsaile, and the two chefe iustices of the kinges bench and the common place for the time beyng or other two of the kinges iustices in their absence vppon anye bill or informacion hereafter to be put to the chauncellour of Englande, Treasorer presidente of the kinges sayde moste honorable counsaile or keper of the kinges priuie seale for the tyme beyng, for any misdehauinge before rehersed, from henceforthe haue full power and auctority to call before them by writte or priuie seale, such misdoers and them and other by their discrecion by whom the truthe may be knowen, to examine. And suche as they shall fynde defectyue, to punishe theim after their demerites after the fourme and effecte of the sayd former estatute and of al other statutes thereof tofore made, and not repelled and erppred in lyke maner & fourme as they shoulde and ought to be punished, if they were thereof conuicted after due order of the kinges lawes.

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And also be it enacted by auctority of this present parliamente that the President of the kinges sayd moste honorable counsaile for the time beyng if he be than present may be at al times hereafter associate with the Chaūcellour, Treasorer of England, and keper of the kinges priuie seale for the tyme beyng as well at the naminge of sheriffes and settinge of prises of wines, as at all other actes limitted and appoynted by any statute to bee done by ꝑ said chauncellour, and Treasorer, or keper of ꝑ kings priuie seale for the tyme beyng: Any acte, statute, or vse hereto fore made or vsed to ꝑ contrarye notwithstandinge.

An acte for Yermouthe concerninge makinge of worstedes. Cap. xvi.

Where at a parlyament holden at London the .xv. day of Aprill in the .xiiii. yere of our soueraign lord the king that now is & from thense adiourned to westminster the last daye of July in the .xv. yere of our said soueraigne lord, & ther ended It was ordained, enacted & established that the craftes mē, called worstede weauers inhabited in ꝑ towne of great Yarmouth, should haue power and auctorite by that act, from thense forward to electe and chose yerely for euer on the mondaye nert after ꝑ feast of Pentecoste, one honest man of the misterye and occupacion of worstede weauers being an householder within the sayde towne of greate Yarmouthe and hauing of his proper goodes and cattels, to the value of ten pounde at the leaste, or landes or tenementes to his owne vse of estate of freeholde at the least to the clere yerely value of .xx. s. to bee wardaine of the same crafte & misterye, of worstede weauers for the nerte yere Ensuinge, whiche man so elected and chosen, shoulde personally apere before the mayor of the citye of Norwiche for the tyme beynge, the mondaye nerte after the feaste of Corpus christy than nert ensuinge, than and there to be sworne and charged by like othe, concernyng the true and substancial makyng of worstedes, saies and stamins, within the said towne of great Yarmouth, as the foure wardeines of the sayde citye of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of parliamente made in the .vii. yere of king Edward the fourthe were charged & sworne for the same citye of Norwiche. And if the sayde maire happened to be absent the sayd mundaye nert after Corpus christie, or els than refused to receiue or take the said othe, then the saide warden so elect within .iiii. daies nerte after the same monday shoulde come before the bailiffes of the sayde towne of great Yarmouth for the time being or before on of thē the other beyng absent and than and there receiue a corporall othe for the true exercisinge of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be geuen to the saide wardains of the saide citye of Norwiche. And than the sayd wardaine of the said towne of great Yarmouth for the tyme beynge, so elected and sworne might ordeine and appointe a-

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¶ And that no perſonne, inhabited within the ſayde towne of great Yermouthe oꝛ ſuburbes thereof, ſhould weaue anye woꝛſtedes, ſayes, oꝛ ſtamins, within the ſame towne, excepte he bee an Engliſhe man boꝛne, and had bene apꝛentice to the ſayde occupacion, and without he weaued ther ſuch pꝛoꝛe markes as ſhould be limitted and appoynted by the ſayd wardeyn of the ſayde towne foꝛ the tyme beynge, elected and ſwoꝛne as is aboꝛe ſayde, vpon peyne of foꝛfayture thereof to the kinge our ſouereigne loꝛde. And that euery warden of the ſayd towne ſhould limitte diſtinct and ſeuerall markes to euery of the ſayd woꝛſtede weauers of the ſayde towne, of great Yarmouth. And the ſame markes by ꝑ ſaid warden to be regeſtred in a boke And alſo it was further enacted, that if, and whan ſo euer the towne of Lynne ſhould be inhabited with. x. ſundꝛie houſeholders oꝛ moꝛe numbꝛe of houſeholders, exerciſinge and vſinge the ſayd craft, oꝛ miſterye of woꝛſtede weauers, then and from thenſefoꝛthe, that is to ſaye as longe as the ſame towne of Linne ſhould be inhabited with ꝑ numbꝛe of. x. ſuch houſeholders, at the leaſte, it ſhoulde be lawfull to the ſame inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne of Lynne yerely in the monday next after the feaſte of Penthecoſt, to elect and choſe of them ſelfe one wardeine of the ſayd craft and miſterie of woꝛſtede weauers to be of the value in lands and goodes as is aboꝛeſaid of ꝑ wardeine of Yarmouth, which warden ſo elect ſhould yerely be ſwoꝛne and charged at the ſayde citie of Noꝛwiche in like maner and at like day as is beꝛoꝛe limitted to the wardeins of yarmouth: oꝛ in defaute of the ſayde Mayre of Noꝛwiche, then the ayde wardeine ſo to bee elected foꝛ the ſayd towne of Linne, to take a coꝛpoꝛal othe beꝛoꝛe the Mayꝛe of the ſayde towne of Linne within ſuche time and after ſuche fourme as is beꝛoꝛe limitted vnto the ſayd wardeine of Yarmouth.

¶ And that the ſayde wardeine of the ſayde towne of Linne foꝛ the tyme beynge, ſo elected and ſwoꝛne by hym ſelfe myghte oꝛdeyne and appoynte a ſeale with this letter. L. to be grauen in the ſame ſeale, & mighte haue full power and auctoꝛitye to viewe, ſerche, ſeale, & ſeale in leade, with the ſame ſeale ſo to bee grauen, and with none other, al woꝛſtedes. ſaies, & ſtamins within the ſayd towne of Linne, and ſuburbes of the ſame made oꝛ to bee made, and not elſe where, in as large and ample maner as the ſayde wardeine of the ſayde citye of Noꝛwiche, and wardeine of the ſayde countye of

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Norff or anye of theym had within the sayde citye or ſcountye or otherwyſe myght dooe by auctoritie or vertue of the aforeſayd acte made in the sayd viij. yere of king Edwarde the fourthe. Any thinge contained in the same acte to the contrary not withſtanding. And that no perſon inhabited within the sayd towne of Linne or the ſuburbes therof ſhould make any worſtedes ſaies or ſtamins within the ſame towne excepte he were Engliſhe borne, and had bene apprentice to the ſame occupacion and without he weaned therein ſuche proper marke, as ſhoulde be limitted and appoynted by the sayd wardein of the ſame towne of Linne for the tyme beynge, vppon peyne of forfaiture thereof to the king our ſouereigne lord. ¶ And that euerye gardeine of the sayde towne ſhoulde limitt diſtincte and ſeuerall markes to euery of the sayd worſtede weauers of the ſame towne, and the ſame markes by the sayd wardeine to be regeſtred in a booke

¶ And it was further enacted that from ỳ feaſt of ſaint Michael the archaungell than next folowinge vnto ſuche time as the sayd towne of Lyn ſhould be inhabited with the ſaid numbre of ten houſeholders of the ſaid craft of worſtede weauers and alwayes after whan that numbre of ten houſeholders ſhoulde happen to fayle and not bee inhabited in the sayde towne of Linne, the sayde wardeines of the sayde citye of Norwiche and their ſucceſſours, would procure and cauſe one of them ſelues, or one of the wardeines of the sayde craffte of the sayde countye of Norff. perſonally to come and be euery .xxviij. day from and after the sayd feaſt of ſainte Michaell the archaungell, in, and to the ſa d towne of Lin, or within vj. dales nexte after euery ſuche .xxviij. day. And there to continue and abyde by ſo longe time as he myght ſerche and ſeale all ſuche worſtedes ſayes and ſtamins, made in the ſame towne of Lin, as then ſhoulde be brought to hym to be ſealed within the ſpace of one hole day. And the ſame inhabitaunts of worſtede weauers of the ſame towne of Linne beynge, ſhould contente and paye the sayde wardeine of Norwiche or Norffolcke, whiche ſhoulde ſo come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviij. daye, or within the vj. dayes nexte after the sayde .xx viij daye, for his coſtes and expences for euerye tyme that he ſhould ſo come to Lyn betweene the feaſtes of ſaint Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciacion of our ladye ſainte Marye .vj.s. And for euerye time that he ſhoulde ſo come to the sayd towne of Linne betweene the feaſt of the annunciation of our lady and the feaſte of ſayncte Michaell the archaungell .vj.s. And if the sayde inhabitaunts of worſtede weauers of the sayde towne of Linne did not contente and paye the sayd wardeyn comynge to Linne, in fourme aforeſayd, for his sayde coſtes and charges the ſaid .iij.s or vj.s as is aboue limitted that the ſame inhabitaunts ſhould forfaite and paye to the sayd wardaine or to his executours for euery ſuche defaute of payment .vj.s. And if none of the sayd wardaines of Norwich and Norffolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cauſe aforeſaide in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayd wardeins of the sayde citie of Norwiche ſhoulde forfaite and paye to the sayde inhabitaunts of

ſeale with this letter .y. to be grauen in the ſame ſeale & myghte haue full power and auctoꝛitye, to viewe, ſerche, ſeale, & ſeale in leade with the ſame ſeale, ſo to be appoynted and engrauen and none other, al woꝛſtedes, ſaies, and ſtamins within the ſayde towne of Yarmouthe, and ſuburbes of the ſame, made oꝛ to be made & not els where. in as large and ample maner, as the ſayd wardens of the ſaid citye of Noꝛwich and the wardens of the countie of Noꝛff. oꝛ any of them had within the ſayde citie oꝛ countie, oꝛ in any wyſe maye dooe in that behalfe by auctoꝛitye oꝛ vertue of the afoꝛe remembꝛed acte, made in the ſayde. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. anye thinge in the ſame contayned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

¶ And that no perſonne, inhabited within the ſayde towne of great Yermouthe oꝛ ſuburbes thereof, ſhould weaue anye woꝛſtedes, ſayes, oꝛ ſtamins, within the ſame towne, excepte he bee an Engliſhe man boꝛne, and had bene apꝛentice to the ſayde occupacion, and without he weaued ther ſuch pꝛoꝛe markes as ſhould be limitted and appoynted by the ſayd wardeyn of the ſayde towne foꝛ the tyme beynge, elected and ſwoꝛne as is afoꝛe ſayde, vpon peyne of foꝛfayture thereof to the kinge our ſouereigne loꝛde. And that euery warden of the ſayd towne ſhould limitte diſtinct and ſeuerall markes to euery of the ſayd woꝛſtede weauers of the ſayde towne, of great Yarmouth. And the ſame markes by ẏ ſaid warden to be regeſtred in a boke And alſo it was further enacted, that if, and whan ſo euer the towne of Lynne ſhould be inhabited with. x. ſundꝛie houſeholders oꝛ moꝛe numbꝛe of houſeholders, exercyſinge and vſinge the ſayd craſte, oꝛ miſterye of woꝛſtede weauers, then and from thenſefoꝛthe, that is to ſaye as longe as the ſame towne of Linne ſhould be inhabited with ẏ numbꝛe of. x. ſuch houſeholders, at the leaſte, it ſhoulde be lawfull to the ſame inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne of Lynne yerely in the monday next after the feaſte of Penthecoſt, to electe and choſe of them ſelfe one wardeine of the ſayd craft and miſterie of woꝛſtede weauers to be of the value in lands and goodes as is afoꝛeſaid of ẏ wardeine of Yarmouth. which warden ſo elect ſhould yerely be ſwoꝛne and charged at the ſayde citie of Noꝛwiche in like maner and at like day as is beſoꝛe limitted to the wardeins of yarmouth: oꝛ in defaute of the ſayde Mayre of Noꝛwiche, then the ayde wardeine ſo to bee electe foꝛ the ſayd towne of Linne, to take a coꝛpoꝛal othe beſoꝛe the Mayre of the ſayde towne of Linne within ſuche time and after ſuche fourme as is beſoꝛe limitted vnto the ſayd wardeine of Yarmouth.

¶ And that the ſayde wardeine of the ſayde towne of Linne foꝛ the tyme beynge, ſo elected and ſwoꝛne by hym ſelfe myghte oꝛdeyne and appoynte a ſeale with this letter. L. to be grauen in the ſame ſeale, & mighte haue full power and auctoꝛitye to viewe, ſerche, ſeale, & ſeale in leade, with the ſame ſeale ſo to bee grauen, and with none other, al woꝛſtedes. ſaies, & ſtamins within the ſayd towne of Linne, and ſuburbes of the ſame made oꝛ to bee made, and not ells where, in as large and ample maner as the ſayde wardeine of the ſayde citye of Noꝛwiche, and wardeine of the ſayde countye of

Noꝛff

Norff or anye of theym had within the sayde citye or kountye or otherwyse myght dooe by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesayd acte made in the sayd viii. yere of king Edwarde the fourthe. Any thinge contained in the same acte to the contrary not withstanding. And that no person inhabited within the sayd towne of Linne or the suburbes therof should make any worstedes saies or stamins within the same towne excepte he were Englishe borne, and had bene apprentice to the same occupacion and without he weaned therein suche proper marke, as shoulde be limitted and appoynted by the sayd wardein of the same towne of Linne for the tyme beynge, vppon peyne of forfaiture thereof to the king our soueraigne lord. ¶ And that euerye wardeine of the sayde towne shoulde limitt distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the sayd worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd wardeine to be regestred in a booke

¶ And it was further enacted that from ỳ feast of saint Michael the archaungell than next folowinge vnto suche time as the sayd towne of Lyn should be inhabited with the said numbre of ten householders of the said craft of worstede weauers and alwayes after whan that numbre of ten householders shoulde happen to fayle and not bee inhabited in the sayde towne of Linne, the sayde wardeines of the sayde citye of Norwiche and their successours, would procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardeines of the sayde craft of the sayde kountye of Norff. personally to come and be euery .xxviii. day from and after the sayd feast of saint Michaell the archaungell in, and to the sayd towne of Lin, or within vi. dayes nexte after euery suche .xxviii. day. And there to continue and abyde by so longe time as he myght serche and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stamins, made in the same towne of Lin, as then shoulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole day. And the same inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the same towne of Linne beynge, should contente and paye the sayde wardeine of Norwiche or Norffolcke, whiche shoulde so come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviii. daye, or within the vi. dayes next after the sayde .xxviii. daye, for his costes and expences for euerye tyme that he should so come to Lyn bee twene the feastes of saint Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciacion of our ladye saint Marye .ii.s. And for euerye time that he shoulde so come to the sayd towne of Linne bytwene the feast of the annunciation of our lady and the feaste of saynte Michaell the archaungell .ii.s. And if the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayde towne of Linne did not contente and paye the sayd wardeyn comynge to Linne, in fourme aforesayd, for his sayde costes and charges the said .ii.s or ii.s. as is aboue limitted that the same inhabitauntes should forfaite and paye to the sayd wardaine or to his executours for euery such default of payment .xl.s. And if none of the sayd wardaines of Norwich and Norffolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesaide in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayd wardeins of the sayde citie of Norwiche shoulde forfaite and paye to the sayde inhabitauntes of

Lynne, of the sayde, misterye of worstede weauers for euery suche defaute xl.s. for recompence of which penaltie and forfaitures the said wardeines of Norwiche or Norfolke beynge therunto entitled by that acte, bye his propre name, with this addition that is to saye Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper vnius gardianorum artis siue misterie textorum panni sanei vocat. worsted. in ciuitate Norwici vel comitat. Norff. as the truth requireth should & might haue actiõ of dette, by writte, bill, or playnte, in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme, againste the inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayde misterye for the tyme beynge by their sundry propre names. And the sayd inhabitauntes by their said names with this addicion, Textorum panni sanei vocat. worstedes inhabitantes ville de Lynne, should and might haue like actions of det againste the said wardeines of Norwich by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum saneorũ vocat. worstedes infra ciuitatẽ Norwici, vel com Norff. to be vsed to good congruities of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme In whiche actions or anye of them, none essoyne, protection, or wager of law should be sufferred or allowed. And that the perticuler bodies or goods of any of the sayd wardens or inhabitauntes beyng condemned in any of the sayde actions shoulde and myghte be put in execution after suche maner and fourme as is vsed in actione of dett by course of the common law of this realme. And moreouer it was enacted that all clothes of worstedes saies and stamins made within any of ỳ said townes of Linne and great Yermouth or suburbes of the same or any of thẽ and marked with suche markes as shoulde be limitted to the makers by the sayde wardens of the sayd towne in maner and fourme as is aboue sayde. And viewed and sealed by any of the wardeines of the sayd townes of Lin and Yermouth in fourme remẽbred, by force and vertue of the said act might be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same without any other marking or sealing vppon the same clothes, or vppon any of them to be had or made of or vppon any of the sayd clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes. Any thinge contcined in the sayde. vii. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourthe to the contrary notwithstanding. And ouer this it was enacted that euery craftes man of the sayd misterye and occupacion of worstede makinge, dwellynge within anye the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth and suburbes of the same at theyr owne free wills and libertyes from thensforthe for euer myghte haue and take apprentice or apprentices beyng males of the age of. xbiii. yeres and vpwarde & beyng the kinges naturall subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres and not vnder so that none of them erede the numbre of two at ones to lerne ble and exercise the sayde craste with in eyther of the saide two townes of Lyn and greate yermouthe and suburbes of the same. All bee it the father of the sayd apprentice or apprentices mighte not expend in landes and tenemẽtes to the yerely value of xx.s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstãdinge.

Prouided alway that ỳ same act nor any thing therein contained should not

not in any wyse be hurtefull or preiudiciall to the mayre of Norwich, or to his successor to the wardenes of the sayd citye or coũty, or to their successors, in any poincte, article, power, or auctority, other thã for weauing, serchinge, and sealing of the worstedes, sayes, and stamins, made or to bee made onely within the sayd towne of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them. And for ymitting of markes to the markets of worsteds, sayes, and stamines, onely inhabited in either the sayde townes or suburbes therof, and taking of apprentices in fourme aboue remembred: But that the sayde Maire of the sayde citye of Norwiche, and wardeines of the same citye and countye, and euery of them might haue and vse all other poinctes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteined and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayd seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the serche, sealinge, correction, & reformation of the sayd wardeins, dewly to be electe by vertue of the same act and euery of them, according and after such fourme as they might doe or vse any of the sayd wardene of the sayd City or county, by force of the sayd acte made in the sayd. viii. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, as all and euery other enqueries, corrections, serchinges, sealinges, and reformacions to be had for trewe makinge of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, in and vpon any person or persons, as well within the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, as without, without trouble, let or veration of any of the inhabitantes of the sayde towns, in as large & ample wise as they myghte haue done before the making of the sayde acte, any thinge conteined in the same acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And also it was further prouided and enacted. that the sayd crafts men of worstede weauers, inhabited or after that to be inhabited, within either of the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons which shoulde happen to bye of the same crafts men, or any of the, or of any other person, any of the saide clothes of worstedes, saies, staming, made or to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Linne and Yarmouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same townes to be elect and sworne as is aforesayd.

And any of them should not shire, die, or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes, stamins, or sayes, made or after that to be made within eyther of the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the sayde Citye of Norwiche or suburbes of the same, vpon peine of forfayture of euery peece of Worstede sayes, or stamins, to be made within anye of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, or the value thereof, shorne, died coloured, or kalendred, by anye of the sayde crafts men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the sayde Citye of Norwich or suburbes of the same, the one halfe thereof to be to ỳ king our soueraign lorde, and the other halfe to suche person or persons as shoulde sease the same, so that the sayde worstedes brought to the sayde citye of Norwiche

to be shorne died, coloured, and kalendred without couine or craft of any of the said inhabitauntes and marchauntes might be shorne, died, coloured and kalendred, at and by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redye wise as the sayde inhabitauntes of either of the sayde townes of Lin, and Yarmouthe and marchauntes, byers of the sayde Worsted, or other of the sayde citie and countye had in times paste or after that shoulde haue and also that the same inhabitauntes and marchauntes, and euery of them so bringing the said worsted to the same citie to bee shorne, died, coloured, and kalendred, were reasonably and lawfully entreated, accordinge to the sayde acte made in the sayde .vii. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourthe and the ordinaunces made and affermed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the sayde mistery without lett or disturbance contrary to the same act, or ordinaunces in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted that no person or persons at any time after that should conuey or transporte into any of the partyes of beyond the sea, any maner of clothes of worsted before the same clothes were shorne, died, coloured, and kalendred vpon peyne of forfaiture the value therof, the one halfe to the king our soueraygn lord and the other halfe thereof to the partye that will sue thereof by action or playnte of dette in any of the kinges courtes: In which action or syte, no protection or essoyne should be alowed, nor the offendour admitted to wage his law as by the said act therof made more plainly appeare the whiche acte was made to endure vnto ye next parliament whereby it is now expired.

¶ In consideration wherof and for as muche as the same acte is a good & a necessarie act for their true making of worsteds saies and straming and very cõmodious and profitable for the encrease of the sayd townes of Yermouth and Linne. Be it therfore enacted by the king our souereigne lorde and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that the same acte and euerye article sentence, and prouision therein contained from the first day of this present parliament be and stand in ful strengthe, vertue, and effecte, and to endure vnto the last ende of the nexte parliament, any thinge in the same acte contained to the contrary not withstanding.

God saue the Kynge.

ANNO XXII. HENRICI VIII.

STATVTA BONVM PVBLICVM concernentia Edita in Parliamento tento apud VVestm. xvi. die Ianuarii. A gno regni præpotentissimi & metuendissimi Anglie & Frauncie regis, fidei defensoris, & dñi Hibernie, Henrici Octaui, diuersas prorogatiões eiusdē parliamēti primo inchoati xxii. post apud Lōdinum iii. die Nouēb. Anno xxi. eiusdem regis: & inde adiurnati & prorogati vsque ad VVestmonasterium, & ibidem continuati per xliiii. dies, Videlicet vsque ad xvii diem Decembris: & ab eodem die & loco vsque xxvi. diem Aprilis proxi. sequentis: & ab eo die vsque ad xxtij. diem Iunij, & ab illo die ad primum diem Octobris, & a primo die Octobris vsque ad xxij. diem eiusdem mensis, & ab illo die vsque xvi. diem Ianuarij secundum leges terre rite prorogati, & ibidem continuati per lxxv. dies, videlicet ad vltimum diem martii eodem Anno xxi & inde vlterius prorogati vsque ad xiii. diem Octobris proximè sequentis.

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An acte concerning maintenaunce of drapry and against regrating of wolles. Cap. i.

WHere at a parliament holden at Westminster in the 4. yere of the raigne of the moste victorious Prince of famous memorie king Henry the seuenth, moste dere father vnto the kinges highnes our souereaigne Lorde for the encrease and maintenaunce of draperye, & makinge of woollen clothes wythin this realme, it was established and enacted that no maner personne by himselfe, or by any other, should bie or bargaine from the fyrst day of Marche which was in the yeare of our lorde God M. CCCC. lxxix. anye wolles than vnshorne of the growing of Barkeshyre, Orefordshyre Glocestour shyre, Herfordshyre, Shropshyre, Worcester shyre, Essex, Wiltshyre, Somersette shyre, Dorset shyre, Hampe shyre, Hartford shyre, Cambridge shyre, Northfolke, Suffolke, Kente, Surrey, or Sussex, or of any of them, before the feast of the Assumption of our Lady then nexte ensuyng, or bie or bargaine any wolles, or take promisse of bargaine of any wolles, that shoulde growe in any of the sayd shyres in any yeere or yeares to come after ỳ said feast of thassumption of our lady, any time before the same feast of the Assumption of our lady that should be next after ỳ shering of the same wol or wolles, but onely such persons as of the sayd wolles shoulde make or doe to bee made yerne or cloth within this realme, vpon peine of forfayture of ỳ double value of all the sayde wolles boughte or to bee bargayned or taken by promisse of bargaine contrary to the sayd ordinance. Nor ỳ any marchant stranger by himself, or by any other person in any yere than to come, should by any wolles before the feast of the Purification of our lady nexte after the clippinge or shearinge of the same, vppon like peine of forfayture: The one halfe of such forfaiture to be to the kinges vse, and the other halfe to him that would sue the party that should breke the said ordenance. And that any person that would sue in that parte, should haue an action of Dett of the sayd forfayture, and such proces in the same action shoulde be had, as is in action of Dette at the common lawe, or after the customs of the citie borough or towne, where it should happen to be sued, and that no essoine ne protection should be allowed for the defendaunt in that action, nor that the defendant therin should be admitted to wage his law. And furthermore it was ordeyned by the same acte, that no maner person being swoine to be a wolle packer in any wyse after the said fyrste day of Marche shoulde bye or bargayne any maner of wolle, for any such marchaunt stranger within this realme, vppon paine of forfaitures of the same wolle so boughte bargayned or gathered to ỳ vse of any such marchaunt stranger, as by the same acte is plainly declared. The which good statute and acte was made onely to indure for the terme of x. yeres than nexte ensuinge, which terme is nowe

long tyme paſt and expired, Sithen the expyracion wherof there haue ben and dayly bee manye broggers regratours & gatherers of wolles wythin the sayde shyres, as well to the vse of straungers, as the kinges Englishe subiectes, which drape not the same wolles wythin this realme, which broggers and gatherours preuente so the clothmakers in the prouision of the sayd wolles, and put verely suche prices to the same, that the cloth makers by whom any of the kinges subiects of this realme haue ben cõmonly set a worke, cánot drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at reasonable prices to drape such multitude of wollẽ clothes, as they haue bẽ accustomed in times paste, by reason whereof many of the kinges subiectes, which lined by drapery, for lacke of worke be brought to idleneſs, and daily incurre and fall to robberies & other inconueniences. For reformacion whereof it may pleaſe the kynges highnes, by thaſſent of the lords spirituall and temporall & the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same to establish and enacte that ẏ sayd estatute made in the said iiii. yeare of the reigne of the sayde late kinge, bee reuiued in euery article thereof, and from the fyrst daye of March nexte commynge to stand in as good strengthe quality and effecte in euery article therein conteyned, as it was in any time wythin the sayde x. yeares expreſſed in the same estatute: and so to endure for the terme of x. yeres from nowe next ensuinge, and frõ thende of those x. yeres vnto thende of the next parliament to be holden after the same yeres. And furthermore it is ordayned and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, ẏ no maner personne in any wyse after the fyrst day of Marche nexte commynge, shall bie or bargayne any maner of wolle, wythin this realme for any marchaunt straunger nor take any promiſe of bargayne or sale of any wolle for any marchaunt stranger wythin this realme, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same woſle so bought, or wherof promiſe or bargaine or sale shalbe takẽ, or the value of the same wolles. This acte to endure from the sayd fyrst day of March next comming vnto thend of x. yeres next ensuing and further as is aboue written. Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority of this parliamente, that all worsted makers, makers of sayes stamins hatters & cappers of this realme, shall haue from henceforth like liberty and tyme of byeng and prouision of wolles for the onely vse and employmentes of makynge of worstedes sayes staminnes hattes and cappes wythin this realme, as is ordayned by the sayd acte made in this preſente parliamente, and by the sayde acte made in the sayd fourth yeare of the reigne of kyng Henry the viii. for clothiers and makers of yarne. And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte and euery article and thinge therein contayned, shall take effecte and be put in execution, as wel within ẏ shyres of Buck. Northampton, Leyceſter, Huntingdon, warwike, Lincolne, Darbie, Rutlande, Nottingham, and Yorke, as in any of the shyres aboue rehearsed for prouiſion or byenge of any wolles of the growe of anye of the same shyres of Buck.

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Northampton, Leycester, Huntington, Warwike, Lincolne, Darby, Rutland, Nothingham & Yorke, contrarye to any article cõtayned in this presente acte, and that all bargaynes, couenauntes, promises, contractes and prouisions for welles heretofore made, or at any time hereafter before the firste day of Marche nexte commyng to be made by any person or persons in any of the shires aboue rehersed for any yeare or yeares to come, shalbe voyde & of none effect excepte the byer prouider or such persons, to whom anye such former contracte or promise is made, do put the same welles by him receiued by reason of any such former contract, couenaunte or promise into yarne or clothe within this realme.

An acte concerninge the triall of forrein plees pleaded by felons. Cap. ij.

WHere amonge other thynges it was considered by the hole court of parliamẽt of our most excellent souerayne lord the kinge holden in the .iiij. yere of his noble reygne, that murderers & felons, lawfully arrained of their detestable offences, bare them bolde vpon imegining & pleadinge of feyned & vntrewe forrein plees triable in forrein cõtties, to thentẽt to be remoued from place to place by colorable & vntrue suggestions, & for to be vntruely acquit by fauour might or corruption, so that they lyued in maner without feare or dzede: For reformacion whereof, & for the commõ wealth of this realme, it was enacted by auctority of the sayd parliament, that if any murderer or felon vpon his arrainemẽt, frõ then did allege, that he had takẽ any church or churchyarde for murder or felony, or other place priuileged for the same in a forrein county, & against his will was takẽ out thereof; That then the kinges attorney, or any other person that woulde sewe or alledge for the kinge, that the sayde murderer or felon so arrayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is arrayned, that then the same allegaunce & issue should be tried by the inqueste that shoulde trie the sayd murder or felony within the same shire, and before the same Justices where the sayd murderer or felon, is arrayned, as though the sayde forrein plee had not be pleded by the sayde felon. And that if it were founde by ỳ same inquest, that the sayd murderer or felon was taken within the same shyre, as is aforesayde, that than he to haue no aduantage or benefite of the matter alledged by him for taking out of the churche or churchyarde, or other place priuileged in any such forrein shire, & that the sayd acts should endure to the nexte parliament from than ensuynge, as by the same acte made in the sayde .iiij. yere manifestly appereth. And for as muche as sythe the time of expiracion of the sayde acte made in the sayd fourth yere many abhominable murders, as well of priestes as of other persones robberies of churche, and robberies of persones in their houses, as well by daye as

by nighte, and other moſt deteſtable murders and felonies haue bene committed and done within this realme. And the more often bicauſe ꝑ the ſayde ſtatute hath bene expired and ended from tyme to tyme ſynce the beginninge of the parliamente of our ſayde ſouerayne lorde, holden in the .vj. yeare of his moſte noble reygne: It is ordeined & enacted by auctoritye of this preſent parliament, that the ſayde acte made in the ſayde .iiij. yeare, and euery thyng therin conteyned, concernyng the ſayde forreyn pleas and replications therunto to be made and trials therof, ſhall now be reuiued, and ſhall ſtande in full force and effect, and ſhall continue & endure from henceforth for euer, as if the ſame acte had beene originally made perpetuall and not determinable.

¶ An acte concerninge Plumſtede Marſhes. Cap. iij.

Where as the Marſhes of Plumſtede and Iſelenes, with the outragiouſneſſe of the ryuer of Thamys, hath bene and yet be drowned by occaſiõ of ꝑ breches in the marſhe walles of Plumſtede Iſelenes and Erithe: And where the breche in Plumſtede marſhe aforeſayde hath beene and is made, for inmynge of whyche breche of Plumſtede and maintenaunce and defence of the marſhe walles aboute the ſame breche, as well for makyng of a newe croſſe wall to bee made from the Thamys vnto the vplande for inmynge of the ſayde marſhe of Plumſtede, as alſo for the inmynge of certayne nombre of acres in the leuell and marſhes of Iſelenes to be incloſed, inned and defended by the ſayde croſſe walle frõ the water of Thamys, commyng in at Erethe breche, and drowneyng and ouerflowing the ſayde Marſhe and leuell, and for dranynge of the ſame, and for the mayntenaunce of the olde marſhe walles by the Thamys ſyde from the ſayde newe croſſe walle nyghe vnto Wolwych, diuers and ſundry Seſſes ſcottes and Taxis haue bene made, ceſſed, ſcotted, ſet and tared by vertue of commiſſion, and the daye of payementes thereof in the pariſhe Church of Plumſtede, accordinge as heretofore for ceſſes of Plumſtede marſhe hath ben accuſtomed, hath bene declared and proclamed, which ceſſes ſcottes and tares diuerſe poſſeſſioners, owners, landelordes, tenantes & profite takers of the ſayd landes within the ſayde marſhes and leuell at the daye mencioned and appoynted by proclamation, haue not payed, nor yet do paye contrarye to the lawes of Plumſtede marſhe heretofore made, by which lawe for none payment of ſuch ceſſes, ſcottes and tares, they ought to pay them and theyr doubles. In defaulte of whiche paiemente the ſayd bayly of the ſayde marſhe and leuell nowe being, and other by his aſſignement to their great hinderaunce haue bene conſtrained to pay diuers of ꝑ ſaid ſcottes, ceſſes and tares for the inning of the ſaid marſhe maintenance and defence of the ſame, or elles the ſame marſhes & leuell had bene vtterly

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loste without remedy. For the recouery of which cesses, scotts, and tares so by the baily and his assignes paid and of other scottes and cesses nowe due, by the occasion of the sayde outragious drowninge of the sayde marshes, the saide bayly and his assignes haue no remedy or meane to leuy the same: So that for none paiment of the said cesses, scottes and tares not only the saide warke is like to perishe, and not like to be finished, onelesse speedy remedy may be had for the leuyinge thereof: but also all such summes of money as before this time haue bene imploied for the innyng defence and maintenaunce of the same, are like to be lost, to the vtter destruction of the saide marshe and leuel, and to the extreme ruine and decay of the countrey therunto adioyning, and to the greate decay of the riuer of Thamis afore sayde, and to the dilherison, as well of our soueraigne lorde the kinge as of other owners, possessioners and tenauntes that haue, do and will pay such cesses, scottes & tares, as before this time or in time to come hath or shall be cessed, set and tared for the same. In consideration wherof be it enacted by our soueraigne lorde the kinge, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the bayly of the saide marshes and leuell now beynge or his assygnes, shall and may by force of this acte, make proclamacion on any sonday hereafter ensuyng in the parishe churche of Plumstede aforesayde, as well of this acte as also that all suche cesses, scottes and tares at the tyme of the sayde proclamacion made, beynge behinde and vnpayed, shalbe paied at a certaine place in the saide proclamacion to be limitted, within .xx. dayes nexte ensuyng after the day of the same proclamacon. And he that so payeth, shalbe discharged of any doubles due heretofore for none paymente of the same. And if the sayde cesses, scottes and tares be not payd by the ende of the sayde .xx. daies after suche proclamacion to the sayde bayly his executours or assignes, that then euery person or persons, whiche ought to paye the same cesses, scottes & tares, shall forfayte the doubles of the same cesses scottes and tares: And that than if the sayde cesses, scottes and tares and theyr doubles be not payed by the feast of sayncte Mychaell tharchaungell nowe nexte commynge, vnto the sayde bayliffe his executours or assygnes: than it shalbe lawfull to euery owner possessioner landelorde tenaunte and profitte taker of landes and tenements and other profites within the sayd marshes and leuell or any other person or persons, whiche hath, dothe and will pay to the sayd bayliffe his executours or assignes suche cesses, scottes, and tares or any of them so due and vnpayed by any other owner possessioner, landlorde, tenaunt, profit, taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuel, to entre into all the sayd landes and tenementes and other profits within the sayd marshes and leuel so cessed, scotted and tared, and the same from thenceforth to haue hold perceiue and occupy to him or them, his or their heyres, successours or assignes for euer by vertue of this preset acte without let or interruptiō of any of the same owners, possessioners, landlordes

lordes, tenauntes, takers of profites, termers or any other person or persõs which haue or shall haue any estate, title, interest, vse or terme in any of those landes and tenementes & other profites so cessed, scotted and tared, by reason of any intayle, gifte, graunte or other title what soeuer it be.

Be it further enacted by ỳ auctority aforesayde, that the same law shall be had and executed for any scot, tare or cesse hereafter to be had and made before the feast of the Natiuitie of sainct John Baptist now next cõming by vertue of any commission within any of the sayd marshes and leuel, any acte or vse to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alway this acte notwithstandynge, that such person or persons their heyres and assignes, who soeuer shall so renne in the doubles & losse of his or their landes, may at any time within .iij. yeres next folowing the time limitted for the losse of the sayde lande bryng in and pay the sayd cesses, tares and his or theyr doubles to him or them that shall haue the sayde lande by the auctority of this acte, or to his heyres or assignes, and so to enioy his or theyr land againe from the day of the paymẽt of his or their sayd money for the sayd cesses, tares and doubles or elles they and euery of them, theyr heires and assignes to be from thencefoorth excluded and barred from all title, right, vse, possession, action and entre to be had of or to ỳ sayd landes or any parcell therof for euer.

Prouided alway and be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayde that if any man hauing any lands in possession or in vse in the right of his wife, tenaunte by the curtesy, tenaunt in dower, tenaunte for terme of life, terme of yeres, tenaunt by Elegit, tenaunt by statute marchaunt, gardein in socage, gardeine in chiualrye or any other haupnge any partycular interest vnderestate of inheritance in any landes tenements or any other yerely profites chargeable to the sayd cesses, scottes, tares and doubles, nowe rated, tared or sette or hereafter to be rated, tared and sette, which haue before this tyme payd, or at any time hereafter shall pay durynge hys or theyr sayd interest in or to the same, any summe or summes of money for the defence innyng & maintenaunce of the sayde marshes and leuell, ouer and aboue all such summe or summes as he or they haue or shall receiue and take of the same landes or other yerely profittes, that from thencefoorth it shalbe lawful vnto euery such particular tenaunt occupier or other profite taker their executours or assignes by force and vertue of this present act to holde keepe, posses and reteine the same landes or other yerelye profittes to his or theyr owne vse, against all and euery suche person or persons, to whom the same landes, tenements, or other yerely profites should and ought to dyscend remayne or reuerte after all and euery such particular estate expyred and determined, vntill he or they haue fully receiued, taken and had of and vppon the same all such summes of money as they or any of them haue bestowed, imployed, expended and paied in and for the defence innyng & maintenaunce of the same.

An acte concerning exactions leuied on prentises. Cap. iiij.

AT the prayer of the cõmons in this present parliamẽt assẽbled, resiting that wher it was established & enacted in the xix. yere of our late soueraigne lord king Henry the vii. that no master wardens and felowship of craftes, or any of thẽ, nor any rulers of guildes or fraternities take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them hereafter made or hereafter to be made in diminuttaunce or diminution of ẏ prerogatiue of the king, nor of other, nor against the cõmon profite of the people, but if the same act or ordinaunces, be examined or approued by the Chauncellour, Treasourer of England, or chiefe Justice of either bench, or .3. of them, or before the Justices of Assise in theyr circuite or progres in the shyre, where such actes, or ordinaunces be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of xl. li. for euery time that they do the contrary as more plainely in the said acte doth appeare. Sith which time diuers wardens & felowships haue made actes & ordinaunces, ẏ euery prentise shall pay at his fyrst entree in theyr common hall to the wardens of the same felowship, some of them xl.s. some xxx.s. some xx.s. some xiii.s iiii.d. some vi.s. viii.d. some iii.s. iiii.d. after theyr owne senister minde and pleasure, contratie to the meaning of the acte aforesayde, and to the greate hurte of the kinges true subiectes putting their children to be prentise. It is therefore now ordeyned established and enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, by the aduise of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that no maister wardens or felowships of craftes or maysters or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities take from henceforthe of anye aprentise or of any other person or persons for the entre of any prentise into their saide felowship aboue the somme of ii.s. vi.d. nor for his entre whan his peres and terme is expyred & ended aboue iii.s. iiii.d. vpon peine of forfaiture of xl. pounde for euery time that they do to the contrary: ẏ one halfe to the king our soueraigne lord, the other halfe to the partie that therefore shall sue by action of det, information, or otherwyse: and that in the action aforesayde no protection or essoyne shall be allowed.

An acte concerninge repayring and amendinge of bridges in highe wayes. Cap. v.

BE it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, & the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same, that the Justices of peace in euery shyre of this realme fraischise cittie or borough or iiii. of them at the least, whereof one to be of the quorum,

rum, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquyre heare and determine in ỹ kinges generall sessions of peace, of all maner of annoysaunces of bridges broken in the high wayes, to the damage of the kinges liege people and to make such proces and peynes vppon euery presentment afore them for the reformation of the same againe such as owen to be charged for ỹ makinge or amendinge of suche bridges, as the kinges Justices of his benche vse commonly to do, or as it shall seeme by theyr discretion to be necessary and conuenient for the speedie amendement of such bridges. And where in many partes of this realme it cannot be knowen and proued what hundred ridinge, wapentake, cittie, borough, towne or parishe, nor what persone certaine or body politicke ought of right to make such bridges decayed, by reason whereof suche decayed bridges for lacke of knowledge of suche as owen to make them, for the most part lyeng long without any amendmēte to the great anoisaunce of the kinges subiectes: For the remedy thereof be it enacted by auctority aforesaide, that in euery such case the saide bridges, if they be without the cittie or towne corporate, shall be made by the inhabitants of the shire or riding, within the which the said bridge decaide shal happen to bee: And if it be within any cittie or towne corporate, than by ỹ inhabitaunts of euery such cittie or towne corporate, wherin such bridges shall happen to bee. And if part of any suche bridges so decayde happen to be in one shire, ridinge, cittie or towne corporate, and the other part thereof in an other shyre, ridinge, cittie or towne corporate, or if parte be wythin the limittes of anye cittie or towne corporate and parte wythoute, or parte within one ryding, and part within another: that then in euery such case the inhabitauntes of the shyres, ridinges, cities or townes corporate shall be charged and chargeable to amende make and repayre suche parte and porcion of such bridges so decayed, as shall lie and be wythin the limittes of the shyre ridinge cittie or towne corporate, wherin they be inhabited at the time of the same decayes.

And be it further enacted, that in euery suche case, where it cannot bee knowen and proued what persons, landes, tenementes & bodies politicke owen to make and repaire suche bridges, that for speedy reformation and amendinge of such bridges, the Justices of peace wythin the shyres or rydinges wherin such decayed bridges ben out of cities & townes corporate and if it be within cities or townes corporate: than the Justices of peace within euery such cittie or towne corporate or iii. of the saide Justices at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power and auctority within the limittes of their seuerall commissions and auctorities to call before them the Constables of euery towne and parishe, being wythin the shyre riding, citie or towne corporate, as well within libertie as without wherin such bridges or any parcell thereof shall happen to be, or elis two of the most honeste inhabitauntes wythin euery such towne or parishe in the sayde shyre ridinge, cittie or towne corporate by the discretion of the sayde

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Justices of peace, or iiij. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum: And at and vppon the apparances of such Constables or inhabitaciters, the sayde Justices of peace, or iiij. of theym, wherof one to bee of Quorum, wyth the assent of the said constables or inhabitaunts shal haue power and auctoritye to tare and set euery inhabitaunte in anye suche cittie towne or parish within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities to such reasonable ayde and somme of money, as they shall thincke by their discretions conuenient and sufficient for the repayringe, reedifying and amendemente of such bridges, and after suche taracion made, the sayde Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euerye particuler person. so by them tared, to be written in a rolle indented. And shall also haue power & auctority to make iij. collectours of euery hundred, for collection of all such sommes of money, by them sette and tared, which collectours receyuinge the one parte of the sayd rolle indented vnder the seales of the sayd Justices, shall haue power and auctoritie, to collecte and receiue all the particular sommes of money therin conteyned, and to distreine euery such inhabitant, as shalbe tared and refuse paiment thereof, in his lands, goods and catteles, and to sell suche distres, and of the sale thereof retayne and perreyue all the money tared, and ỳ residue if the distres be better) to deliuer to the owner therof. And that the same Justices, or iiij. of them, wythin the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, shall also haue power and auctority to name and appoint iij. Surueyours, which shall see euery such decayde bridge repayred & amended from time to time, as often as neede shall require, to whose handes the sayde collectours shall paye the sayde sommes of money tared, and by theym receyued, and that the collectours and Surueyours and euery of them, and theyr executours and administratours and the executours and administratours of them and euerye of them, from time to time shall make a true declaration and accompte to the Justices of peace, of the shyre, riding, cittie or towne corporate, wherin they shall be appointed collectours or Surueyours, or to foure of the same Justices, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, of the receytes, payinentes and expences of the sayde sommes of money: And if they or any of them refuse that to do, that then the same Justices of peace or foure of them, from time to time by their discrecions, shall haue power and auctoritie to make processe against the sayd collectours and surueyours and euery of them, their executours & administratours and the executours and administratours of euerye of theim, by attachmentes vnder their seales retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere, than to compell them to accompte as is aforesaide, or els if they or any of theym, refuse that to doe, than to committe such of them as shall refuse, to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise til the saide declaracion and accompte be truly made. And where anye bridge or bridges lien in one shyre or rydinge, and such personnes inhabitauntes bodies politike, landes or tenementes,

which owen to be charged to the making and amending of such bridges, lien and abiden in an other shyre or ryding, or where suche bridges beene within anye citie or towne corporate, & the persons inhabitaunces bodyes politike, lands or tenements, þ owen to make or repayre any such bridges, lien and ben out of the said cities & townes corporate: Be it enacted that in euery such case, þ Justices of peace of the shyre citie or towne corporate, wythin the which suche decayed bridges or any parte thereof, shall happen to be, shall haue power to enquire here and determine all suche anoysaunces, being wythin the limittes of theyr commissions or auctorities. And if the anoysaunce be presented, than to make processe into euery shyre within this realme, againste suche as owen to make or amende any suche bridges so presented before them, to be decaped to the anoysaunce and let of the passage of the kinges subiectes, and to do further in euery behalfe in euery such case, as they mought do by auctority of this acte, in case that the persons or bodies politicke, landes or tenementes, which owen to be charged to the amending or making of such bridges, or any parte thereof, were in the same shyre, riding, citie or towne corporate, where suche anoysaunce shal happen to be. And that all sheriffes and bailiffes of liberties and fraunchises, shall truly serue & execute such proces, as shall come to theyr hands from the said Justices of peace, afore whom any presentmente shalbe had for any such anoysaunce according to the tenour and effect of the sayd processe to them dyrected, without fauour affection or corruption, vpon paine to make such fine as shalbe set vppon them or any of them, by the discretiō of the said Justices.

Prouided alway that this acte nor any thing therein contayned be not preiudiciall to the liberties of the fiue portes or membres of the same and for reformacion of anoysaunces of bridges within the sayde portes and members.

Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the warden mayres and bailiffes elected, & Jurates of the same portes and euery of them, haue power and auctority to inquire here and determine al maner of common anoysaunces of bridges wythin the same portes and members, and to make such processe paines taracions, and al other thinges within þ same portes & members, as the Justices of peace maye doe in other shyres or places oute of the same portes, by vertue and auctorite of this presente acte in euery behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that the Justices of peace or iiii. of them shall haue full power & auctority to allowe such reasonable costes and charges to the said Surueyours and Collectours, as by theyr discretion shalbe thought conuenient.

For as muche that all bee it bridges decayed were amended and repayred, according to the tenour of this acte, yet neuertheleſſe if speedie remedie for the amendemēt of the wayes nerte adioyning to euery of the endes

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of ſuch bridges ſhoulde not be had and made, the kynges ſubiectes ſhoulde take litle or none auaple or commodity in many partes of this realme by the makyng of the bridges: In conſyderacion whereof be it enacted by the kyng our ſouerayne lorde, and the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, that ſuch part and portion of the hyghe wayes in euery part of this realme, as well wythin franchyſe as wythout, as lye nerte adioyning to anye endes of anye bridges wythin this realme, diſtaunte from any of the ſayd endes, by the ſpace of CCC. foote, be made repayred and amended as often as neede ſhall requyre. And that the Juſtices of the peace in euery ſhyre of this realme, fraunchiſe Cittie or borough, or foure of them at the leaſt, whereof one to be of the Quorum, wythin the limittes of theyr commiſſions and auctorityes, ſhall haue power and auctority to enquyre here and determine in the kynges generall ſeſſions of peace, all maner of anoyſaunces of and in ſuch hyghe wayes, ſo beynge and lyinge nert adioyning to any endes of bridges wythin this realme, diſtant from any of the ends of ſuch bridges CCC. foote, and to do in euery thing and thinges concerning the makinge repayringe and amendynge of ſuch hyghe wayes and euery of them, in as large and ample maner, as they moughte and may do to and for the making repayryng and amending of bridges, by vertue and auctority of this preſent acte.

An acte concerning tamers and butchers. Cap. vj.

FOr as much as in diuers and many good townes and places wythin this realme ſondry perſons occupying the craftes of butchers, haue now of late for theyr ſinguler priuate lucre and aduauntages ſet vppe tanninge houſes, vſyng in the ſame craftes of tanners, and not beynge experte in the ſayd crafte, do dailye make much falſe vntrue and deceyuable lether, ſellinge the ſame in the greate diſceyte of the kinges poore ſubiectes. And alſo by meane that they do occupie as well the ſayde crafte of tanners as of butchers, they doe many times bie ſtolen Oxen kyne ſteres Calues and ſheepe, and the ſame do kill and ſell in theyr butchers ſhoppes, conueyinge the hydes ſkinnes and felles of ſuche ſtolen cattell vnto theyr taune houſes, cauſynge the ſame to bee tanned and tranſported into tanned lether, by meane whereof not onelye greate nombet of honeſte perſons wythin this realme being robbed of ſuch Oxen, kyne, ſteres, calues and Sheepe ſo taken, can neuer come to the knowledge of ỳ ſame, neither by ſkinne hyde horne fell or other marke, whereby diuers preuie felonyes ben daily in many places of this realme, cloked committed and done to the great hurte of the kinges moſt louing ſubiectes. And alſo by occaſion of the premiſſes the true and ſubſtanciall occupation of tanninge of lether

is like in briefe time vtterly to decaie throughe out this realme, if speedy remedie be not therein prouided. Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no person or personnes occupying the craft or occupation of a butcher wythin this realme, shall at no time after the feast of sainte Michaell tharchangell next comming by himselfe nor by any other to his vse, kepe any tanne house, or occupie the craft of a tanner and butcher within any place of this realme, vppon paine of forfaiture of vi.s. viii.d. for euery day that he or any to his vse, shall occupie any tanne house, or craft of a tanner, after the saide feast, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of euery such forfayture to be to the vse of oure soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to the vse of him that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes be it by writte bill plainte or informacion, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe nor any protection or essoine shall be to him allowed.

An acte concerning conueying and carying of horses and mares, out of this realme. Cap. vii.

WHere at a Parliamente holden at Westminster in the xi. yere of the reigne of the late famous Prince of memory king Henry the viii. it was auctorised established and enacted, by auctoritie of ỳ sayde parliamente, ỳ from thencefoorth no maner person nor persons should carye or conuey any horse oute of this lande, without the kinges speciall licence, vppon paine of forfaiture of the same, or anye mare aboue the value of vi.s. viii.d. without the kinges speciall licence, vppon the sayde peyne of forfayture of the same mare, the owner therof or his deputie receyuinge for the same mare vi.s. viii.d. at the time of the seisure vpon the sayde forfayture, or els it not to be forfaite. And at the time of seasyre of the saide mare or mares, they shalbe prysed by the heade officers of the towne, where any such mare is taken, & there openly to be sold to the best price, and the halfe deale of the ouer price of her, being aboue vi.s. viii.d. to bee to the kinge: and the other halfe to him that so seiseth, and the kinges part therof to be deliuered to the customer of the said port. And where as it was further prouided by the said acte, that it should be lawfull to euery person or persons being Denisen, from thencefoorth to carie horse beyonde the sea, the kinges licence in that behalfe not obtayned for theyr own vses, not entending at the time of the shippinge of the same, nor than fully purposed to sell him, and that entente to bee knowen by the othe of him that should so shippe the same horse taken before the customer or searcher of the same porte, as by the said act made in the said xi. yere amonges other euidently appereth. Sith the making of which acte great nombers of horses

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and mares haue bene secretly and otherwyse conueied out of this realme, cõtrary to the fourme and effect of the sayde statute, wherby the horses of this realme apt and meet for the way & for other necessary vses, be at this time muche derer than like horses haue bene heretofore. And by reasone of cariage of great multitude of the good mares of this realme into the parties of beyond the sea, the good breede of horses of this realme is greatly decayed, whiche is an other cause of derthe and scarsitie of the sayde horses. And where also many oxen, steres, kyne, calues and sheepe, bene dayly cõueyed and caried out of this realme into the parties beyonde the sea, which causeth great scarsitye of victayle, & maketh cattell and victayle to be solde within this realme at much greatter prices, not onely to the great hurt of the kinges highnes in his prouisions, but also to the great hurt and impouerisshement of the kynges subiectes within this realme. wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that no maner of person or persons from hencefoorth, shall carye or conuey any horse geldynge, mare or colte out of this realme or wales or marches of the same, into any the partes of beyonde the sea: nor from hencefoorth cary or cõuey any oxẽ, steres, bullockes, calues, kyne or sheepe out of this realme or wales or the marches of the same, into any of the sayde parties beyonde the sea, without the kynges speciall lycence vnder his greate seale of England, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery polle so conueyed contrary to this acte. xl. s. nor that any person or persons shall from hencefoorth bringe any suche horse, geldinges, mares, coltes, oxẽ, steres, bullockes, calues, kine, or sheepe to any hauen porte or creke within this realme or wales, or the marches therof, to be caried ouer the sea out of this realme. without the kings sayd speciall lycence, vppon peyn of forfayture of euery suche horse, mare, oxen, and other cattalles aforesayde, so broughte vnto any suche hauen porte or creke to be conueyed out of this realme into the parties of beyonde the sea, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwaies that it shall be lawfull to euery the kinges subiectes which for reasonable causes shall entende to passe and repasse into and out of this realme into any the parties of beyonde the sea to haue, take & carie with them out of this realme horses or geldinges for theyr onely occupacion commodity and ease in such their iourneyes, and not to the entent to sell the same in any the partyes beyonde the sea: and that entent to be iudged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes, that shall so dooe shyppe such horse or geldyng, which othe shalbe takẽ before the customers or any theyr sufficient deputyes or sercher of the same porte where it shalbe shypped before the shippyng therof.

Prouided also that this acte nor any thinge therein conteined be in any wyse hurtefull or preiudiciall to suche persones, as shall conuey oxen, sheepe or other cattell to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same for the onely victaylynge of the sayde towne and marches, so that alwayes

euerye ſuche perſonne or perſons be bounde before the cuſtomers & theyr lawfull deputies of the porte hauen or creke, where ſuche cattell ſhall bee ſhypped by obligacion to the kynges vſe, in as greate ſomme as the value of the cattell ſo to be conueyed ouer, ſhall amount vnto, accordynge to the diſcretion of the ſame cuſtomer, that hee ſhall not onely conuey the ſayde cattell to the ſayd towne or marches, there to be ſolde, or otherwiſe ther to be diſtributed and ſpente for the victaylynge onely of the ſame, but alſo to bryngе or ſende to the ſayde cuſtomer a ſufficient certificate, within foure monethes nexte after the date of the ſayde obligation, the ſame certificat to be ſealed and ſubſcrybed with the handes of two of ỳ kynges counſell of the ſayde towne or marches, and by the cuſtomer or his deputye of the ſayde towne, that the ſayde cattelles haue bene truely broughte without fraude, and deliuered to ſomme of the kynges officers or ſubiectes inhabited and abydynge in the ſayde towne of Caleys or marches, there to be ſpente for the onely victaylynge aforeſayde. And after that ſuch cuſtomer hath receyued ſuch certificate made, ſealed and ſubſcribed in due forme (as is aforeſayde) he to cancell the ſame obligation vppon peyne of forfayture of the ſumme of the ſayde obligation, and after to bringe or ſende the ſame obligation ſo cancelled, with the certificate thereunto annexed, or elles for lacke of ſuche due certificat ſo to be made, the ſayde cuſtomer to bryngе or ſende the ſaid obligatiõ vncancelled into the kynges eſchequer at the time of makynge of his or their accompte for the yere nexte after the time limitted in the ſayde obligation, there to remayne vntil true knowledge be had whether the ſaide cattell and euery parte therof haue beene duely brought without fraud to the ſayde towne or marches for victaylinge of the ſame, as is aforeſayde, ſo as for lacke of ſuche certificat not made accordynge to the condicion of the ſayde obligation, proceſſe may be made in the ſayde eſchequer for the recouery of the penaltie in the ſayd obligation to the kings vſe, accordinge to reaſon. And if any cuſtomer, ſercher or controller of any porte, hauen or creke within this realme, ſuffre any ſuch cattals to be ſhipped in the ſame before ſuche obligation had, as is aforeſayde, or if anye cuſtomer fayle in bryngynge or ſendinge into the kynges eſchequer at hys or their accompte the ſayd obligation by him to be taken with the certyficat, if any be to him broughte in fourme as is aboueſayde, that than euery ſuch cuſtomer, ſercher and controller, ſufferynge any ſuche cattell to be conueyed ouer the ſea contrary to this acte, ſhall loſe and forfayte like ſũmes, as the party ſo ſhippynge or conueyinge the ſame cattell ſhall doo by vertue of this preſent acte: and for defaulte of certificate of any ſuch obligation and certificat, accordyng to the tenour and effect of this acte euery ſuche cuſtomer ſhall loſe and forfayte .x.li.

And bee it further enacted, that it ſhall not be lawfull to any perſon to cary or conuey any ſuche cattell brought oute of this realme, to the ſayde towne of Caleys or marches oute of the ſayde towne and marches of the

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ſame, vppon payne of forfayture for euery polle ſo brought out of the ſayd towne and marches xl. s. The one halfe of which forfaytures and penal-tyes, excepte the ſommes of money conteyned in ſuch obligacions, to be to the kinge oure ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to the party that ſhall ſeiſe or ſue for the ſame by action bill plainte or informacion in anye of the kinges courtes: wherein the defendante ſhall not wage his lawe, nor any protectiō or eſſoyne ſhalbe allowed. And if any plees be pleded in any ſuch action or ſuite: not triable in the realme, nor wythin any ſuch place: where the kynges writte doth runne: than by auctority of this act euery ſuch plee, if any iſſue be taken of the ſame, ſhalbe tryed by the verdite of xii. men in ỹ ſhyre or place, where any ſuch action or ſute ſhalbe commenſed, any thinge to the contrary hereof notwythſtanding.

Prouided that it maye bee lawfull to the kinges counſellers of the ſaide towne and marches of Caleys, to conuey oute of this realme to the ſame towne and marches ſuche horſes, geldinges, and mares for theyr owne vſes, as they ſhal thincke erpediente, not entending at the ſhipping of them to put them afterwarde to ſale, whereby they ſhould be conueyed oute of the kynges ſayd towne and marches: and that entent to be iudged by the oth of them, that ſhall ſhippe ſuch horſes geldinges and mares to be taken before the cuſtomer or ſearcher, or any theyr deputies of the ſame port hauen or creeke, where it ſhall be ſhipped. And that other horſemen of the ſaide towne and marches, that is to ſaye, men of armes, ſpeares on horſe-backe, archers on horſebacke and ſcowters, may carye and conuey oute of this realme ſuch horſes and geldinges, as any of them comming into this realme ſhall haue brought with them, or leauing ſuch horſes or geldinges as they ſhall bring into this realme, or cōming hyther wythin this realme, wythoute any horſe or geldinges, may liberally cary and take wyth them to the ſaid towne of Caleys and marches other horſes and geldinges of ỹ breeding of this realme for theyr owne vſes, wythin and wythout ỹ ſame towne and marches, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the con-trary notwythſtanding.

Prouided alwayes ỹ this acte nor any thyng therein mencioned, bee in any wiſe hurtfull or preiudiciall to the mayſter of the kynges horſes nowe and hereafter to be, for ſuch things & commodityes as ſhall & do concerne his office, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwythſtanding.

Prouided alſo, that the wardeine of the fiue portes now being, or here-after to bee, may yerely at his pleaſure giue vi. horſes or geldynges, and no more within one yeare, at one or diuers tymes, vpon like peyne as is afore-ſayde, to any perſon or perſons into the partyes beyonde the ſeas, being in amitye wyth the kinges highnes or his ſucceſſours, this acte or any thinge therein notwythſtanding. This acte to continue vnto the laſt day of the nert parliament.

Prouided alway that it ſhalbe lawfull to any the kings ſubiects to cary

or sende to any partyes of beyonde the sea any mares, whereof the price of any one mare so to bee caried doth not exceede vi.s. viii.d. in lyke maner as they might do before the making of this acte, any thinge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwythstanding.

An acte concerning Denisens to pay straungers customes tolles and other dueties. Cap. viij.

PRayen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where in a parliament holden at Westmin. the vij. day of Nouember in the fyrst yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lorde of famous memorye kinge Henry the seuenth, whose soule God pardon, it was ordayned established and enacted by auctority of the sayd parliament that euery person made, or after the makyng of the sayd act to be made Denisen, should pay of his marchaundises like custome and subsidy as he ought or shoulde pay afore that hee were made Denisen, any letters patentes, or other ordinaunces by parliament, or otherwyse, to the contrary notwythstanding, which estatute and ordinaunce was onelye made for custome & subsidy to be payd to the sayd late king, and to our now souerayngne lorde. Sithen which time dyuers grauntes haue ben made, to diuers, as well marchant straungers as other aliens borne out of this realme to be Denisēs, wherby they haue and enioye suche freedomes and liberties as doth Denisens borne wythin this realme being our sayd souerayngne lorde the kinges naturall borne subiectes, whereof there is no smal nomber, and euery day encrease more and more, by the which the sayde Aliens to theyr lucre and auayle ben encreased to great and notable substance and riches, and the naturall subiectes of our sayd souerayngne lord and his realme greatly empouerished: And after they be enriched, for the most parte conuey themselues wyth theyr said goods to theyr owne countrye, wherein they be naturally borne, to the great detriment of the common weale of this realme of England and subiectes of the same. Wt maye therefore please your highnes of your most good and louing disposition, that ye beare and owe to the common wealth of this your realme by the aduise of your lords spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, to ordeyne, enacte and establishe, that euery person or persons, what soeuer they be, borne out of this realme of England oute of the kinges obeysaunce, made or hereafter to bee made Denisen, do paye your grace and to your heyres, and to all & euerye other person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion he or they be, and to all and singuler officers and ministers of cities boroughes and townes wythin this realme of Englande, & to euery of them, all such subsidies customes tolles duties and other sommes of money for theyr wares marchandises & other what-

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ſoeuer goodes by whatſoeuer name or names the ſayde ſubſidies, cuſtomes tolles, duties & other ſommes of money or any of theym be named or called, as they ſhould or ought to haue payde before they were Deniſens, any graunte or grauntes to them made or hereafter to be made, or any act or actes eſtatute or ordinaunce to the contrary made or had notwythſtãding.

Prouided alway that all and ſinguler officers and myniſters of euery cittie, borough or towne, wherein any ſuch cuſtome, tolles, dueties or ſommes of money ſhalbe demaunded, as is aboueſaid, on this ſyde the feaſt of Penticoſte nert comming, ſhall ſet vppe or cauſe to be ſet vp in open place & places of euery ſuch cittie, borough or towne, a table or tables, by which the certainty and very duety of euery ſuche cuſtome, tolle, and dutye or ſomme of money of ſuche wares and marchaundiſe to bee demaunded or requyred, as is aboue rehearſed, ſhall and may plainly appeare and bee declared, to the intent that nothinge bee eracted otherwyſe than in olde time hath bene vſed and accuſtomed, vppon peine of euery cittie not doinge the ſame to loſe v. li. and euery towne corporate to loſe xl.s. for euery moneth that the ſame table ſhal fayle to be ſet vp after the ſame feaſt, the moitie of which forfayture to bee to the kinge oure ſoueraigne lorde, and the other moity to the party that will ſue for the ſame by writte, bill, plaint or informacion: in which action the defendaunte ſhall haue no eſſoyne wager of law ne protection allowed.

Prouided alway and bee it enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that this acte ne any other act or actes made or to bee made in this preſente parliament, concerning the premiſſes be not in any wyſe preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto the marchaunts of the houſe of Almayne, nor to any of them, hauing the houſe within the cittie of London commonly called Guild hall, Theutonicorum, otherwiſe called the marchauntes of Stiliarde in London, nor to theyr goodes or marchaundiſes, by whatſoeuer name or names they or any of them bee called, but that they and euery of them ſhall haue and enioy all ſuch liberties, fraunchiſes, cuſtomes and priuiledges as they had the firſt day of this preſent parliament, any thing, or thinges ſpecifyed in this acte, or in any other acte or actes made or to bee made in this preſente parliament notwythſtanding.

Prouided alwaye that the tables ſo be ſet vp in the cittie of London, touching ſeauage wythin the ſame, ſhall firſt be viewed, examined, and approued by the Chauncellour and Treaſourer of Englande, the preſident of the kynges counſayle, the lord priuie ſeale, the lord ſteward of the kinges moſt honourable houſeholde, and the two chiefe Juſtices of the kinges benche and common place for the time being, or by iiij. of them at the leaſt, and by them ſubſcribed.

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An acte agaynst Poysoning. Cap. ir.

THe kynges royall maiesty callynge to his most blessed remembraunce, that the makyng of good & holsome lawes and due execution of ẏ same against the offendours therof, is the only cause, that good obedience & order hath ben preserued in this realme: And his highnes hauing moste tender zele to the same, among other thinges consydering that mans life aboue all thinges is chiefly to bee fauoured, and voluntary murders moste hyghly to be detested and abhorred, and specially of all kyndes of murders poysoning, which in this realme hitherto, oure Lorde be thanked, hath ben most rare and seldome committed or practised: and now in the time of this present parliament, that is to say, in the xviii. daye of Februarye, in the xxij. yeare of hys most victorious reygne, one Rycharde Roose, late of Rochester in the countye of Kente Cooke, otherwyse called Rycharde cooke, of his most wycked and dampnable dispolytion, did caste a certayne venim or poyson into a vessel replenished wyth yeste or barme, standynge in the Kechinne of the reuerende father in God, John bishoppe of Rochester at hys place in Lambeth Marsh: wyth which yest or barme, and other thinges conueniente, porrage or grewell was forthwyth made for hys family there being, whereby not onely the nomber of xviij. persons of hys sayde family, which did eate of that porrage, were mortally infected and poysoned, and one of theym, that is to saye, Benette Curwen gentleman thereof is deceased, but also certayne poore people whych resorted to the sayde bysshoppes place, and were there charitably fedde wyth the remayne of the sayde porrage and other vittayles, were in lyke wyse infected, and one poore woman of them, that is to say, Alice Tripitte wydowe is also thereof nowe deceased: Oure sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, of hys blessed disposition inwardly abhorryng al such abhominable offences, because that in maner no personne can liue in surety oute of daunger of death by that meane, if practise thereof should not be eschewed, hath ordayned and enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that the sayde poysoning be adiudged and deemed high treason. And ẏ the sayd Richard Roose for ẏ sayd murther & poysoning of ẏ sayd ii. persons, as is aforesayd, by auctority of this present parliament shall stande & be atteinted of hyghe treason. And because ẏ detestable offence nowe newly practised & cõmitted, requyreth condigne punishmente for the same, it is ordayned and enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that the sayde Richarde Roose shall be therefore boyled to death, wythout hauing any aduauntage of his clergy. And that from henceforth euery wilfull murtherer of any personne or personnes, by any what soeuer personne or persons hereafter to bee cõmitted and done, by meane or waye of poysoninge, shall bee reputed deemed

med and iudged in the law to be high treason And that all and euery person or persons, which hereafter shall be lawfully indited or appealed, and attaynted or condempned by order of the law of such treason for any maner poysonyng of any person, shal not be admitted to the benefyte of his or there clergye: but shall be immediatlye after such attaynder or condempnacion committed to execution of death by boylinge for the same. And that the Justices of peace, in euery shire, citie, or towne corporat within this realme, where Justices of peace bene, shall haue full power and auctority in their sessions to enquire from time to time, as well of such traitours, murderers and murders, as of ỳ counterfaitynge of coyne of any outwarde realme, suffred to runne and go with this realme by the kynges assente, and to make processe therupon by Capias onely. And that the Justices of Assise, in euery shires of Englande, shall haue full power and auctoritye to here and determine in their sessions, as well such treasons committed and done by waye of poysonnynge, as the counterfaitynge of any suche coyne suffered to runne within this realme, by the kynges assente, as is aforesayde.

And furthermore it is enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliament, that all landes and tenementes and other hereditamētes of any person and persons, whiche hereafter shalbe condemned or atteinted of anye treason for poysonyng, as is aforesayde, shall escheete remayne and be to the lordes of the fees, as by the lawes of this realme, landes, tenementes of felons or murderers atteinted, haue heretofore ercheted, this present acte of treason or any therin conteined not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concernyng outlandishe people callynge themselues Egiptians. Cap. r.

FOr as muche as before thys time diuers and manye outelandishe people callinge theym selues Egiptians vsynge no crafte nor feate of marchandise, haue commen into this realme and gone from shire to shyre, and place to place in greate company, and vsed greate subtill and craftye meaneg to deceiue the people, bearynge them in hande, that they by Palmestrye coulde tell mennes and womens fortunes, and so many times by crafte and subtiltye haue deceyued the people of their money: And also hathe committed manye and haynous felonies and robberies, to the greate hurte and deceyte of the people that they haue commyn amonge.

¶ Be it therfore by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same ordeyned, established and enacted, that from hencefoorth no suche persons bee suffred to come within thys the kynges

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realme. And if they do, than they and euery of them so doynge shall forfayt to the kynge our soueraigne lorde all their goodes and cattalles and than to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within .xb. dayes nerte after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment. And it shall be lawfull to euery shirrife, Justice of peace and Eschetour, to seise to the vse of our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, all suche goodes, as they or any of them shall haue: And therof to make accompte to our sayde soueraigne lorde in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen any suche straūger hereafter to commit within this realme any murder, robbery, or anye other felonye, and therof be indicted and arrayned, and to pleade not guilty or any other plee triable by the countrey: that then the enquest that shall passe betwene the kynge and any such partye, shall be all together of englishmen, all bee it that the partye so indicted praye medietatem lingue, according to the statute of Anno. viij Henrici. vj. or of any other statute therof made.

Prouided alway, that the Egiptians nowe beinge in thys realme, haue monition to departe within .xvj. daies after proclamation of this estatute amonge them shall be made, vpon peine of imprisonment and forfauture of theyr goodes and cattelles. And if they than so departe, that than they shall not forfaite theyr goodes nor any parte therof, this presente estatute notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye that euery such person or persons, whiche can proue by twoo credible persons before the same partye that seyseth suche money, goodes, or cattelles of the same Egiptians, that anye parte of the same goodes, money or cattalles, were craftely or felonyously taken or stolen from him, shall be incontinente restored vnto the same goodes, money, or cattels, wherof he maketh such proufe before the same party, that so seiseth the same money, goodes, or cattelles, vpon peine to forfayte to the same partye that maketh suche proufe, the double value of the same by action of Dette, bill, or otherwyse in anye of the kynges courtes to be sued: vppon whiche action and suite he shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne to be allowed, any thynge in this act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Prouided always, and be it further enacted, that if any Justice of peace Sheriffe or Eschetour, which by auctority of this act haue power to take or sease any goodes or cattelles of any Egiptians at any time hereafter do sease or take the goodes or cattels of any suche Egiptians: that then euery suche Justice, Sheriffe or Eschetour doyng the same, shall haue, kepe and reteine to his owne vse the moytye of all suche goodes so by him seased and of the other moyty so by him taken or seased shall make aunswere and accompte to the kinge in his Eschequer, according to the tenour of this present act: any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge. And that vpon any accompte hereafter to be made for the sayde other moytye of the same goodes, the accomptante shall paye no

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maner of fees or other charges for his accompte or discharge to be had in the kinges eschequer, nor els where.

An acte concerning Powdike in Marshlande. Cap. xi.

WHeretofore this time diuers euill disposed persons of theyr peruerse and euill disposition, malicioussye at diuers and sondry times, haue cut caste downe and broken vppe diuers parties of the dike called the newe Powdike in Marisshelande, in the countye of Norfolke. And the broken dike otherwyse called Oldefelde dike by Marshland in the Ile of Ely, in the county of Cambridge: by reason whereof as well by the great abondance of the salte water, as also by the course of the fresh water, entryng and comminge into and by the sayde parties of the sayde ditches so broken and cast downe, the grounde and pastures within the countrey of Marshlande in the countyes aforesayd, hath bene diuers and many times drowned & sorrounded with the waters aforesaide, so that no profit thereof might be taken by the owners and occupiers of the sayde grounde and pastures within Marshland aforesaide. For the drowning whereof the saide owners and occupiers of the saide grounde, and the inhabitauntes within the sayd Marshelande and the leuell of the same, at many and sondrie times haue bene not onelye put to importunate charges and expences to theyr extreme damages and costes, but also to theyr greate vndoinge, haue loste muche of theyr cattell and beastes than beinge and pasturynge vpon and within Marshelande aforesayd, to theyr great damage and losse and to the great decay of the common weale of the countreys adioyninge to the same. And also by reason of the same waters muche people haue ben drowned in theyr beddes within theyr houses, and haue lost the most parte of theyr goods being within the same.

For the reformation whereof be it ordeyned enacted and established by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the assente of the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery suche peruerse and malicious cuttinge downe and breaking vp of any part or parties of the said dikes, or of anye other bancke, beinge parcell of the rinde and vttermoste parte of the saide countrie of Marshelande aforesayd, made for the defence and saluation of the same countrie of Marshlande, at euerye time and times from henceforth by any person or persons committed & done, otherwyse than in worckinge vppon the saide bankes or dikes for the repayringe fortifyinge and mendinge of the same: bee taken, reputed, and adiudged felony. And that the offenders and doers of the same and euery of theim bee adiudged and reputed felons. And that the Justices of the peace of the sayd counties of Northfolke and Cambridge, within the said Ile, at euery of their sessions

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with the same Isle and counties to bee kepte, by the auctority aforesayde, haue ful power to cause enquirie to be made of euery such offece so at any time in fourme aforesaide, hereafter to be cõmitted and done & to awarde like proces against euery of the said offendours, with like iudgement and execution of the same (if they or any of them be thereof founde guilty by verdite or otherwise) as the sayd Iustice hath vsed and accustomed to do vpon other felonies being felony at the common law.

An acte concerninge howe aged, poore and impotent personnes compelled to liue by almes, shall be ordered: and howe vacabounded & mightye stronge beggers shalbe punished. Cap. xii.

WHere in al places throughout this realme of England, vacabounds and beggers haue of long time encreased and daily do encrease in greate & excessiue nombers by the occasion of idlenes, mother and roote of all vices, whereby hath insurged and sprong, and daily insurgeth and springeth continuall theftes, murthers, and other sondrie heynous offences and greate enormities, to the highe displeasure of God, the inquietacõ and damage of the kings people, and to marueylous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme: & where as many and sondrye good lawes streite statutes and ordinances haue ben before this time deuised and made, as well by the king our souereigne lorde, as also by diuers his moste noble progenitours kinges of Englande for the moste necessarye and due reformacion of the premisses: Yet that notwythstandinge the sayde nombers of vacabounds and beggers be not seene in any partie to be minished, but rather daily augmented and encreased in greate routes and companyes, as euidentlye and manifestly it doth and may appere. Be it therfore enacted by the king our souereigne lorde, and by the lords spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the Iustices of the peace of al and singular the shyres of Englande within the limittes of theyr commissions, and all other Iustices of peace Mayres Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of all and euery cittie, borough, rydinge or fraunches wythin the realme of Englande, wythin the limittes of their auctoritie, shall from time to time as often as neede shall requyre by theyr discretions, deuide themselues wythin ỳ sayd shyres, cities, boroughes, rydinges or fraunchefes, whereof they bee Iustices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, or officers, & so beinge deuided shall make diligent search and inquirie of all aged, poore, and impotente personnes, which liue or of necessitie bee compelled to liue by almes of the charitie of the people, that bee or shall bee hereafter abydinge wythin euery hundred, rape, wapentake, citie, borough, parishe, libertye or fraunches wythin the limit-

limitties of theire deuision, and after and vppon such serch made, the sayde Justices of peace Mayres sheriffes bailiffes and other officers, that is to saye, euery of them within the limites of their auctorities wherunto they be deuided, shall haue power and auctority by their discrecõs to enable to begge within such hundrede rape wapentake citee to wne parishe or other limites as they shall appoynte, such of the sayd impotente persones, which they shall fynd and thinke moste conuenient within the limittes of their diuision, to liue of the charity and almes of the people, and to giue in commaundement to euery such aged and impotent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shall begge without the limittes to them so appoynted, and shall also regester a wryte the names of euery such impotent begger, by theym appoynted, in a byll or roll indented, the one parte thereof to remayne with them selfe, and the other parte by them to be certyfied before ỹ Justices of peace at the nerte sessions after suche serche had, to be holden within the sayd shires, cities, townes, or fraunchises, there to remayne vnder the keppng of Custos Rotulorum. And that ỹ sayde Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bayliffes and other officers, that is to say, as they bee deuided, shall haue power and auctority to make such and so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundreds rapes wapentakes cities boroughes townes or places, within the which they shall appointe and limitte euery such impotente person to begge, and committe the sayd seales to the custody of such of them, or to the custody of such other, as they shall thinke, conueniente and shall make and delyuer to euery suche impotente person, by them enabled to begge, a letter contaynting the name of such impotente person, and witnessinge that he is auctorised to begge, and the limites, within which he is appointed to begge. The same letter to be sealed with such of the sayde seales, as shall be engraued with the names of the limite, where in such impotent person shalbe appoynted to begge in and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde iustices or officers, aboue sayd. And yf any such impotente person so auctorised to begge do begge in any other place then within such limites, that he shalbe assigned vnto that then the Justices of peace mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, constables, and all other the kinges officers and ministers, shall by theire discretions punishe all such persons by imprysonemente in the stockes by the space of .ii. dayes and .ii. nightes, geuing them but onely breade and water, and after that cause euery such impotent person to be sworne to returne againe, without delaye to the hundred rape wapentake city borough towne parish or franches, where they be auctorised to begge in.

And it is enacted that no such impotente person, as is aboue sayd, after the feast of the natiuitie of saynct John Baptiste nert commynge shall begge with in any part of this realme, except he be auctorised by writyng vnder seale as is aboue sayd. And yf any such impotente person after the sayd feast of saynt John, be vagarant and go a begging, hauinge no such

letter vnder seale, as is aboue specified: that then the Constables and all other inhabitantes, within such towne or parishe, where suche persone shall begge, shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and brought to the nerte Justice of peace, or highe constable, of the hundred: And thereupon the sayd Justice of peace, or hyghe constable, shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabitantes of the towne or parishe, whiche shall bringe before hym any such begger that they shall strippe hym naked from the middle vpwarde, and cause hym to be whipped within ẏ toune where he was taken, or within some other towne where ẏ same Justice or highe constable shall apoynte: if it shall seme to the discretion of the sayd Justice of peace or high constable, that yt be conuenient so to punish such begger to hym brought: And if not, then to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stockes in the same towne or parishe, whear he was taken, by the space of thre dayes and thre nyghtes, there to haue onely breade and water, & therevppon the sayd Justice or highe constable, afore whom such begger shall be brought shall limite to hym a place to begge in and geue to hym a letter vnderseale in forme aboue remẽbred, and swere hym to depart & repaire thyther immediately after his punishment to him executed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorities aforesayd, that if any persõ or personnes beyng hole and myghty in body, and able to laboure, at any tyme after the sayd feast of saynt John be taken in beggynge in any parte of this realme: or if any man or woman beynge hole and myghty in bodie, and able to labour, hauinge no lande, mayster, nor vsing any lawfull marchandise crafte or mistorye, whereby he myghte gett his liuynge, after the same feaste be vagrant, and can geue no reknynge howe he doth lawfully get his lyuyng, that then it shalbe lefull to the constables and all other ẏ kynges officers ministers and subiectes of euery towne paryshe and hamlette to areste the sayde vacabounde and idle persons, and them bringe to any of the Justices of peace of the same shyre or libertye or elles to the highe constable of the hundrede rape or wapentake within whiche suche personnes shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: thanne to be brought before the mayre, sheriffes, or bayliffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche Justice of peace, highe Constable, Mayres, Sheriffes and bayliffes, by theyr discretions, shall cause euery suche idell persone so to hym broughte to bee hadde to the nert market towen or other place, where the sayde Justices of peace highe constable, Mayres, bayliffes and other officers, shall thinke most conueniente by his or their discretions, and there to be tied to the ende of a carte naked and be beaten with whippes throughe out ẏ same market towne or other place till his body be blody by reason of suche whippynge. And after such punyshmente and whyppynge hadde, the persone so punyshed by the discretion of the Justice of peace, highe Constable, Mayre, Sheryffes, Bayliffes and other officers, afore whome suche persone shall be broughte,

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ſhall be enioyned vppon his othe, to retourne forthwyth wythoute delaye in the next and ſtreighte way to the place where hee was borne, or where hee laſte dwelled before the ſame punyſhmente by the ſpace of three yeares, and there to put himſelfe to labour like as a true man oughte to doe. And after that done, euerye ſuch perſon ſo puniſhed and ordered ſhall haue a letter ſealed wyth the ſeale of the hundred rape wapentake, cittie, borroughe, towne, libertye or fraunchiſe, wherein hee ſhall be puniſhed, wytnelling that he hath bene puniſhed accordinge to this eſtatute, and conteyninge the daye and place of his punyſhmente, and the place whereunto hee is limitted to go: and by what time hee is limitted to come thither, wythin which tyme hee may lawfully begge by the way: ſhewyng the ſame letter, and otherwyſe not. And if he do not accompliſhe the order to him appointed by the ſayde letter, than to bee eftſones taken and whipped, and ſo as often as any default ſhall be founde in him contrary to the order of this eſtatute, in euery place to be taken and whipped, till hee be repayred where he was borne, or where he laſt dwelled by the ſpace of three yeares, & there put his body to labour for his lyuing, or otherwyſe truly gette his lyuinge wythout beggynge, as longe as he is able ſo to do. And if the perſon ſo whipped bee an idle perſon and no common begger, than after ſuch whippynge he ſhall be kepte in the ſtockes till hee hath found ſurety to go to ſeruice, or els to labour, after the diſcretion of the ſaid Juſtice of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, bayliffes, highe conſtables, or other ſuch officers, afore whom any ſuch idle perſon, being no common begger, ſhall be broughte, if by the diſcretion of the ſame Juſtyce of peace Mayre ſheriffe bailye highe conſtable or other ſuche heade officer it bee ſo thoughte conueniente, and that the partie ſo puniſhed bee able to finde ſurety, or els to be ordered and ſworne to repayre to the place where hee was borne, or where hee laſte dwelled by ỹ ſpace of three yeres, and to haue lyke letter and ſuch further punyſhment, if he eftſones offende this eſtatute, as is aboue appointed to and for the common ſtronge and able beggers, and ſo from time to time to be ordered and puniſhed till hee put his body to labour, or otherwyſe gette his lyuing truly accordinge to the law. And that the Juſtices of the peace of euery ſhyre rydinge cittie towne and liberty ſhall haue power and auctority wythin the limittes of theyr commiſſions, to enquyre of all Mayres, bayliffes, conſtables and other officers and perſons that ſhalbe negligent in executing of this acte.

And if the conſtables and inhabitauntes wythin any towne or pariſhe where any ſuche impotent perſon or ſtronge begger doth happen to begge contrary to the fourme of this eſtatute, be negligente, and take not euery ſuch impotente and ſtronge begger, that ſo ſhall begge agayne the fourme of this eſtatute, and order and puniſhe euery ſuche begger, as is aboue limitted: that than the townelhip or pariſhe, where ſuche defaulte ſhall bee, ſhall loſe and forfaite for euery ſuch impotent begger, that ſhall be ſuffered

to begge within the sayd towneship or parishe, not beinge taken ordered & punished, according to the fourme of this estatute iii.s.iiii.d. and for euery stronge begger, that shall happen to begge wythin any such towneshippe or parishe, not beinge taken and ordered as is aboue limitted by this estatute vj.s.viij.d. The one halfe of all which forfaytures to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him that wyll sue for the same by any bill of informacion afore the kynges Justices of his peace in theyr generall sessions, to be holden in the shyre or wythin any liberty, wher such default shall happen.

And that all Justices of peace wythin any shyre cittye borough or libertye, shall haue full power and auctority, as well to heare and determine euery such default by presentmente as by such bill of informacion, and vpon euery presentmente afore them, and vppon euery such bill of informacion to make processe by distresse agayne the inhabitauntes of euery suche towne and paryshe, where any default shalbe presented or supposed by any such informacion. By auctority of which distresse the sheriffe or other officer, to whom by the lawe suche distresse shall be made, shall distreyne the goods and cattelles of such one or two of the sayde inhabitauntes, as hee may haue knowledge were most negligent and in default in the executiō of this acte, and the sayd distresse retayne till they finde surety to appeare at the sessions limitted in the sayd distresse. And in case they appeare and confesse the default, or els if they trauerse the presentmente, and it be tryed agaynst them by verdite, or denie the informacion, & it be proued againste them by sufficient witnesse: than the sayde Justices of peace in theyr sessions shall haue auctority to assesse the fynes as beene aboue limitted after the rates abouesayde, and to make processe for the leuyeng of the same by distresse of the inhabitauntes of such townes or parishes, where suche default shalbe tryed or proued. And that euery such fine if it growe by presentmente, to be onely to the kinges vse. And if it growe by informacion: then the moitie thereof to be to him that pursueth the informacion for the same, and the other moitie thereof to the kynges vse, as is afore sayde. And if any such person or persons distreyned appeare not at the daye and place conteyned in such distresse, then vppon the retourne of the sheriffe or other officer, to whom the distresse was deliuered to execute that such person or persons were distreyned: then euery such person or personnes so distreyned at the firste distresse shall loose xl.d. and at the seconde vi.s.viii.d. and so to be doubled vpon euery distresse in such cases as be awarded, till apparance may be had by one of the inhabitauntes of such towne or parishe to denie trauers or confesse the presentmente or informacion exhibited agaynst any such towne or parish: to the intent that vpon tryall or proofe thereof the fines aboue limitted may be assessed and leuyed of the inhabitauntes of euery such towne or parish as is aboue rehearsed.

And bee it enacted by the auctority afore saide, that scholers of the Uni-

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uersitye of oxforde and Cambrydg, that go aboute begginge, not beyng aucthorised vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersitees by the commissarie Chauncellour or vycechauncellour of ỳ same, and all and singular shippmẽ pretendynge losses of theyr shippes, and goodes of the sea, gonge aboute the countreie begginge without sufficiente auctoritye, witnessynge the same: shall be punyshed and ordered in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed of stronge beggers. And that all proctours and pardoners goinge aboute in any countrey or countreys, without sufficient auctoritye, and all other ydell persons goynge aboute in anye countrey, or abydynge in anye citye, borough or towne, some of theym vsinge dyuers and subtill craftye and vnlawefull games and playes, and some of them fayninge them selfes to haue knowledge in phisicke, phisnamy, palmestrye or other crafty sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande, that they can tell theyr destenues, decesses and fortunes, and suche other lyke phantasticall imaginations, to the greate disceyte of the kynges subiectes, shall vpon examinacion had before two Justices of peace, whereof the one shall be of the Quorum, yf he by prouable witnesse be founde guilty of any such deceyptes, be punished by whyppynge at two dayes together after the maner before rehersed. And if he eftesones offende in the sayde offence or any lyke offence: then to bee scourged .ij. dayes, and the thyrde daye to be put vppon the pyllorye from .ix. of the clocke till a .xi. before noone of the same daye, and to haue one of his eares cutte of: And yf he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punyshement with whipppynge, standinge on the pyllory, and to haue his other eare cut of. And that Justices of the peace haue lyke auctoritye in euery libertye and franchise within their shyres, where they be Justices of peace, for the execution of this acte in euerye parte thereof, as they shall haue without the libertye or fraunchise.

And it is further enacted, that this acte shall yerely be redde in the open sessions, to thentent that the sayde estatute shall be the more feared and ỳ better put in execution.

And furthermore be it enacted, that if any personne or personnes at any tyme hereafter gene any herborowe money or lodgeynge to any beggers, beynge stronge and able in theyr bodyes to worke, whiche order theym selues contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that euery suche person so doynge, beynge sufficiently proued or presented afore any Justice of peace, shall make suche fyne to the kynge, as by the discretion of the sayde Justices of peace at theyr generall sessions shall be assessed. And if any person or persons doo disturbe or lette the execution of this acte in any maner wyse, or make rescours agayne any Mayre, sheriffe, baylyffe, or other person that shall endeuour him selfe for the due execution therof: it is thã enacted, that euery suche person or persons, for euery suche offence doynge, shall lose and forfait .C.s. and ouer that to haue imprisonmẽt at the kinges will. The one halfe of which forfaiture if such offence be committed in any city or towne

corporate to be to the mayre, sheryffe, bayliffe or other head officers of such citie or towne corporat, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the comminaltie of euery suche citie or towne corporate. And if it be committed out of a citie or towne corporate, then the sayde one halfe to be to ỹ lorde of the leete or lawedaye, where suche offence shall be doone, and the other halfe of euery such forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde. For the whiche forfaytnre of .v.li.re couery shall be had by action of Dette byll, playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in which sute the defendaũtes shall not wage their lawe, nor haue any essoyne or protection allowed.

Prouided alway that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, shall be hurtfull or preiudiciall to the barons or other inhabitauntes of the fyue portes or their members: neither to any graunt libertye or fraunchile heretofore made by the kynge oure soueraigne lorde, or any his progenytours kynges of Englande, to the sayd barons or other inhabytantes theyr auncestours, predecessours or to any of them. And that it be enacted by auctoritye of this present parliament, that all and euerye Mayre and Mayres, Bayly and Bayliffes, electife and elected by the commons and inhabitantes of euery towne and place of the saide portes and membres, and also iurates of euery of the saide townes and places of the said portes and membres shall haue lyke auctoritye within euery such towne and place, where they or any of thẽ be or shalbe Mayre, Bayliffe or iurate, to put or cause to be put this acte in due execution, as the Justices of peace in any county of this realme, haue or shall haue auctoritye and power by this acte to doe, where they be Justices. And that the inhabitauntes within euery towne within the sayde portes, shall be bounden to the execution of this acte, lyke as other inhabitauntes be without the sayde portes, vpon like peine as is aboue remembred. And if any person or persons which shal inhabite within the sayde .v. portes or membres, be impotente or other ydell person, dooe hereafter begge withoute the sayde fyue portes or membres of the same, contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person shall be ordered and punyshed accordinge to this acte, any thinge in this Prouiso to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the seales aboue reherced, shall be made at the costes and charges of the Justices of peace, Mayres, shyriffes bailiffes and other officers aboue writtẽ, on this syde the feast of the Natiuity of sayncte John Baptist nerte commynge, that is to saie, that euery of them, shall do the sayde seales to be made within the limites of theyr diuision iurisdiction and auctorities.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctoritye of this acte, wherby any impotent begger shalbe auctorised and assigned to begge, shalbe made in this fourme ensuynge.

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cions is licenced to begge within the hundrede of .R. and L. in the sayd county. Geuen vnder the seale of that limitte, Tali die et Anno.

And that euery suche letter that shalbe made and deliuered to such begger or vacabound, after he hath bene whipped by auctority of this acte, shall be made in this wise folowinge.

Kente. ss. C I.S. whipped for a vagrante stronge begger at Dale in ỹ sayd county, accoding to the lawe, the .xvij. day of July, in the .xviij. yeare of kyng henry the viij. was alligned to passe forthwith and directly from thence to Sale in the countye of Midd. where he saieth he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the time of .iij. yeres. And he is limitted to be ther within .xiiij. dayes nexte ensuynge at hys perell, or within suche nombre of daies, as to him shall be limitted by the discretion of the maker of the sayde letter. In witnesse wherof the seale of the limitte of the sayde place of his punishement hereunto is set.

And it is enacted that euery suche letter shall be made at the equall costes of suche the sayde Justices, Mayres, Shyriffes, Bayliffes or other officers within whose iurisdiction powers and auctorities the sayde begger or vacabounde shalbe whipped or limitted to begge in, by auctority of this acte. And euery such letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayde Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, or other officers in thys fourme folowyng. Per me I.B. vnum Justiciariorum pacis, or maiorem ciuitatis, or balliuum ville, or constabularium talis hundredi, or els in lyke fourme in englishe.

And it is further enacted, that euery suche person and persons as haue the custodie of any Gayles within any shire, city, borough or towne corporate, on this side the feast of saincte John the Baptist, shall do make a seale engrauyd with the name of the castell, prison or gayle, whiche hee keepeth.

And in case any person or persons, that at any time after the sayd feast of saynct John, shall be deliuered out of any Gayle or prison for suspicious of felony by proclamation, or acquitte of any felonye, and hath no freendes to pay his fees, nor was borne within the hundred or place where he shall happen to be so deliuered nor can get hym no maister, there to abide and worke with, shall haue liberte to begge for his fees, by the licence of hys keeper, by the space of .vj. weekes nexte after suche deliueraunce, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundred, wher he was borne or last dwelled, by the space of three yeres, within suche time as shalbe limitted by one of the Justices of peace Mayres, sheriffes, bailiffes or any officers, where such deliueraunce shalbe had.

And it is enacted, that euery suche person so deliuered, shall haue a letter made to him by the clerke of the peace of the shyre, within the whiche he was deliuered, if he be deliuered in the shyre: and if hee be deliuered in any citie, borough or towne corporate, than he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euery suche citye, borough or towne, where he is deliuered.

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euery ſuche letter witneſſynge the daye of his deliueraunce, and the place where he was deliuered, and afore whom, and the time appointed to him to begge for his fees, and the place to the whiche he ſhall bee aſſigned to repayre vnto, in caſe he can get no maiſter to fall to worke where he was deliuered. And to euery ſuche letter the ſayd Gayloure or keper of priſon, oute of the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered: ſhall put the ſeale limitted to be made as is afore ſayde for the ſayde priſon. And that euery ſuche letter ſhall be made in this wiſe folowinge.

Eſſex. ſ. ℭ The.xx.day of July, Anno regni regis Henrici. viij. xxiij. J. S. was deliuered for felony out of the gayle of D. in the ſayde countye, at the ſeſſyons holden afore. J. B. and hys felowes at Sale, the day & yeare afore ſayde, and is allowed to begge for his fees by the ſpace of. vj. weekes. And in caſe he can get him no maiſter to worke within the ſayd terme, thā he is aſſigned to paſſe directly to D. in the county of kente, where he ſaieth he was borne, or laſte dwelled by the ſpace of three yeares. And he is allowed. xiiij. dayes nerte after the ſayde. vj. weekes for hys paſſage thither, or ſuche numbre of dayes, as to him ſhall be lymitted by the diſcretion of the maker of the ſayde letter. In witneſſe wherof the ſeale of the priſon, from the whiche he was deliuered, therunto is ſette. And in ſuche ſhyres, where there is no Gayle, the ſheriffe thereof, for the time beynge, ſhall cauſe a ſeale to bee engraued with the name of ẏ ſhyre, and ſhall order and vſe the ſame ſeale to and for ſuche perſons deliuered as is afore ſayde. after like manner and fourme as the Gayler or keper of the gayle is limitted and appoynted to do by this acte.

And it is alſo enacted, that euery clerke of the peace of the ſhire, within the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered, and euery common clerke of euery city, borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any ſuch perſon ſhall be deliuered, ſhall make for euery ſuche perſon as ſhall be ſo deliuered, where they be ſuche officers, the ſayde letter informe aboueſayde, without any fee takinge for the ſame, and ſhall deliuer euery ſuche letter to the Gailour or keper of the priſon, from the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered. And if there be no Gayle there, then to the ſhyriffe of the ſhyre where ſuch deliueraunce ſhall be had, within one daye nerte after the ende of the ſeſſions, where any ſuche deliueraunce is had, vppon peyne to loſe and forfait for defaulte of euerye letter. xij. d. to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde. And that the gaylour or keper of the priſon, from the which the ſayd perſon ſhal be ſo deliuered, and in caſe there be no Gayle, than the ſhyriffe of the ſhyre where any ſuche deliueraunce ſhall be had, ſhall not ſuffre any ſuche perſon to go abrode to begge for his fees, nor departe out of priſon, excepte it be to ſeruice or labour, vnleſſe the ſame gaylour or ſhyriffe firſt deliuer to the ſayd perſon the ſayd letter, conteinynge his name ſealed with the ſeale of the priſon, from the whiche he ſhall be deliuered, or elles with the ſeale engraued with the name of the ſhire, yf there be no priſon, vpon peyne for

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euery default to lose xij.d. to our sayd soueraygne lord.

And it is enacted, that if any person or persons so beinge deliuered oute of prison at any time after the sayde feaste do begge, not hauinge the sayde letter sealed in fourme abouesayde, or begge contrary to the tenour of the same letter: that then hee shalbe taken ordered and whipped in euery behalfe, like as is aboue appointed for strong beggers. And that to be done & executed by such as bee aboue limitted to do the same vppon stronge beggers and in suche wyse and vpon such payne as is afore limitted for execution of the punishment of strong beggers.

Prouided alway that it be lawful to euery person & persons being bounden by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce to giue or distribute any money in almes, & also to euery person & persons at common doles vsed at burials or obites: to gyue & dispose in almes any money to euery person & persons comyng to such almes or doles, after like maner & fourme as they haue bene accustomed to do in that behalfe afore the makinge of this acte, wythout any daunger or penaltie of this estatute any thing contayned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof notwythstanding.

Prouided also that it be lawfull to all maysters & gouernours of hospitals to lodge and herborough any personne or persons of charity or almes according to the foundacion of such hospitals, and to gyue money in almes in as large maner and fourme as they are bounden or owen to doe, anye thing in this estatute to the contrary hereof notwythstanding. And this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

An acte concerning that no person or persons straungers, being a common baker, bruer, surgeon, or scriuener, shall be expounded hand craftes men. Cap. xiij.

Where diuers estatutes penall heretofore haue beene made against straungers artificers for exercising of handy craftes wythin this realme, and for keepyng of houses, apprentises and seruauntes estraungers, as by the sayd seuerall estatutes more playnly is rehearsed. Sithen the makyng whereof, beere bruers and bakers, which ben common victuellers, and also Surgeons and scriueners beyng strangers, inhabited and dwellinge wythin this realme, haue beene put to trouble and greate vexation by occasion of informacions brought agaynst them vppon the said estatutes, supposynge that straungers vsynge bakinge, bruinge, Surgerie or wrytinge shoulde bee hande craftes men: vppon the which informacion greate doubtes and ambiguityes haue risen, whether straungers vsinge any of the sayde misteryes or sciences shoulde bee vnderstande such hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayd estatutes. For plaine declaracion whereof it is enacted by the kinge oure souerayne lorde, and the lordes

lordes spyrituall & temporall and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same, that no person or persons straungers beyng a common baker, bruer, surgeon or scriuener shalbe enterprete or expounded hand craftes men, in for or by reason of vsing any of the sayd misteries or sciences of baking, bruing, surgery or wrytyng. And that all informacions, suites, actions and proces had taken or hereafter to be taken vppon any of the sayd estatutes againe any such straunger or straungers, being bakers, bruers, surgeons or scriueners shall bee by auctority of this present acte voyde and of none effecte.

An acte concerning how persons committing petie treason murder or felony shall abiure. Cap. xiiii.

The kynge oure soueraigne lorde considerynge that many of his subiectes heretofore for theyr offences and merites haue been put to execution of death by the lawes of this realme: and manye other committinge lyke offences for tuition of theyr lyues, haue fledde and resorted to Churches and other halowed places wythin this realme, and there beynge haue abiured the realme before the kinges Corroners of the same: Dyuers of which men (so abiuryng) haue been knowen to be very experte maryners, and many other haue been seen to be very able and apte men for the warres and defence of this realme, so that by the one meane and the other the strength and power of this realme is greatly mynished. And dyuers of the sayd persones, which heretofore haue abiured this realme, beyng by reason of theyr abiuracions in outwarde realmes and countryes, haue not onely procured manye men of the same to the exercise and practise of archerie, and haue instructed theym in the feate and knowledge thereof, to the great encrease and fortifications of the same outwarde realmes and countryes: but also the same abiured persons haue disclosed theyr knowledges of the commodityes and secretes of this realme, to no little damage and preiudice of the same. The kynges highnes therefore daily studyenge and deuisynge to prouide for the sauegarde of this his realme and of his subiectes: Albeit they be trangressours of his lawes, so that the incommodities ensuynge vppon suche abiuracions to bee preserued to the best effecte as farre as shall please God to geeue theym grace, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that if anye persone hereafter flee or resorte to anye parishe Churche Cemitorye or other lyke halowed place for tuicion of his lyfe, by occasion of any murther, robbery, or other felony by the same persone committed, and thereuppon confesse any murther, felonie or other offence before the coroner, wherefore ȳ same person by the lawes of this realme heretofore vsed should abiure and passe out of the same. The same person thereuppon shall abiure from all his li-

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berfye of this realme, and from his lyberall and free habitacions reſoꝛtes and paſſages to and fro the vniuerſall places of thys realme, whiche appertayne to the liberty of the kinges ſubiectes vndefamed, and ſhall forthwith be directed by the cozoner, takynge and recozdynge ſuche abiuracion, to any one ſainctuary beynge within this realme, whiche the ſame perſon will electe and choſe, there to remayne as a ſainctuary perſon abiured, duryng his naturall life, and to be ſwozne afoze the cozoner vpon his abiuration ſo to do, and to be burned in the hand accozdyng to the ſtatute in that caſe pzouided. And euery perſon ſo abiured ſhall be directed and conueyed to the ſame ſainctuary by him choſen, by the conſtables and other officers and in euery behalfe ozdzed after like maner and fourme as he ſhould haue bene in caſe he ſhoulde haue abiured this realme foz any murder oz felonye after the lawes of the lande. And if after ſuch abiuracion any perſon ſo abiured come out of the ſame ſainctuary, to the whiche he was aſſigned and be taken without the ſame ſainctuary not haunynge the kinges ſpeciall pardon oz licence ſo to do: than euery ſuche perſon abiured, and after abiuration taken without ſainctuery wheruntohe was aſſigned, ſhall ſuffer ſuch like payne of death, and after like maner be ozdered, as he ſhould haue done and bene, in caſe he had abiured this realme foz murder oz felony, and after ſuche abiuration had retourned agayne into this realme contrarye to the lawes of this lande.

And furthermoze it is enacted, that if any ſuch ſainctuary perſon ſo abiured, oz anye other perſon oz perſons, whyche nowe be oz is oz hereafter ſhall happen to be in any ſainctuary of this realme, foz doyng any pety treaſon murder oz felony, oz foz beyng acceſſary to any ſuch offences: oz if any perſon oz perſons, which at any time hereafter ſhall take any ſainctuary of this realme, foz doyng any pety treaſon, murder oz felony, oz foz beynge acceſſary to any ſuch offences, oz vpon abiuration, and ſo beinge in ſainctuary foz oz vpon any ſuche cauſe, matter oz offence, afterward commit oz doo any pety treaſon, murder oz felony within the ſame ſainctuary, oz be acceſſary to any ſuch offences, oz go out of the ſame ſainctuary & committe any pety treaſon murder oz felony, oz be acceſſary to any ſuch offences, and after come agayne to the ſame ſainctuary, oz take any other ſainctuary foz ỹ ſame, euery ſuche perſon and perſonnes beyng indited foz any of the ſayde cauſes oz offences, ſhal loſe the pziueledge of the ſame ſainctuary by him taken, & of euery other ſainctuary within this realme foz any ſuch cauſe of pety treaſon, murder, felony oz abiuration, and foz any acceſſary to any ſuche offences. And that it ſhalbe lawfull to all & ſynguler Juſtices of peace and the higbe Sheriffe of the countye oz other place, where the ſainctuarye is, and to all and ſinguler Mayzes, ſhyriffes and bayliffes of cities and townes cozpozate, where ſuch ſainctuary is, and to euery of them, and to ỹ ſeruauntes, miniſters and officers, oz any oz euerye of the ſame Juſtices of peace, ſheriffes, Mayzes and baylyffes in theyz pzeſence to take out of the

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same sainctuary or sainctuaries, all and euery suche sainctuary person or persons so offendynge as is aforesayde, and beyng endited of the same, and to committe or put him or them into the kynges Gaole within the shire or libertye, where any suche inditemente is founde agaynst any suche person, safely to be kepte till they shalbe of the same pety treason, murder or felony or of the accessary to any such offences, wherof they shall happē to be endited, cōuicted, atteinted or discharged by the law. And if any person or persons, which shalbe indited of any pety treason, murder, or felony, or of any accessary to any such offence, happē hereafter to be taken out of any sainctuary for the same by auctoritye of this estatute, & vpon his or their arrainment plede sainctuary, accordinge to ẏ ordre of the lawe: then it is enacted by thauctoritye aforesayde, that as well the kinges attourney as euery other person for the kinge shall be admitted to obiecte and allegge, ẏ the person so arrained afore the doinge of the offence or offences, wherof he thā is arrained, did take priuiledge of sainctuary in ẏ same sainctuary, wherof he alleg eth him to be taken out, or in any other place priuiledged within thys realme vpon any abiuration, or for any other pety treasō, murder or felony than wherof he is arrayned, and that he there had & enioyed priuiledge of sainctuary for the same, and that he so hauinge once priuilege of sainctuary in the same, did cōmit the offence of pety treason, murder or felony, wherof he than is arrayned: or that he went out of the sayd sainctuary, and cōmitted the same offence, whereof he is indited and arrained, and pray that such person so arrained may be excluded of restitucion to the sainctuary by him demaunded. And in case the saide plee and obiection, so alleged, be denied by the person so arrained, than it is further enacted by the auctoritye aforesaide, that it shall be forthwith tried afore the same Justices, where suche person is so arrayned, and by the same iurours of the same countye that shall trie the pety treason, murder or felonye, whereof he is arrayned, without further delay, in whatsoeuer cōtty or counties, place or places of this realme, the same other takyng of sainctuary shalbe alleged or obiected to be done or had. And if the plee so obiected against the sayde person arrayned, be tried against him by verdit of .xij. men, or by his owne confessiō and also it be found by verdict of xij. men, or by his owne confession, accordinge to the order of the lawe, that he is guyltye of the pety treason, murther or felonye, or of any accessary to any such offence, whereof he is so arrayned, that then like iudgemente and execution shall be geuen and doone vpon euery suche persō as though he had be no sainctuary person, nor had claymed or required the priuiledge of the same. And if any suche person be lawfully acquited of the pety treason, murder or felony, whereof he shalbe so endited and arrained, thē he shall be restored to the same sainctuary, out of the whiche he was taken, there to haue the priuilege of the same, in like maner as he had before.

Prouided alway, that if any person beinge or abydinge in any sainctuary

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as a sainctuarie persone, hereafter shall happen to bee indited for any maner of felony supposed to be cõmitted by him or her goyng out of the same or any other saintuary, and committyng the same felony whiles that he or she so was a sainctuary persone, he or she beyng endited of any such felony supposed to be done without the saintuary, shall not be taken out of ỳ saintuary, wherein the same person shall than be resident, before that he or shee be examined thereof by two of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, or by foure Justices of peace of the shyre, where the saintuary is wherein the person so indited is resident. And yf the same person so endited within .4. daies after the first examination do make such proue as the said examiners by their discretions shall thinke sufficient, that the same person was in the saintuary at the time of the sayde felony committed: than he or she making such proue shall be suffered to remayn and be in the same sainctuary, without any extraction frõ the same, the sayde enditement or any thyng in this acte aboue written notwithstandynge.

Prouided also, that if any person, whiche was at any tyme a sainctuary person for any petite treason, murder, or felony, obtayne and haue the kynges pardon, and therby or otherwise be at large and out of sayncturay discharged or purged of that offence or cause, wherefore the same person toke sayncturay, and afterward do committe other pety treason, felony or manslaughter by chauncemedly, and not murder of malice prepensed, and thereupon agayne take sainctuary for any suche pety treason, felonye or manslaughter by chauncemedly: the same person shall haue and enioy the priuileg of sainctuary for that his or her other offence of pety treason, felony or manslaughter by chauncemedly, as the same persõ mought haue had before the makynge of this acte, any thinge in ỳ same acte conteyned notwithstandyng.

And ouer this for more spedy trials of murders & felonies, be it enacted by auctoritye aforesayd, that all maner of forreyn plees triable by the cõmyn trey hereafter to be pleded by any persone or persones arrayned vpon any enditement for any pety treason murder or felony, shall be forthwith tried before the same Justices afore whome suche persons shalbe arrayned and by the same iurours of the same county that shall trie the pety treason murder or felony, whereof he shall so be arrayned, without any further respite or delay, in what so euer county or countyes, place or places of this realme the matter of the same plees be supposed or alleged. And that no person attained for any pety treason murder or felony be from henceforth admitted to any peremptorie chalenge aboue the nombre of .xx. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

Prouided alwayes that no persone or persones bee hereafter excluded or in any wise hurted to haue and enioy any priuiledg of saintuary for any offence or offences, beyng of any hier nature in the lawe than the offences and causes specified in this act be: but that euery persone and persones for

ſuche offences of hier nature may haue and enioye priuilege of ſainctuary, in as free and liberall maner and after ſuche forme, as they mought haue done by ẏ lawes and cuſtomes of the realme afore the makinge of this act any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithſtandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge the kynges generall pardon for his ſpirituall ſubiectes. Cap. xv.

THe kynge our ſouerayne Lorde, callynge to his bleſſed & moſte gracious remembraunce, that his good and louynge ſubiectes, the mooſte Reuerende father in God the Archebyſhoppe of Canterburye, and other byſhoppes, ſuffraganes, prelates, and other ſpyrituall perſones of the prouince of the archebyſhoprych of Canterburye of thys hys realme of Englande, and the mynyſters vnder wrytten, whyche haue exerciſed, practyſed, or executed in ſpyrytuall courtes, and other ſpyrytuall Jurydyctions within the ſayde prouince, haue fallen and incurred into dyuers daungers of his lawes by thynges doone, perpetrated, and commytted, contrary to the order of his lawes, and ſpecially contrary to the fourme of the ſtatutes of prouiſours, prouiſions, and Premunire, and his hyghneſſe hauinge alway tender eye with mercy, pitye and compaſſion, towarde hys ſayde ſpirituall ſubiectes, mindyng of his hyghe goodneſſe and greate benignitye ſo alwayes to imparte the ſame vnto thē, as Juſtice beyng daily adminiſtred, all rigour be excluded, and the great and beneuolent myndes of his ſayde ſubiectes largely and many times approued toward his highneſſe, and ſpetiallye in their conuocation and Synode nowe presently beynge in the Chapiter howſe of the monaſtery of Weſtminſter, by correſpōdence of gratitude to them to be requited: of hys mere mocion benignity and liberalitye by auctority of this his parliament, hath giuen and graunted his liberall and free pardone to his ſayde goode and louynge ſpirytuall ſubiectes, and the ſayde miniſters and to euery of theym to be had, taken, and enioyed to and by theym and euerye of theym by vertue of this preſente acte in maner and fourme enſewynge, that is to witte: The kynges highnes of his ſayde benignitye and high liberalitye, in conſideration that the ſaide Archebyſhop, byſhops and clergye of the ſaide prouince of Caunterbury in their ſaide conuocation, nowe beynge, haue gyuen and granted to hym a ſubſidye of one hundreth thouſande poundes of lawefull money currant in this realme to bee leuied and collected by the ſayde clergye at their propre coſtes and charges, and to be payed in certayne fourme ſpecyfied in their ſayde graunte therof, is fullye and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it bee ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted by auctoritye of this his ſaide parliamente, that the moſte Reuerende father in God Wyllyam Archebyſhoppe of Caunterburye metropolytane and primate of all

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Englande,and all other byſhoppes, and ſuffraganes, prelates, abbottes. priours,and theyr conuentes,and euery perſon of the ſame conuentes and conuentes corporate, and euery perſon of the ſame conuentes corporate, abbeſſes,prioreſſes,and religioufe nunnes, and all other religious and ſpirituall perſones deanes, and chapiters, and other dignities of cathedrall and collegiall churches, prebendaries, canons, and petye canons, vicars, and clerkes of the ſame, and euery perſonne of the ſame, all archdeacons, mayſters ,prouoſtes,preſidentes, wardayns of colleges,and of collegiate churches, mayſters, and wardaynes of hoſpitalls, all felowes, brethern, ſcholers, prieſtes and ſpirituall conductes, and euery of the ſame, and all vycars generall of dioces, chauncellours, commiſſaries, officialles, and deanes ruralles, and all miniſters, hereafter generally reherſed of any ſpirituall courte or courtes within the ſayde prouince of Canturbury,that is to ſay,all iudges, aduocates,regiſters,and ſcribes proctours cõſtituted to iudgementes,and apparitours, and all other which within the ſaide prouince of the archebiſhopriche of Canturbury, at any tyme heretofore haue adminiſtred, exerciſed, practiſed, or executed in any iuriſdiccions wythin the ſayd prouince, as officers, and miniſters, of the ſayde courtes, or haue bene miniſters or executours to the exerciſe or adminiſtracion of the ſame and all and ſingular politike bodyes ſpirituall,in any maner wiſe corporated,and all perſones vicars, curates chauntrye prieſtes, ſtipendaries, and all and euery perſone and perſones ſpirituall of the clergy of the ſayde prouince of Canturbury in this preſent acte of pardon hereafter not excepted, or to the contrary not prouided for,by whatſoeuer name or ſurname,name of dignite,preeminẽce or office,they or any of them be or is named or called the ſucceſſours,heires, executours, & adminiſtratours of them, & of euery of them, ſhall be by auctoritie of this preſente pardon, acquited. pardoned releaſed,and diſcharged agaynſt his highneſſe,his heyres, ſucceſſours and executours,and euery of them of all and all maner offences contemptes, & treſpaſſes cõmitted or done, agaynſt all and ſinguler ſtatute and ſtatutes of prouiſours,prouiſions,and premunire, and euery of them and of all forfaytures, & titles, that may grow to the kynges highnes by reaſon of any of the ſame ſtatutes,and of all & ſingular treſpaſſes wronges decettes miſdemeanours forfaytures penaltyes and profites, ſommes of money peines of death,peines corporall and pecuniar, as generally of all other thynges, cauſes,quarels,ſutes,iudgmentes, and exaccions in this preſent acte hereafter not excepted nor forpryſed,which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyſe or by any meanes pardoned before and to ỹ tenth day of the moneth of march, in the .xxii. yere of his moſt noble reigne to euery of his ſaid louing ſubiectes that is to ſay to the ſayd archbiſhop and other the ſaid biſhops,ſuffraganes,prelates, abbotes, priours,& conuentes, and euery perſon of the ſame conuentes, and conuentes corporate and euery perſon of ỹ ſame conuẽtes corporate,abbeſſes, prioreſſes, nunnes & ſpirituall perſons

in dignitee, and all other religious and spirituall persons, deanes, chapiters, prebendaries, canons, petie canons, vycars choralles, and clerkes, archedeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardeynes, felowes, bretherne, scholers, prestes, and spirituall conductes, chancellours, vicars generall of diocesis, commissaries, officials, deanes, ruralls, all iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes, proctours, & apparitours, which haue administred practised or executed any iurisdictiō in any spiritual court within the sayd prouince, and to the sayd polityke bodyes, spirituall persons, vicars curates chauntrye priestes stipendaries, and to all and euery persō and persons spirituall of the clergie of the sayde prouince, and to all and euery other person or persons before named.

Also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that this saide free pardon, shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his sayde spirituall subiectes of the sayed prouince, and to euerye of them, and to the saide ministers and euerye of them, and to all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate and other persons before named & to euery of them by these generall wordes before reherced in all thinges whiche be not hereafter in this presente acte excepted as the saide pardon shoulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, and forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarells iudgments executions, penaltyes, and all other thinges not heareafter excepted had ben particularly, singularly & plainly pardoned named rehearsed & specifyed by proper or expresse wordes and names in their kyndes natures and qualities in wordes and termes therunto requisite in the sayde pardon. And that his said subiectes hereafter not excepted, nor any of them, their sayde ministers, successours, heyres, executoures, nor administratours, of any of them, nor any of them, nor any of the sayd bodyes corporate, be nor shallbe sued, vexed nor inquieted in their bodies goods, landes nor cattals for any maner matter cause contempte misdemeanour forfaiture trespas offence, or any other thinge suffered, done or committed before the sayd tenthe day of Marche against the kynges highnesse, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, statutes, or dignyty, but only for suche causes matters and offences, as be specially & playnlye reherced in the exceptions forprises, and prouisiōs in this present pardō hereafter mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes lawes, customes, vse or presidēt heretofore made or vsed to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritee of this present parliament graunteth and freely geuethe vnto his sayed spirituall subiectes, and theyr sayde ministers, that is to say, the sayde Archebysshoppe and all other the sayde bysshoppes, suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, conuentes, abbesses, pryoresses, nunnes, and spirituall persones in dignitee, and all other religiouse and spirituall persons deanes, chapiters, prebendaries canons, petye canons, vicars, choralles, and

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clerkes, archedeacons, maysters, pronostes, presidentes, wardens, felowes bretherne, scholers, priestes, spyrituall conductes, Chauncellours, vicars generall of diocesse, commissaryes, officials, deanes, ruralles, iudges, aduocates, regesters, scribes, proctours, and apparitours, bodyes corporate, and politike bodyes, spyrituall persons, vicars, curates, chauntery priestes, stipendiaryes, and to all other persones spyritual men and women of the clergy or spyritualtie of the sayde prouince, and to euery of them, all such goodes, catelles, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and summes of money by anye of theym forfayted, which to his highnes do or shoulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence, contempte, misdemeanour trespas matter cause or quarrell suffered done or committed by them or any of them before the sayde tenthe day of Marche, which bee not hereafter specially and plainly forprysed and excepted in this present acte of pardon. And that all and euery of the sayde spyrituall subiectes, and theyr sayd mynisters, and all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate & other persons before named, may by himselfe or his or theyr attorney or attornets, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade & minister this present acte and free pardō, for his or theyr discharge of & for euery thing that is thereby pardoned, without any fee or other thing therfore in any wyse payeng to any person or persons for pleading writing or entree of iudgmēt, or for any other cause, concerning the same, but only vi.d. to the clerke that shall enter the plee matter or iudgemēt for his or theyr discharge in that behalf, any statute or vse to the contrary not withstanding.

And furthermore the kyngs highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that his sayd free pardon in all maner courtes of his lawes, & els where, shalbe reputed deemed iudged allowed and taken as wel in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forprises specifyed in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other clauses wordes and sentences mencioned & rehersed in the sayd free pardon, most beneficially and auauntagiously to all and singuler his sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayd bodyes corporate, and politike bodyes spyrituall, and to euery person spyrituall of the sayd clergy and spyrituality, and to their said mynisters and officers, and to all other persones aforenamed, and to euery of them, and to the successours, heyres executours, and myniistratours of euery of them, and most strongly in barre & discharge against his highnesse, his heyres, successours and executours in euery thinge without obstacle chalenge or other delaye whatsoeuer it be, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heyres, successours or executours, or by his or any of their generall attourney or attorneys or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heyres successours or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and by auctority of this present parliament, & if any officer or clerke of any of his

high courtes cõmonly called the kynges benche, Chauncery, ꝯ cõmon place, or of his escheker, or anye other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feast of Ester comming, make oute or write oute any maner of writtes or other processe, or any extractes or other preceptes, wherby any person or persons of his sayd subiects or any of the said bodyes corporate or politike bodies spyrituall, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested attached distreined cõmoned or otherwise vexed troubled or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenements, goods or cattelles, or in any of the for or because of any maner of thing acquited, pardoned, released or discharged by this presente acte of free pardon, hee so offendinge and thereof lawfully condempned, shal yelde and pay for recompence therof to the party so greued or offended treble damages, actõpted as perel of those damages or costes of the suite. And neuertheles all and singuler suche writtes processe extractes and preceptes after the said feast of Ester to bee made for or vpon any maner thing acquited pardoned released or discharged by this present act of free pardon, shal be vtterly voide ꝯ of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forprysed out of this pardon al maner high treasons al prepensed ꝯ voluntarie murders, all robberies of Churches ꝯ robberies done vpõ or to mẽs persõs, al other felonies ꝯ robberies by the cõmon lawe, or felonious takinge of money, goods, and rattelles aboue the value of xx.s. all felonies brennynges of houses, all carnall rauishmentes of women, all rapyng of recordes, all outlaryes of highe treasons, ꝯ all maner of felonies other than felonies to the sayde value of xx.s or vnder the same. And that all other outlawryes had promulged vpon or against any of the kynges sayde subiectes for anye cause not beinge treason murder or felonie aboue the sayde some of xx.s to be pardoned by the general wordes of this pardon aforesayd, so alway that the same said subiectes and euery of them so being outlawed, stande to right to answere or satisfy ye party, at whose suite he is outlawed according to the lawes of this realme.

Also excepted and forprysed out of this pardon all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and titles of presentacions donacions ꝯ collacions to benefices and other promocions spyrituall, which the kinge our soueraygne lord hath or is intitled to haue other thẽ he growẽ should or might growe vnto our said soueraigne lord by force or meane of any statute or statutes of prouisours prouisions or premunire.

And also excepted and forprysed out of this pardon all rauishmentes of the kynges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woodes in his forestes, parkes and chases, all concelementes of customes and subsidies, al riottes, routes, and vnlawfull assemblies committed and done aboue the nomber of twenty persons.

And also excepte all maner of alienacions and giftes into mortmayne, and all alienacions giftes assignementes, willes and limitacions of landes of any manours landes tenementes rentes annuyties and other hereditaments

mentes to the vse of any maner mortmayne, and all intrucions had made or done in or into any manours landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of the Natiuity of our lord God, in the xxii. yeare of the reigne of our sayde souereygne lorde, and also all offences committed and done by digging downe or castynge downe of any crosse or crosses, which stode or were set in any common or highe waye or wayes, & all & singuler dettes other than dettes growen vpon recognisances being all ready forfayted for surety of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

And excepted and forprysed out of this pardon al accomptes and all actions, suites and impeticions for the same accompte and arrerages of accomptes, and for the sayde dettes or any of them hereby excepted and forprysed, all homages and reliefes, all wilfull escapes, as well of conuictes as of other persons, dettes which were due to the moste noble king of famous memorie king Henry the vij. or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligacion or otherwyse, all and singuler those forfaytures due to oure soueraygne lorde kinge Henrye the viii. by anye penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement or by agreemente of the offendours before the sayde tenth day of March, and all forfaytures and other penaltyes and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or act committed or done cõtrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the commõ law, wherof any seysour is made, or any informacion geuen in the kinges escheker, or any suite commenced before the sayde tenth daye of March, or whereof the kinges highnes by his bille signed or otherwyse hath made any gifte or allygnement to any of his seruauntes, other than such actions, suites, forfaytures penaltyes and profites growen or due, or which might growe or be dewe to the kinges highnes by reason of any offence, contempt, or acte committed or done contrary to the said statute of prouisours, prouisions and Premunire or any of them.

And also excepted al issues forfayted fines and amerciaments affered, tared, set, extreted or iudged seuerally or particularly extending aboue the somme of C.xx.s. And that all and singular other fines as well fynes pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes as well reall as other, which seuerallye or particularly extende not aboue the sayde somme of C.xx.s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken for the charge of the sheryffe or not taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they bee tourned into Dette or not Dette, and not beinge leuyed nor receyued by anye sheryffe or sheriffes, bayliffes, mynisters or other officers, shalbe fully clerely and plainlye pardoned and discharged to euery of the kinges subiectes before rehersed against the king our souerayne lord his heyres and successours for euer.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that in case it bee obiected to anye Sheriffe or Sheriffes, or other accomptauntes in the

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kynges courte of his escheker, or in any other his courtes, that any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other officers accomptantes hath or haue receyued or taken any such fines issues or amerciamentes before pardoned released or acquited: than euery suche sheriffe and sheriffes and other accomptantes shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquited thereof by his or theyr othe without any further tryall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that this acte of free pardon shal not in any wyse extende or be beneficiall or auayable in any thing to the reuerende father in God Iohn archbishop of Deuelen now beyng in the kyngs land & dominion of Ireland, nor shal in any wyse extende to pardon, discharge, release or acquite the bishop of Hereford, nor shal extende or be beneficial to Peter Ligham clerke, Iohn Baker clerke, Adam Trauers clerke, Robert Cliffe clerke, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Pelles clerkes.

Prouided also that this acte of pardon shall not extende or bee prejudicial to the kyng our souerayne lord, his heyres or successours in any thing concernynge or touchinge his right and title of dissolution of the colledge beyng in the Vniuersity of Oxford, commonly called the Cardinalles colledge, whych was lately founden by ỳ late reuerend father in God, Thomas late Cardinall and archbishoppe of Yorke, nor concernynge the kinges right and title to the suite of the same Colledge, nor shall extende or bee in anye wyse beneficiall or auayleable to the Deane and canons of the same colledge, or any of them in any thinge concernyng ỳ kynges ryghtes and titles in all manours, lordshyppes, landes and tenementes, aduoulsons, churches, personages, and other hereditaments of the sayd colledge or any of them.

Prouided also, that allowance shall be had to the clergy of the sayd prouince of Canterbury out of ỳ sayd somme of one hundred Thousand poundes of all and singuler such sommes of money, as shal be reasonably taxed and assessed to be payed by ỳ persons afore named, beynge fully excepted & foryeyled out and from the benefite of this free pardon, ỳ is to say, the sayd archbyshop of Deuelen, and the sayd bishop of Hereforde, & the sayd Peter Ligham, Iohn Baker, Adam Trauers, Robert Cliffe, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Pelles, because that they and euery of them shall not be contributours nor charged to the payment of the sayd somme of one hundred thouland pounds.

Prouided also that this acte of free pardon shall not extend nor be in any wyse beneficiall to any clerke or other person of the sayd clergy or spyrituality, beinge the sayde tenthe daye of Marche in the custody of the sayde archbishoppe, or of any other ordinary of the sayde prouince, as a persone attaynted or conuicted by the lawes of this realme, of any murder, felonye or other crime or offence for or concerninge deliueraunce oute of the saide conuicte prison, till that hee shall haue made his purgacion, according to the lawes or customes vsed in that behalfe, or that he bee thereof discharged

discharged by the kynges pardon or other lawfull meane.

Prouided alwaies, that this act shall not extende nor in any wyse be beneficiall or auayleable to any spirituall person, spirituall body corporated or politike, or other spirituall person, hauinge any dignitye, benefice, promocion, or other spirytuall liuelode, within the prouince of Yorke, other than to euery of theim, whiche by his or their particular obligation to bee made in due and perfecte fourme of the lawe, accordinge to the effecte of a note or minute vnder written, doo bynde him or them selfe before the laste day of May nexte commynge, in certaine reasonable summe of money, not exceedinge the summe of twoo yeres value of his or their dignities, benefices, promotions or other spirituall liuelode, beynge or lyinge within the sayd prouince of Yorke, to sir Brian Tuke knight, treasorer of the kinges most honorable chamber, Christopher Hales the kynges generall attourney, and Baldewin Malette the kinges Sollicitour, or to the ouer liuers or ouer liuer of thē, or to any other like Treasourer, Attourney, or Solicitour for the time beinge, or to any two of them, to be payd to ꝑ kynges vse vpon certaine condicions specified in the sayde note or minute, the whiche note or minute hereafter ensueth.

NOuerint vniuersi per presentes me Ioannem A. de. T. in comitatu Mid. Clericum teneri & firmiter obligari, Briano Tuke militi, Thesaurario camere domini Regis, Christophoro Hales generali attornato eiusdem domini Regis, & Baldwino Malette Solicitatori ipsius domini Regis, in libris legalis monete Angliæ soluend. eisdē Briano, Christo. & Baldwino, aut eorum vni, execut. vel assignatis suis, ad vsum domini Regis in festo sancti Bartholomei apostoli prox. futur: post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. &c. In cuius rei testimonium. &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octaui dei gratia Angliæ & Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris & domini Hiberniæ.

The condition of this obligation is suche, that where the mooste Reuerend father in God William Archebishop of Canterbury Metropolytane and primate of all Englande, and other prelates, and the clergy of the prouince of Canterbury in their synodall conuocation begon in the Cathedrall churche of sainct Paule of London, in the .v. day of November in the yere of our lorde god M.CCCCC.xxix. and lately for certayne vrgente causes proroged vnto the chapiter house set within the monastery of sainct Peter of westminster, haue graunted to our sayd soueraigne lord the kinge a subsidy of one hūdred thousand pondes of currant money within this realme to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiasticall of the same prouince, and to be payed to our sayde soueraigne lorde in fiue yeares from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady sainct Mary laste past in certaine fourme specified in the graunt of the same subsidie. If the before bounden John. A. his executours or assignes do pay or cause to bee payd

paied to the collectour or collectours of suche subsidy, as hereafter shall be graunted to the kinges highnes by the bishops and other prelates and the clergy of the prouince of Yorke in the Synodall conuocation of the same byshoppes, prelates and clergy to be holden or kepte in the same prouynce, as muche and as many of all and singuler those summes of money, which shalbe assessed, tared and set for and vpon the sayde John.A. for and vpon those spirytuall dignities, benefices, liuelode and other spirytuall possessyons and promotions, whiche the same John.A. nowe hath in ỳ same prouince of Yorke, as by the same John.A. or his executours shall be due to be payed accordynge to the fourme and effecte of the same graunte hereafter to be made. And in case that no suche subsidy shall be graunted to ỳ kynge our soueraygne lorde, by the sayde byshoppes, prelates, and clergye of the sayde prouince of Yorke before ỳ feast of saincte Michaell the Archangell nexte comminge, or that a subsidye shall be graunted to the kynge by the same bishoppes, prelates and clergye before the same feast, whiche subsidy shall not extende or amounte to suche like rate and portion for the prouince of Yorke in comparison of the laide summe of one hundred thousand pou̅des currant money of Englande now graunted vnto the kynges highnes by the sayde clergye of the sayde prouince of Canterburye, as the subsidye laste graunted to his highnesse by the prelates and clergye of the prouince of Yorke in their conuocation begon ỳ .xrij. day of Marche, the yere of our lorde .M.D.xrij. and afterwarde proroged to westminster, was in comparison to the rate and portion of the subsidye graunted to hys highnes by the prelates and clergy of the prouince of Canterbury in their conuocatiō begonne at Paules churche in London the .v. day of Nouember, the yere of our lorde M.D.xrir. than if the sayde Jhon.A. or his executours do paye or cause to be payed to the Treasourer of the kynges chamber for the time beinge for all hys sayde spirituall dignities, benefices, liuelode & other spyrituall possessions & promotions beinge or lyinge in the sayde prouince of Yorke suche and like summes of money after the rates of the yearelye values of the same hys spirytuall dygnityes, benefices, liuelode possessions, & promotions, as the same John A. or any other spirytuall person or spyrytuall bodye corporated or politike shall paye for and in contribution to the payment of the sayde subsidy of one hundred thousande pounde graũted by the saide clergy of the sayde prouince of Canterbury for other spirytuall dignities, benefices, liuelode and possessions and promotions beinge of like yerely values, and beinge or lying within the same prouince of Canterbury, and in the same feasts within the sayd fiue yeres to be payd: In whiche the sayd subsidy of one hundred thousande pounde is graunted to be paid: than this present obligation shal be voide and of none effecte, or els it shall stande in full strength and vertue.

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An acte concerning the kynges generall pardon for his temporall subiectes Cap. xvi.

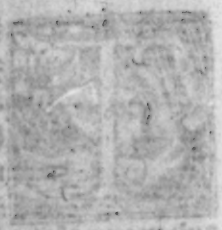


The kyng our soueraygne lorde, hauing alway most tender zeale fauour and affectiõ vnto his most louing temporall and laye subiectes of this his realme of Englande and of Wales, Caleys & marches of the same, and inwardly remembringe the manifolde great offences transgressions and cõtemptes perpetrated, committed & done by diuers and many of the sayde temporall and laye subiectes agaynst his highnesse his crowne regall and iurisdiction royall, contrary to the statutes of prouisions, prouisours and premunire: by reason whereof they so offendinge haue incurred into the daungers & penalties of the same statutes, in suche wyse that if his highnes would attempt or pursue those his sayd temporal and laye subiectes by the processe & course of his lawes, they should thereby not onely forfayte and lese theyr lands, tenementes goods and cattels, but also they should be out of his gracious protection: his royall maiestye moued wyth most tender pitie loue and compassion, and not mindinge to vse and extende all and singuler his penall lawes vppon his subiectes, but as consyderacion shall moue his grace, so in parte or in whole to remitte and mitigate the rigour of the same: of his mere mocion and of his benignitie speciall grace pitie and liberality hath giuen and graunted and by auctorytyof this presente parliamente giueth and graunteth to all and singuler his temporall and laye subiectes and temporall bodyes politike and corporated, and to euery of them his most gracious generall and free pardon of and for all and al maner offences transgressions and contemptes committed perpetrated or done agaynst the sayd statutes of prouisours prouisions and premunire, or any of them before ỹ thirteth day of Marche, in the xxij. yeare of his most noble reigne, and all forfaytures, penalties, iudgements, execution and peynes for the sayd offences transgressions and contempts, and euery of them.

And furthermore be it enacted by auctority of this parliamente, that al and singuler processes, suites prosecutions, and impeticions in anye wyse hereafter to be awarded or made againste any of his sayde temporall subiectes, or against any of the sayd temporall bodyes politicke and corporated for or vpon any of the sayd offences, transgressions, or contemptes committed or done before the sayd xxx. day of March, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

FINIS.

God saue the King.



ANNO XXIII. HENRICI VIII.

THe kynge our Soueraygne Lorde Henrye the viij. by the grace of god kynge of Eglande and of Fraunce, defendour of the fayth, and lorde of Irelande at the session of his high Courte of parliament after diuers prorogacions, holden at Westminster the .xv. day of January, in the .xxiij yere of his moste noble raigne to the honour of almighty god and holy church, & for the common weale and profit of this his realme, by the assente of the lords spirituall & temporall, & the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, hath ordeined, established, & enacted certayne good statutes lawes and ordinances in maner & forme folowing.

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WHere at a parliamente holden at Westminster, in the iii. yeare of king Edward the fyrst, the same kynge moued the prelates of the realme, and theym enioyned vppon theyr faith, that they owed to him, that in no wyse they should deliuer those clerkes, which were indited for felony, wythoute due purgacion, so that the sayde kinge should haue no nede to put other remedie in that behalf. And that notwithstādyng after that monicion diuers and many clearkes conuict were accustomably deliuered and suffered to make theyr purgacions to the great courage of euill doers: By occasion whereof afterwarde at an other parliamente holden at Westminster in ỳ 4. yere of king Henry the 4. vppon the complainte of the commons the same kinge Henry the fourth than aduertised the prelates of the realme of the premisses, entending than to haue prouided remedie, by auctorite of the sayd parliament, as appertayned to his prerogatiue royall, for the conseruacion of the peace of the Crowne: At which tyme the archbishoppe of Canterbury, for him selfe and all other bishoppes of his prouince than openly promised to the same kinge Henry the 4. that if any personne from thenceforth were conuicte of any treason, which touched not the kinge nor his royall maiestye and suche as were notoriously knowen and reputed for theeues, and for suche cause deliuered to any ordinary as a clearke conuicte, that the ordinary, to whom suche personne or personnes were deliuered, should safely keepe them after the effecte of a constitution prouincial to be made by the sayde archbishoppe and bishops after the effecte of the letters of Symon than afore that time archbishoppe of Canterbury, bearinge date the xii. Calendes of Marche, the yere of oure Lord God M.CCCL. and that no such traytour nor felon should make his purgacion againe the sayde Constitucion, which constitucion the said Archebishoppe then promised to deliuer to the same kynge before his nexte parliamente, to thintente that if it shoulde seeme to the same kinge, that the same constitution were not sufficiente remedie for the premisses, that then the sayde kinge might prouide such remedie as shoulde appertayne in that behalfe. Sithen which tyme the same constitucion was neuer notifyed ne shewed by the prelates of this realme, but continually sithen that time manifeste theeues and murderers indited and founde giltie of theyr misdeedes by good and substanciall inquestes vppon playne and probable euidence before the kynges Justices, and afterwarde by the vsages of the common lawes of the lande deliuered to the ordinaryes as clearkes conuicte, bee spedily and hastily deliuered and set at large by the mynisters of the sayd ordinaryes for corrup-

cion and lucre, or els because the ordinaryes enclayminge suche offenders by the lybertyes of the Church, wyl in no wyse take the charges in safe keepyng of theym, but little regardyng the tryall and conuiction of the sayde offenders, by the due and playne course of the common lawes of the land, do suffer them to make theyr purgacions by suche as nothynge knowe of theyr misdeedes: and by suche fraude adnull and make voyde all the good and prouable tryal that is vsed agayne such offenders by the kinges lawes to the greate disclaunder of such as pursue such misdoers, and to the pernicious example, encrease, & courage of such offenders, if the kinges highnes by his auctority royall put not speedye remedy in the premisses as appertayneth.

Be it therefore enacted by the king oure souereigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no person nor personnes, which here after shall happen to be founde gilty after the lawes of this lande for any maner of petie treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbinge any churches, chapels or other holy places, or for robbinge of any personne or personnes in theyr dwellyng houses or dwellyng place, the owner or dweller of the same house, his wyfe, his children, or seruaunts that being wythin, and put in feare and dread by the same, or for robbinge of any person or persons in or neare about the highe wayes, or for wylfull burning of any dwellyng houses or barnes, wherein any graine of cornes shall happen to bee, nor any person or personnes beinge founde gilty of any abettemente, procuremente, helping, maintayning, or conncelinge of or to any such pety treasons murders or felonyes, shall from henceforth bee admitted to the benefite of his or theyr cleargie, but vtterly to bee excluded thereof and suffer death in such maner & fourme as they should haue done for any the cauſes & offences aboueſayd, if they were no clerkes. Such as be wythin holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon or aboue al onely excepte.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery such personne and personnes within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, which at any time hereafter be found giltye of any pety treason, or of any murther, of malyce prepenced, or of any of the felonyes aboue rehearsed, or of anye accessary to petie treason, wylfull murther, or to anye other the felonyes aboue specifyed, and admitted to his or theyr clergie, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shall not in any wyse from henceforth be suffered to any purgacion, nor bee set at libertie, but remaine and abyde in perpetuall prysori, vnder the keepinge of the ordinarie, to whom he shalbe committed and his successours, wythoute any maner purgacion duringe the naturall lyfe of euery such conuicte, Except onely such personne or personnes so beinge wythin suche holy orders and conuicte, of or for any of the offences aforesayde, and deliuered to the ordinary of the same, to finde two sufficient

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ciente sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kynges Justices of his peace within the same shyre, where the petie treason, murther, or felonye wherof he was cõuicted, was committed and done, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shall be of good abearynge agaynst the king our soueraigne lorde, his lawes and subiectes, euery such conuict to be bounde in the summe of xl.li. and euery his sureties in xx.li. And that no surete be taken onelesse such as maye dispende in landes, tenements or hereditaments yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritaunce of charter holde, xvi.s. viij.d. or els be worth xx.li. in moueable substaunce at ỳ time of the taking of such recognisaũce. And that two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, by auctority afore sayde haue power and auctoritye to take such recognisaũce. And that the sayd Justices, afore whõ any such recognisaunce shall bee taken, shall certifye the same into the kynges benche within .iij. monethes nexte after takinge therof, vpon peyne to lose and forfaite. C.s. for euery default therof.

Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to geue any benefyt to any such person or persons, whiche after their confession, or iudgemente geuen against theym of or for felonye murther, or after they be outlawed for any suche cause be admitted to theyr clergye and deliuered to the ordinarye for the same, that they and euery of theym shall remaine in the custodye of the ordinaries without makinge purgation, vpon such perill and in such maner and forme as it was vsed by the cõmon lawe before ỳ makinge of this present acte, this acte or any thinge therin contained notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwaies, and it is further enacted, that euery ordinarye, to whose custodie anye suche conuicte for any of the offences aboue rehersed shall be committed, maye at his liberty disgrade euerye such conuicte after the lawes of the church, yf he see cause so to doo, and sende the conuicte so disgraded in sure and safe kepinge into the kinges benche with a certificat vnder his seale testifyinge the sayd disgradinge, vpon the which the Justices of the kynges bench, hauinge afore them the recorde, vppon the whiche the sayde person so disgraded was fyrst conuicte, shall geue such like iudgement of death vpon the same recorde agaynst euery such person so conuict and disgraded, as the Justices afore whom he was conuicte mighte haue done: yf the person so disgraded at the tyme of his conuiction afore theym had be no clerke, his admission to his clergy and committinge to ỳ ordinary, ne any other thinge vse or custome to the contrary hereof notwithstãdinge. And that euery such iudgemente shall be executed accordingly. And that euery ordinary so sendinge any such cõuicte disgraded into the kinges bench shalbe discharged against the kinge our soueraygne lorde his heyres & successours of or for any further custody or keepinge of the same cõuict.

This acte to continue vnto the laste day of the nexte parliament.

An act concernynge where and vnder what maner the iayles within this realme shalbe edified and made. Cap. ij.

FOr as much as it is necessarie and commendable, that common iayles and prysonnes, whereunto euill doers shall be committed for their offences, should bee surely and substantially edified in such townes in euery shyre wythin this realme as shalbe most indifferent for conueyance of prisoners from euery part of ỳ shyre wherein such iayles shalbe, and in especiall in those townes, where moste commonly the assises and sessions been vsually kepte, and where there is most resort and repayre of people to the intent that by the meane thereof fewer shal escape, and also the rather and ofter relefe and charitie of the people shalbe to the prysoners ministred: It may therefore please the kinges highnes wyth thassente of the lords spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctoritie of the same to enacte that the Justices of peace of euery of ỳ shires of Esser, Suff. Dorf. Susser, Surrey, Notingham, Glouc. Bedforde, Buck. Huntingdon Wiltes. Kente, Warwike, Staffordе, Oren. Barks. Leicester, Rutland, Lincolne, Herefordе, Northampton, Salop, Norff. and Cornewall, or the most parte of the saide Justices of peace in euery of the sayde shyres within the limittes of their commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie to limitte and appoint at any tyme within the terme of one yeare from the ende of this presente parliamente the townes and places wherein they shall thincke moste necessary to haue a common iayle newly edifyed and made. And that also the saide Justices of peace in euery of the saide shyres, or the moste part of the saide Justices of peace wythin the limittes of their commission shal haue full power and auctority to call before them at times and places by them to be appointed, all the high constables, tithing men, or borroughe holders of euery hundred, lathe, or wapentake in the shyre, whereof they be Justices, and in their presence and by their assentes and agreementes, or in the presence and by thassente of the most parte of theim shall conclude and agree vppon such conuenient and certaine summes of money, as shall be thoughte by their discretions and by examinacion of worke men to suffice for the making and perfecte finisshinge of a newe iayle in the shyre, whereof they bee Justices of peace, and thereuppon shall forthwith by theyr assentes agreements and discretions tare and set euery such person and persons, as than shall be resiant in the same shyre, as well wythin libertyes as wythoute, hauinge landes, tenementes, rentes, or annuityes of estate of inheritaunce, or for terme of life to the clere yerely value of xl. s. or aboue, or beyng worth in moueable substance ỳ cleere value of twenty pound, or aboue, to such reasonable ayde & summes

ſummes of money as ſhalbe thoughte conuenient̃e by their diſcrecions to and for the full buildyng makinge and finiſhynge of the ſayd commō iayle of the ſhyre, where ſuch aſſeſſemente ſhall bee made. And after ſuch taracion to name and appoynete ſuch numbre of collectours for the leuynge thereof, as ſhall ſeme beſt by theyr diſcrecions. And that the ſayde collectours and euery of them ſhall haue power and auctority to diſtreine euery ſuch perſon as ſhall be ſet or tared by the ſayde Juſtices of peace as is afore ſayde in their landes or goodes, as well within liberties as without, and to ſell the diſtreſſes by them taken by thappreyſement of.iiij. honeſt perſōs for the paymente of the ſayde ſummes to be tared, yf the perſon or perſons tared refuſe to pay the ſame within.x. dayes nexte after ſuch diſtreſſe take, takinge vpon euery ſuch ſale but onely the money tared, with reaſonable coſtes for takinge of the diſtreſſe: and the ouerplus of ſuch ſales to be deliuered to the owner of the ſayde diſtreſſe. And that alſo the ſayde Juſtices of peace in euery of the ſayde ſhyres, or the moſt parte of theym, within the lymites of theyr commiſſion, ſhall haue power and auctorite to name and appoynct two honeſt perſons inhabited in the ſayde ſhyre, wherin they be Juſtices, which.ij. perſons ſhall ſuruey, ſee, and prouide, that the ſayde iayles ſhall be ſurely and ſubſtancially made and finiſhed: to whoſe handes the ſayde collectours ſhall paye and deliuer the money by them collected of the kinges ſubiectes by appoynctmente and aſſignement of the ſayd Juſtices of peace or vi. of them at the leaſt. And that as well euery of the ſayde collectours as euery of the ſayd ii. perſons to be named, their heires, executours and adminiſtratours ſhall declare a true and iuſte accompte to the ſayd Juſtices of peace in euery of the ſayde ſhyres, or to.vi. of theym at the leaſt from time to time when they ſhall be required.

And in caſe any of them refuſe to make accompte, or refuſe to pay and employ ſuch ſummes of money as ſhall come to their handes, in ſuch wyſe as ſhall bee lymytted and appoyncted by the ſayde Juſtyces of peace or.vi. of them (as is afore ſayde) that then the ſame Juſtices of peace or.vi. of them in euery ſhyre, where ſuch iayles ſhall be newe made, ſhall haue full power, and auctority, if the ſayd offendours be preſente to commit theim to warde and yf they bee abſente to make attachementes vnder thir ſeales by theyr diſcrecions againe euery ſuch collectour and perſon, to whoſe handes anye of the ſayde ſummes of money tared ſhall happen to come, theyr heyres executours and adminiſtratours and euery of theym, into euerye ſhyre and parte of this realme, as well within libertye as without, to be returnable afore the ſayd Juſtices of peace, at ſuch daye and place as by them ſhall be appoyncted, and to be directed to the ſhyriffe or ſhyriffes of ỳ ſhyre, wherin the party or parties, againe whom ſuch attachement ſhalbe directed, ſhall be reſident and abidyng, if it bee within the bayliwicke of the ſhiryffe, and if it be without, than to be directed to the baylie of the libertye, wherein ſuch partye ſhall abide. And that euerye ſhyriffe and bayliffe of lybertye,

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to whose handes suche attachmentes shall come, wythoute fauour or corruption shall attache the sayde offenders, and personally bringe them before the sayd Justices according to the tenour of thattachmente to theym dyrected, or els declare by his returne of the sayd attachment some reasonable cause why he cānot so do, vpon payne for euery default by them or any of them committed contrary to this act to lose and forfaite C.s. to ꝑ king our soueraine lord: and vppon the apparance of euery such person so attached the sayde Justices or .vi. of them shall haue full power and auctority to commit them to prison, there to remaine wythout bayle or mainprise til they haue truly accompted and paide all such summes of money as came to theyr handes by the assignemente of the saide Justices by auctority of this act. And in case there happen to remaine any ouerplus of money after the iayles fully and wholy finished, than it is ordered, that the same ouerplus shalbe employd and bestowed in almes to the prisoners to be cōmitted to the sayd iayle by the discrecions of the sayd Justices of peace or the more part of them, as long as it will last.

Prouided alway, that this acte extend not to charge any persons inhabited wythin any cities townes or borowes corporate, which haue cōmō iayles for felons taken in the same, & haue iustices of peace for deliuerance of such felons, for any tares or lottes to the making of the sayde common iayles of any the shyres aboue named, but that euery suche inhabitaunt in any such city towne or borow corporate shalbe vtterly discharged therof.

And be it further enacted that seuerall commissions vnder the kinges great seale, with this present acte thereto affixed, shalbe directed to the Justices of peace of the shyres afore named, auctorisinge them to accomplishe and execute this presente acte accordinge to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and that the sayd Justices of peace in euery of ꝑ shyres afore named haue power and auctority to limitte to euery of the sayd collectours, and persons by them to be named, that shal take peynes for leuying of the money tared or for the surueying of the making of the sayd iayles, such reasonable summes for theyr paynes and labours for the collection of the sayd money and surueying the making the said iayles.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all murderers and felons shalbe imprisoned in the said common iayles, & not els where. And that the sheriffes shall haue the keeping and charge of the same newe iayles: and that euery sheriffe be alowed vppon his accōpte in the escheker for all & euery such sūmes of money as he shall hereafter happen to expend in & about the necessary reparacions or amendments of the said iayles, after they be once made from time to time as often as neede shall requyre: & that the barons of the kings escheker haue power to alow euery sheriff in euery such case by their discretions wythoute anye bill or warrante to bee sewed from the kinges highnes in that behalfe. Prouided alwayes that this acte bee not in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or

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persons hauing any common tayles by inheritaūce for terme of lyfe or for yeres, but that they shall haue and enioy theyr sayd tayles and the profites fees and commodities of ỹ same as they had or mighte lawfully haue had before the makyng of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer beene had ne made.

Be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde that like prouision in euery behalfe be had for a new Gayle to be made wythin the county of Derby in lyke fourme as is prouided for other shyres aforesayde.

An acte concerning periurie and punishment of vntrue verdictes. Cap. xii.

THe kyng our souerayne Lorde of his moste godly and gracious disposition calling to his remembraūce how ỹ periurie in this lande is in manifolde causes by vnreasonable meanes detestably vsed to the disheritance and great damage of many and greate nomber of hys subiectes, well disposed, & to the most high displeasure of Almighty God. The good statutes agaynst all officers hauing returne of wrytes & theyr deputyes makyng panelles partially for rewards to them geuen, agaynst vnlawfull mayntenours embraseurs and Iurours, and agaynst iurours vntruly geuinge theyr verdicte notwythstandinge. For reformacion whereof, and for asmuch as the late noble kinge Henry the seuenth, prouided remedye for the same by a statute made in the xi. yeare of his raygne, which statute is now erpyred. Be it therefore now enacted by the kinge oure souerayne lorde and the lordes spyrituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same that vppon euery vntrue verdicte hereafter geeuen betwixte party and partye, in any suite, plainte, or demaunde, before any Iustices or Iudges of recorde, where the thynge in demaunde and verdicte thereuppon geuen extendeth to the value of xl. li. and concerneth not the leoperdy of mans lyfe, the party greeued by the same verdicte shall haue a writte of attaynt agaynst euery personne hereafter so geuing an vntrue verdicte and euery of them, and against the party, which shall haue iudgemente vppon the same verdicte. And that in the same atteynt, there shall be awarded agaynste the petite Iury, the partye and the graunde Iurie Somons Resomons and distres infinit, whych graunde Iurie shall be of lyke nomber as the graunde Iurie is nowe in atteinte, and euery of theym, that shall passe in the same, shall haue landes and tenementes to the value of twenty markes by the yeare of freeholde out of the auncient demeane.

And vppon the distres which shall be delyuered of recorde vppon the same open proclamacion to bee made in the Courte there, The distres shall bee awarded more than fifteene dayes afore the retourne

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of the same distres, and euery such distres shalbe made vppon the lande of euery of the said graunde Jurie as in other distres is and hath ben vsed. And if the saide party defendante or the petite Jurours or any of them appeare not vpon the distres, than the grande Jurie to be taxed against them and euery of them that shall so make defaulte. And if any of the sayde petit Jurie appeare, than the party complainant in that behalfe shall assigne the false seremente of the first verdicte vntruly giuen, whereunto they of the petit Jurie shall haue none answere if they be the same personnes, and the writte proces returne and assignement good and lawfull, excepte that the demaundant or pleintife in the same Atteint hath afore ben nonsute or discontinued his sute of atteinte taken for the same, or hath for the same verdite in a writte of atteint had iudgement against the sayd petite iurie, but onelye that they made true seremente, which issue shalbe tryed by xviii. of the sayd graunde iurie, and the party shall pleade, that they gaue true verdicte, or any other matter, which shalbe a sufficiente Barre of the sayde atteint. And that plee notwythstanding the graunde iurye to be taken wout delay to enquere whether the fyrst iurie gaue true verdicte or no.

And if they finde that the sayd petite iurie gaue an vntrue verdicte, thā euery of the sayd petite iurie to forfayte xx.li. whereof the one halfe shall be to the kinge oure soueraygne lord, & the other halfe to the party that sueth. And ouer that, that euery of the sayde petite iury shall severally make fine and raunsome by the discrecion of the Justices, before whom ỹ sayde false serement shalbe found after theyr seuerall offences defaultes and sufficiency of euery of the sayd petite Jurie. And after that, that those of the sayde petite iurie so atteynted shall neuer after be in any credence, nor theyr othe accepted in any courte. And if such plee as the party pleadeth, which is a Barre of the said atteynt, bee founde or deemed agaynst hym that so pleadeth, than the party that so sueth shall haue iudgement to be restored to ỹ he lost wyth hys reasonable costes and damages.

Forseene alway that any vtlary in action or cause personall, or excommengemente pleded or alledged in ỹ party pleintife or demaundant shalbe taken but as voyde plee, and to that hee shall not be put to aunswere. And that in all the aforesayd proces such daye shall be giuen as in a writ of Dower, and none essoine or protection to lie nor to bee allowed in the same. And if the said graund iurie appere not vppon the first distres had against them, so that the iurie for theyr defaut do remaine, he that maketh default shall forfaite to the king xx.s. and vppon the seconde distres xl.s. and after making defaulte for euery such default v. li. And like penaltyes and forfaytures to be agaynst them and euery of them that shall be named in the Tales, as is afore expressed against euery of the sayd graund Jurie aforesaide. And that for and by the death of the party or any of the sayd petite iurie, the said attainte shall not abate nor be deferred agaynst the remnant, as longe as two of the sayd petite iurie be alyue.

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And if here after any false verdicte be geuen in any action suite or demaunde afore any Justice or Judge of recorde of any thinge personall, as debt, trespas and other lyke, which shall be vnder the value of.xl.li.. that than the partye greeued shall haue atteint with such proces and pleas as is afore rehersed, and delaies to be taken away as is afore remẽbred: excepte that in this case of atteint euery person of the graunde iurie that may dispende.v.markes by the yere of freholde out of aũcient demene, or is worth an hundrede marke of goodes and cattels, shalbe able to passe in the same atteint. And if the petit iurie be atteinted, that thẽ they shall in this case of atteint euery of them to forfayt.v.li. wherof one halfe shall be to the kyng, and the other half to the party, after the forme afore rehearsed, & ouer that to make fine and raunsome by the discreciõ of the Justices, as is aforesaid.

And if there be not persons of suche sufficiencie within the shire or place where any of the said atteintes shall be taken, as may passe in the same: be it ordeined by the auctority abouesayd, that then one Tales shalbe awarded into the shire nexte adioyninge by the discrecion of the Justices, afore whom ẏ same atteintes shalbe taken, which shalbe warned to appere vpõ like peines as is aforesayd, and enabled to passe in the sayd atteintes, as if they were dwelling in the shire, where the same atteint shalbe taken. And that the same lawes, action and remedie ordeined by this presẽt act be kept for and to all them that shalbe greeued by such vntrue verdictes of any inheritance, in discent reuercion remaindre, or of any freeholde in reuercion or remaindre. And if the partye in atteint giuen by this acte be nonsuite, or the same discontinue, that then the same partye so nonsuite or so discõtinuyng the sayd atteint make fine and raũsome by ẏ discrecion of the Justices afore whome the sayd atteint shall be taken and dependinge.

And that all atteintes hereafter to be taken, shalbe taken afore the king in his benche, or afore the Justices of the common place and in none other courtes. And that Nisi prius shalbe graũted by discretion of the Justices vpon the distres, and euery of the sayde petit iury may appere & answere by attourney in the sayde atteint: And that the moite of the sayd forfaiture of the petite iurie shalbe leuied to thuse of our soueraigne lorde by Capias ad satisfaciend. or Fieri fac. or Elegit, or by action of debt against euery person of the petit iurie so forfaitinge, and agaynst his executours & administratours hauing thã sufficient goodes of their sayd testatour not administred and the other moitye shall by lyke processe be leuied to the vse of the party that sueth any atteint geuen by this acte against euery of the sayde petite iurie and his executours or administratours, hauinge than sufficiencye of goodes as is aforesayd not administred: and the iudgement of restitucion to the partie greued suing this acte & execution of the same to be had, & lyke iudgement for ẏ party defendant or tenãt to be discharged of restitutiõ, as afore this present act in case of a grand atteint hath bene vsed. and if there be diuers plaintifes or demandantes in atteint, that the nonsuite or releise

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of any of them shall not be in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to ỳ residue, but that they and euery of them in such cases maye be somñ. and seuered like as it is vsed whan there by diuers demandantes in actions reall.

Be it also ordeyned & enacted by auctority abouesayd, ỳ in euery writte of atteint hereafter to be takẽ by or vpon this acte, the which shall be such as other writes of atteynt be, and after the Teste of the same writ shall be written these wordes in latin: Per statut. continuat. vsq; annũ vicesimũ tertium domini Henr. octaui dei gratia Angliæ & Frãc. regis, fidei defens. & domini Hiber.

And it is also enacted, that this acte shall take effecte for verdictes hereafter to be geuen and to continue to the last day of the next parliament.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte be not preiudiciall to a statute made in the .xi. yere of the late kyng of famous memory Henry the .vij. for punishement of periury in vntrue verdictes geuen in plaintes sued in the courtes of the citie of London, but that it shall be at the libertie of all persons for & vpon any vntrue verdict geuen in any courts of the same citye, to sue their atteint vpon this statute, or els vpon the sayd estatute made in the sayd .xi. yeare at their owne pleasures and willes.

¶ An acte that no brewers of bere or ale shall make their barrells kylderkins nor firkins within thẽ, & howe much the same barrels kilderkins and firkins shall conteine. Cap. iiij.

Where the ale brewers and beere brewers of thys realme of Englande haue vsed & daily do vse for their owne singuler lucre profit and gaine, to make in their owne houses theyr barrels, kilderkins & fyrkins of much lesse quantity, content, rate and assyse than they ought to be, to the great hurt, preiudice and damage of the kinges liege people, and contrarie to diuers actes, statutes, auncient lawes & customes heretofore made had & vsed and to the destruction of the poore craft or mistery of coupers.

For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, ỳ lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of ỳ same, that no beere brewer nor ale brewer, that shall brewe to sale bere or ale shall from henceforth occupy by him selfe, nor by any other to his vse in his house nor els where the mistery or crafte of coupers, nor make any barrels, kilderkins, fyrkins or other vessels by him selfe, nor by theyr owne seruantes, wherby they shall put theyr beere or ale to sale, but that all such barrels kilderkins and other vessels of woode, wherewyth they shall put theyr beere or ale to sale, shall from henceforth be made and marked accordinge as hereafter shall be expressed by the cõmon artificers of coupers exercised & practised in the sayd occupacion, vpon peine to forfayte & pay for euery such barrell, kilderkin, fyrkin or other vessel, hereafter to be made cõtrary to ỳ tenor of this acte .iij. s. iiij. d.

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And be it also enacted, that euery artificer of the craft or mistery of coupers, that will exercise or practise to make any of the sayde vessels for beere or ale to be put to sale, shall make the same vesselles and euerye of them of good and seasonable woode, and put his proper marke vppon euerye of the.

And that euery barrell for beere shall conteine xxxvj. gallons, euery kylderkyne for beere xviij gallons, and euery fyrkin for beere nyne gallons of the kinges standerde gallon. And that euerye barrell for ale shall conteyne xxxij. gallons, euery kylderkin for ale xvj. gallons, and euerye firkin for ale viij. gallons of the kynges standerd gallon. So that they shall be of good and iuste measure, or els aboue and not vnder. And that no couper shall make any other vessell for beere or ale to be solde within this realme of any greatter or lesser numbre of gallons than is abouesayde, onlesse he shall cause to be marked vpon euery such vessell, that he shall so make of greatter or lesser nombre of gallons, the true and certaine, nombre of as many gallons as euery such other vessell shall conteine, to thintent that euery person maye knowe the content thereof.

And that no such artificer of coupers shall enhaunce the prices of anye such barrelles, kilderkins, fyrkins or other vessels in the sale of them to any ale brewer or beere brewer or other person, but kepe for rates of such prices as hereafter ensueth, and not aboue vpon peine to forfaite for euery barrel kilderkin and firkin defective or enhaunced in price in any poinct contrary to this acte iij s. iiij d. That is to say for euery beere barrell ix. d. For euerye beere kilderkin v. d. and for euerye beere fyrkin. iij. d. And the ale barrell xvi d and the ale kilderkin ix. d. and the ale fyrkin. v d.

And be it further enacted by the sayde auctority, that no beere brewer or ale brewer at any time after the feaste of Lammas nowe nexte commynge shall put their bere or ale to sale to anye person or persons to be spente and occupied within this realme in anye other barrells, kylderkins, fyrkins, or other vessels of woode, other then shall be made and marked by an artificer of coupers abouesayde whereof euery barrell for beere shall conteine and holde xxxvj. gallons, euery halfe barrell or kilderkin xviij. gallons, and euerye fyrkin ix. gallons. And euery barrell for ale shall conteyne xxxij. gallons, euery kilderkin xvj. gallons, and euery firkin viij. gallons of full and iuste measure or aboue, & not vnder that measure. And that euery bere brewer and ale brewer shall not take ouer and aboue for euery such barrell, kylderkyn or fyrkyn of ale and beere, but after such prices and rates as shall bee thought conuenient and sufficyent by the discreations of the Iustices of peace within euery shyre, where such beere brewer & ale brewer shall dwell without any citye borough or towne corporat, where no head officers, as Mayres, Baylifes, Shyrefes, and other head officers haue made auctorytye nor rule, & in euery citye borough and towne where there be Mayres, Shyrifes or other head officers, the same rates & prices to be named and tolled by them and euery of them by theyr discreations. And that the sayde

ale brewers or bere brewers at any time hereafter shall not selle theyr beere nor ale at anye higher rates or prices than shall be to them assigned after ꝑ fourme aboue rehersed, vpon peine to lose and forfayte for euerye barrell so put to sale contrary to this estatute. vj.s. for euery halfe barrell or kilderkin iij.s. iiij.d. and for euery fyrkin. ij.s. and for euery vessell conteinyng greater number of gallons. x.s. and for euery other vessell conteining lesser number of gallons. xij.d. The one halfe of all the whiche penalties and forfaitures to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same, by action of debt, bylle, plainte or informacion in any of the kinges courts, in which action and suite the defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor any essoyne, protection, or priuilege to be admitted.

Be it also further enacted by the sayde auctorite, that all maner of sope makers within this realme of Englande, which shall put to sale any sope by barrell halfe barrell fyrkin or other vessell shall from Lammas nowe next comming make or cause to be made their barrells halfe barrells fyrkins and other vessells accordinge to the rates, contētes, weightes and assises of olde time vsed and accustomed, that is to saye, euery empty barrell to hold and conteigne. xxxvj. gallons or aboue, and to be in weyght. xxvj. poundes, and not aboue of full and iust measure: and euery halfe barrell emptye to be in weight. xiij. li. and not aboue, & to holde and conteine. xviij. gallons or aboue: and euery fyrkin emptye to weye. vj. poundes and an halfe and not aboue and to holde and conteine. viij. gallons or aboue, vpon peine of forfayture for euery such barrell half barrell firkin or other vessell hereafter to be made had or vsed contrary to this acte. iij.s. iiij.d.

And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the wardeins of thoccupacō or mistery of coupers within the citie of London from henceforth at all times hereafter whan they shall thinke conuenient & expedient, taking with them an officer of the mayres, shall haue full power and auctorite by vertue of thys acte, to search, vewe and gage all maner of such barrelles, kylderkins, fyrkins and other vessells to be made or occupied for ale bere and sope to be put to sale within the citie of London and suburbes of the same, and within two myles compas without the same suburbes, to viewe, and see that ꝑ same barrells, kilderkins, fyrkins and other vessels, as wel within liberties as without, be made and marked wel and sufficiētly, and beare and conteine their true contētes, rates and measures accordinge to theffect of this statute. And also to marke euerye such barrell kylderkin fyrkin and other vessell by them so viewed and gaged bearing and conteynyng their true contentes, with the signe & token of saint Antonies crosse. The same wardens to haue for the search and gaging of euery such barrel kilderkin, fyrkin and other vessell by them so serched, viewed, gaged & marked one ferthyng, and not aboue, of the owners or makers of the sayd vessels. And shall and maye haue auctorite by vertue of this acte to reteyne

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euery such vessell as they shall so gage searche and marke, vnto such tyme as they shalbe satisfyed therof. And in case they shall fynde any of the sayd vessels defectiue, not beatynge theyr true contentes, that then by auctority of this acte they maye lefull take and retayne euery suche vessell, and cause the same to bee marked or amended accordinge to the true contente or els cause the same to be brenned. And also the partie owner of such vessel to lose and forfaite for euery such vessel not being of the full contentes after the rate aboue expressed vii.d. to be recouered and employde as is aboue sayd.

And be it further enacted by the saide auctority, that in all other cities borowes and townes, wherein no such wardens of coupers bee, that the mayres sheriffes bailiffes constables or other heade officers in such cities, borowes and townes shall haue power and auctority to searche viewe & gauge all such barrels kylderkins fyrkins & other vessells to be made hereafter in any such cittie borowe or towne, and to haue and take all such auauntage thereby and in like maner and fourme as the wardens of coupers wythin the city of Londō or other persons by this act should or may haue or take on euerye behalfe.

Prouided alwayes, that euery bere brewer may kepe in his house one or two seruauntes of the mistery or craft of coupers, to hoope and amende his barrelles kylderkins fyrkins and other vessels, wherein they shall put theyr beere to sale from time to time, this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the saide auctority, that if any personne at any tyme after the sayde feast of Lammas next comming, do mynishe or cause to be minished any maner of barrel kilderkin or fyrkin to the deceite of any the kinges subiectes by reason of taking out the heade of any such vessell, or taking out of any staffe oute or from any suche vessell, that than euery such vessell to bee brente, and thoffendour to forfayte for euery suche offence three s. iiij.d. the one moity thereof, to bee to the kinge oure soueraigne lorde, and the other moity thereof to him or them of the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same, to bee recouered in maner and fourme aboue rehearsed. And the party so offending to be further punished by the discretion of the head officer or officers, before whom such defaulte shalbe presented.

It is enacted by the auctority of this present parliamente, that notwithstandinge any thinge conteyned in this acte of brewers and coupers, whereunto this Scedule is annexed, it shal bee lawfull to euery ale brewer mencioned in the same acte, to haue and retayne in his seruice one personne of the misterie or crafte of coupers, to exercise in his seruice the crafte of a couper, onely in bindinge houpinge and pinninge his maysters ale vessels recited by the said acte, and in none other wyse to vse or exercise any mabinge of vesselles concerninge the crafte or misterie of a couper.

wyth lesse that he is in the seruice of any alebrewer. Also it is enacted, that euery couper, wythin hereafter shall make any ale vessel specifyed in the said acte, shall from the feast of Penticost next commyng make euery such vessel according to the assise specifyed in the treatyse called Compositio mensurarum, that is to saye euery barrel for ale conteyne xxxii galons of ỳ said assise or aboue, of the which viii. galons make the common bushel to be vsed in thys realme of England, euery kilderkin for ale xvi. galons of ỳ said assise or aboue, and euery firken eight gallõs of assise or aboue, vpon paine of forfayture of iii. s. 4. d. for euery of the same vessels by hym vntruly made contrary to this act: the one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the king, and thother to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of det, bill, plainte writ or otherwyse, In which action none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And be it also enacted, ỳ euery couper marke his vessell wyth his owne marke, vppon paine of iii. s. 4. d. to bee leuyed and recouered after lyke maner and fourme as is aboue sayd. And that no maner of person in ỳ serche masyng for the true gaugyng of any such vessels, shal put out the ale of any suche vessell, whereby the same ale shalbe the worse. And that it shall be lawfull to euery ale brewer to bringe carye and cause to bee broughte and caryed theyr ale to the householdes of oure soueraygne lorde the kyng, the Queene, the princes, and to euery archbishoppes, bishoppes, dukes, marquesses, Eries, barons, or other honourable mens houses in tonnes, butts, pypes, hogesheades, or other vessels of greater or larger quantity than is expressed in thys present act, as before tyme hath ben vsed in that behalfe. And also it shalbe lawfull to the sayde alebrewers to bring cary or cause to be brought conueyed or caryed theyr ale to euery mans house in barrelles kylderkins and fyrkyns bearing and holdinge theyr true contentes accordyng to the purporte and effecte of this presente acte, any thing contayned in the same acte to the contrary hereof notwythstanding.

A generall acte concerninge commissions of sewers to be dyrected in all partyes wythin this Realme. Cap. b.

OUr soueraygne lorde the kynge lyke a vertuous and moste gracious prynce, nothing earthly so highly desyringe as the aduauncyng of the common profite wealth and commodity of this hys realme, consyderynge the daily greate damages and losses, which haue happened in manye and dyuers partyes of this his sayde realme, as well by the reason of the outragious flowyng surges and course of the sea, in and vppon marshy groundes and other lowe places heretofore throughe politike wyledome wonne and made profitable for the great common wealth of this realme,

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as also by occasion of lande waters and other outragious spynges in and vpon medowes pastures and other lowe groundes adioyninge to ryuers floddes, and other water courses: And ouer that by and through mylles mylldammes weares fyshegarthes bedels gotes goates sludgates lockes and other impedimentes in and vppon the same ryuers and other water courses, to be inestimable damages of the common wealth of this realme, which daily is likely more and more to encrease, vnles speedie redresse and remedie be in this behalfe shortly prouided: wherein all be it that dyuers and many prouisions haue been before this tyme made and ordayned, yet none of them are sufficient remedie for reformacion of the premisses, hath therfore by deliberate aduyse and assente of his lordes spyrituall and temporall, and also his louing commons in this present parliament assembled ordeyned stablished and enacted, that commissions of sewers and other the premisses shalbe directed in all parties wythin this realme from time to tyme, where & when neede shall require according to the maner fourme tenour and effect hereafter ensuinge, to such substantiall and indifferente persons as shall be named by the lorde Chancelour and lorde Treasorer of Englande, and the two chiefe Justices for the time beinge, or by three of them, whereof the lord Chauncellour to be one.

Henry the viij. &c. Knowe ye that for as much as the walles dikes bankes gutters sewers gotes calceies bridges streymes and other defences by the costes of the sea, and marshe ground being and lyeng wythin the limittes of A. B. or C. in the county or countyes of

or in the borders or confines of the same, by rage of the sea, flowynge and reflowyng, and by meane of the trenches of fresh waters descendinge and hauyng course by diuers wayes to the sea, be so dirupt lacerate and broke, And also the common passages of shippes balengers and boates in the riuers streames and other floudes wythin the limittes of A. B. or C. in the county or countyes of or in the borders or confines of the same by meane of settinge vppe, erecting and making of streames mylnes bridges pondes fyshegarthes mylldammes lockes hebbyng weres hekes and sludgates, or other like lettes or impedimentes or annoyaunces be letted or interrupted, So that great and inestimable damage for defaute of reparacion of the sayde walles dikes bankes fenses sewers gootes gutters calceies bridges and streames, And also by meane of setting vp erecting makyng and enlargyng of ỳ sayd fyshgarthes mildammes lockes hebbinge weares hekes sludgates and other like annoysances in tymes passe, hath happened, and yet is to bee feared, that farre greater hurt losse and damage is lyke to ensue, vnlesse that speedy remedy be prouided in that behalfe.

We therefore for that by reason of our dignity and prerogatiue royall wee be bound to prouide for the safety and preseruacion of our realme of Englande, wyllinge that speedy remedy bee had in the premisses, haue assigned

you and fire of you, of the which wee wyll that A. B. and C. shall be three to be our Justices to survey the said walles stremes diches bankes gutters sewers gotes calceis bridges trenches milnes mildammes fludgates pondes lockes hebbing weres and other impediments lettes and annoiaunces aforesayd, and the same cause to be made corrected repayred amended put downe or reformed, as case shall requyre after your wysdomes and discretions, And therein as well ordeyne and doe after the fourme tenour and effecte of all and singuler the statutes and ordinaunces made before the fyrst day of March, in the xviii. yere of our reigne, touching the premisses or any of them, as also to enquyre by the othes of the honest and lawfull men of the sayde shyre or shyres, place or places, where such defaultes or annoiaunces be, as well wythin the libertyes as wythout (by whom the trouth may the rather be knowen) through whose default the sayd hurts and damages haue happened, and who hath or holdeth anye landes or tenementes or common of pasture or profite of fyshinge, or hath or may haue any hurt losse or disadvauntage by any maner of meanes in the sayde places as well nere the sayde daungers lettes and impediments, as inhabitinge or dwelling there aboutes by the sayd walles ditches bankes gutters gotes sewers trenches and other the sayd impediments and annoyances. And all those persons and euery of them to take assesse charge distreine and punisshe as well wythin the metis, limittes and boundes of olde time accustomed or otherwyse as els where wythin our realme of Englande, after the quantity of theyr landes tenementes and rentes by the number of acres and pearches, after the rate of euery persones porcion tenure or profite, or after the quantity of theyr commune of pasture or profite of fyshing or other commodityes there by such wayes and meanes and in suche maner and fourme, as to yoo or fyve of you, whereof the sayde A. B. and C. to be three, shall seeme moste conuenient to be ordayned and done for redres and reformacion to be had in the premisses: And also to reforme repayre & amende the sayde walles ditches bankes gutters sewers gotes calceis, bridges streames and other the premisses in all places needefull: and the same as often and where neede shall be to make newe, And to clense and purge the trenches sewers and ditches in all places necessary, And further to reforme amende prostrate and ouerthrowe all suche mylles, streames, pundes, lockes, fyshgarthes, hebbinge weares, and other impedimentes and annoysaunces aforesayde, as shal be founde by inquisition or by your surueying and discretions to be excessiue or hurtfull. And also to depute and assigne diligent faythful and true keepers bayliffes surueyours collectours expenditours and other ministers and officers for the sauety conseruacion reparacion reformacion and makynge of the premisses and euery of theim, and to heare the accompte of the collectours and other ministers of and for the receite and layinge oute of the money that shalbe leuyed and payde in and aboute the makinge repayringe reforminge and amen-

amending of the sayd walles ditches, bankes, gutters, gotes, sewers, calceis, bridges, streames, trenches, milles, pondes, lockes, fishgarthes sludgates and other impedimentes and anoysaunces aforesaid. And to distreine for the arrerages of euery suche collection tare or assesse as often as shalbe expediente, or otherwyse to punishe the dettours and detsyners of the same by fines amerciamentes paynes or other like meanes after your good discretions. And also to arrest and take as many cartes, horses, oxen, beastes, and other instrumentes necessarye, and as many workemen and labourers as for the said workes and reparacion shall suffice, payinge for the same competent wages salarie and stipende in that behalfe: And also take suche and as many trees, woodes, vnderwoodes and timber and other necessaryes as for the same workes and reparacions shalbe sufficiente at a reasonable pryce by you or sire of you, of the which wee will that A.B. & C. shalbe three to be assessed or limitted as wel wythin the limittes and boundes aforesayde, as in any other place wythin the sayde county or countyes nere vnto the sayd places: and to make and ordeyne statutes ordinaunces and prouisions from time to time as the case shall require for the sauegarde, construction, redres, correction and reformacion of the premisses and of euery of theym, and the partyes lyinge to the same necessary and behouefull after the lawes and customes of Romney Marshe, in the countie of Kente, or otherwyse, by any wayes or meanes after your owne wysedomes and discretions. And to heare and determine all and singuler the premisses, as well at our suite as at the suite of any other whatsoeuer, complayning before you or sire of you: whereof A.B. and C. shall be three, after the lawes & customes aforesayde, or otherwyse by any other wayes and meanes after your discretions. And also to make and directe all writtes preceptes, warrantes, or other commaundementes by vertue of these presentes, to all sheriffes, bayliffes, & all other mynisters, officers, & other personnes, as wel wythin libertyes as wythout, before you or sire of you, wherof the said A.B. and C. to be three, at certayne dayes, termes, & places to be prefixed, to be returned and receyued. And further to continue the proces of the same, and finally to doe all and euerye thinge and thinges, as shal be requisite for the due execution of the premisses by all wayes and meanes after your discretions. And therfore we commaunde you that at certayne dayes and places, whan and where ye or sire of you, wherof the sayd A.B. and C. to be three, shal thincke expediente, ye do survey the sayd walles, fences, ditches, bankes, gutters, gotes, sewers, calceis pondes, bridges, ruers, streames, water courses, milnes, lockes, trenches, fishgarthes, sludgates and other the lettes impedimentes and anoysáces aforesayd, and accomplishe fulfill heare and determine all and singuler the premisses in due fourme and to the effecte aforesayde, after your good discretions: And all such as ye shall finde negligente gainsayinge or rebelling in the sayde workes, reparacions or reformacion of the premisses, or

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negligent in the due execution of this oure commission, that ye do compell them by distres fines and amerciaments, or by other punishments wayes or meanes, which to you or sixe of you, whereof the sayd A. B. and C. shal do three, shall seeme most expedient for the speedie remedie redresse and reformacion of the premisses and due execution of the same. And all suche thynges as by you shalbe made and ordayned in this behalf, as wel wythin libertyes as wythout, that ye do cause the same fyrmely to be obserued, doing therein as to oure Justices appertayneth after the lawes & statutes of this oure realme and accordinge to your wysedomes and discretions. Saued alwayes to vs such fines and amerciaments as to vs therof shal belonge. And we also commaunde our sheriffe or sheriffes of our said county or countyes of that they shall cause to come before you or sixe of you, of the which A. B. and C. shal be three, at such dayes and places as ye shall appoynte to them such and as many honest men of his or theyr baylywicks as wel wythin the libertyes as wythout, by whom the trouth may best be knowen, to enquire of the premisses. Commaunding also al other mynisters and officers as well wythin liberty as without, that they and euery of them shalbe attendant to you in and aboute ye due execution of this our commission. In witnes wherof we haue caused these oure letters patentes to be made. Witnes our selfe at Westm. the day of in the yere of our raigne.

And it is also enacted, that euery suche person as shalbe named Cõmissioner in the sayd Commission, after he hath knowledge therof, shal effectually put his dilligence and attendance in and aboute the execution of the said commission. And before he shall take vppon him the execution of the sayd commission, he shall take a corporall othe before the Lorde Chauncellor, or before such to whom the sayd lord chauncellor shall direct the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same, or before the Justices of the peace in the quarter sessions holden in the shyre where such commission shalbe directed: the tenor of which othe hereafter ensueth.

Ye shal swere that you to your cunning witte and power shall truly and indifferẽtly execute the auctority to you giuen by this commission of Sewers wythoute any fauour affection corruption dreade or malice to bee borne to any maner of person or personnes: And as the case shal requyre ye shall consent & endeuour your selfe for your part to the best of your knowledge and power to the making of such holsome iust equall and indifferent lawes and ordinances, as shal be made and deuised by the most discrete & indifferent nomber of your felowes being in commission wyth you for the due redresse reformacion and amendment of all and euery such thinges as are contayned and specifyed in the sayde commission: and the same lawes and ordinances to your cunninge witte and power cause to be put in due execution, wythoute fauour meede dreade malice or affection, as God you helpe and all saintes.

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And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that all and euery statute acte and ordenaunce heretofore made concerninge the premisses or any of theim, as well in the tyme of oure soueraygne lorde the kynge that now is, as in the tyme of any of his progenitours kynges of this realme of England, not beyng contrary to this present acte, not heretofore repelled, from henceforth shal stande and be good and effectuall for euer, and to be put in due execution according to the true meaning and purportes of the same.

And ouer that be it enacted, that the commissioners hereafter to be named in any of the sayd commissions according to the purporte and effecte of the same commissions, haue full power and auctority to make constitute and ordeyne lawes ordinaunces and decrees, and further to do all euerything mencioned in the sayd commission according to the purporte effecte wordes and true meaning of the same, And the same lawes and ordenaunces so made to reforme repell & amende, and make new from time to time, as the cases necessary shall requier in that behalfe.

Prouided alwayes & it is enacted, that if any person or persons beynge assessed or tared to any lot or charge for any landes tenementes or hereditamentes wythin the limittes of any commission hereafter to be directed do not pay the sayd lot and charge according to the ordenaunce and assignement of the commissioners, hauinge power of the execution of the sayde commission: by reason wherof it shal happen the sayde commissioners hauinge power of execution of such commission, for lacke of payemente of such lot & charge to decree and ordeine the same landes tenementes & hereditamentes from the owner or owners thereof and their heyres and the heyres of euery of them, to any person or persons for terme of yeres, terme of lyfe in fee simple or to taile for payment of y same lot and charge, that then euery such decree and ordenaunce to by them made (ingrossed in parchment & certifyed, vnder their seales into the kinges Court of Chancerie, with the kinges royall assent had to the same shal binde al and euery person and persons that at the makyng of the same decree had any interest in suche landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in vse possession reuersion or remainder their heyres and feoffees and euery of them, & not to be in any wyse reformed vnles it bee by auctority of parliament after to be summoned and holden wythin this realme.

And also it is prouided by auctority aforesayd, that the same lawes, ordenaunces and decrees to be made and ordeined by the sayd commissioners or six of theim by auctority of the sayd commission shal binde as well the landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the king oure soueraigne lorde as all and euery other person and persons and their heyres for suche their interest as they shall fortune to haue or may haue in any landes tenementes, or hereditamentes or other casuall profite aduauntage or commodity whatsoeuer they be, whereunto the said lawes ordinaunces and decrees

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shal in any wyse extende according to the true purporte meaning and intent of the same lawes.

And it is furthermore by the auctority aforesayde established and enacted, that if any manner of person or persons of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be of, that from henceforth doth take vpon him or them to sit by vertue of any of the said commissions, not being before sworne in fourme as is aforesaide, and according to the tenour of the othe afore specifyed. Or if any person so named and sworne do sit as is afore sayd not hauinge landes and tenementes or other hereditamentes in fee simple, fee tayle or for terme of lyfe to the clere yerely value of xl. markes aboue al charges to his owne vse, except he bee resiant & free of any citye borow or towne corporate, and haue moueable substaunce of the clere value of one hundred poundes, or els be learned in the lawes of this realme in and concerninge the same, that is to saye admitted in one of the foure principall Innes of courte for an vtter barrester, shall forfayte fortie poundes for euery tyme that he shall attempte so to do: the one halfe therof to be to our soueraine lorde the kinge, and the other halfe thereof to the vse of him or theym that will sue therefore by action of dette bill plaint or information in any of the kinges courtes. In which action or suite no wager of law shall be admitted, nor any essoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And if any action of trespas or other suite shall happen to bee attempted againe any person or persons for takinge of any distres or any other acte doyng by auctority of the commission, or by auctority of any lawes or ordinaunces made by vertue of the said commission, the defendaunt or defendantes in any such action shal and may make auowry comfaunce or iustification for the takinge of the same distres, or other acte doinge touching the premisses or any of theym, alleggyng in such auowtrie comfaunce or iustification, that the said distres trespas or other acte, wherof the plaintife complayneth, was done by auctority of the commission of Sewers for lotte or tace assessed by the sayde commission, or for the other acte or cause, as the sayde defendante did by auctority of the same commission and according to the tenour purporte & effecte of this present acte made the xviii. yeare of the raygne of oure soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eyght without any expressing or rehearsall of any other matter or circumstaunce contayned in this presente acte, or any commission lawes estatutes or ordinaunces therupon to be made, wherupon the plaintife shalbe admitted to replie, that the defendant did take ye sayde distres or do any other acte or trespas supposed in his declaration of his owne wrong without any such cause alledged by the sayd defendaunt, wherevpon the issue in euery such action shalbe ioyned to be tryed by verdicte of twelue menne, and not otherwyse, as is accustomed in other personall actions. And vppon the tryall of that issue the whole matter to bee geuen in both partyes in euidence according to the very trouthe of the same.

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And after such issue tried for the defendant or nonsuite of the plaintif after apparance, the same defendãt to recouer treble damages by reason of hys wrongefull veracion in that behalfe with his costes also in that part susteined, and that to be assessed by ꝑ same iurie, or writ to enquire of damages, as the cause shall require.

And it is also enacted, that euery of the sayde commissioners shall haue and perceiue foure shillinges for euery day that they shall take peyne in the execution of this commission of Sewers, and one clerke by them to be assigned .iij.s. for euery day, of the rates, taxes, lottes and waynes that shalbe assessed or lotte by auctorytye of the sayde commission, and to be leuied and payed by their discrecions. And that the sayde cõmissioners, or iiij of them shall haue power and auctority to limit and assigne of ꝑ same rates, taxes lottes and waines by their discreacios such reasonable summes of money to the sayde clerke for writynge of bookes and proces concerninge the premisses, & to the collectours, expeditours and such other as shall take payne in due execution of the sayd commission, as by the discrecios of the sayd cõmissioners or .iij. of them shall be thought reasonable.

Prouided alwaye that whan soeuer and as often as such Commission, as is afore limitted, shall be made and directed to any person or persons for the reformacion and amendement, of .iij. any of the premisses specified in the sayde commission within the fees, liberte or possession of the duchye of Lancastre, that then such commissioners as shall execut any such commission shalbe alwaies named and appointed by the discretio of the lorde chancellor and lorde Treasourer of Englande & the sayde two chefe Iustices of eyther bench, and the Chauncellor of the sayde duchye for the veyrige, or three of them, wherof the sayde lorde Chauncellor and the Chauncellor of ꝑ duchy to be two. And that in in euery such case two commissions shall be awarded and according to the tenour of the commission aboue expressed, one therof vnder the great seale of Englande, and the other vnder the seale of the same duchye, as before time hath bene accustomed, any thinge afore rehersed in this present acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted, that the sayde commissions from time to time, as the case shall requyre, shall be had and purchased without any money or other charge to be payed for the seales or writinge of the same, otherwise it be to the kynge .iij.li.vj.s.viij.d. for the seale of euery commission, as hath bene accustomed and for the writing & enrolling of any one cõmission .v.s. & not aboue.

And it is further enacted, that euery cõmission to be made by auctoritye of this acte shall endure & continue for terme of three yeres, next after the Teste of the commission. Neuertheles after any commission made and deliuered out of the kinges court of chauncerye, the kinges highnes shall [illegible] alwaies

shall alwaies at his pleasure by his writ of Supersedias, out of his sayde court of Chauncery at any time discharge as well every such commission as every commissioner that shall be made or named by auctorite of this acte.

After which discharge the sayd commissioners shall have no power nor auctorite to proceede in the execution of theyr cõmission, nor in any thinge by auctority of this acte.

Provided alwayes, that such lawes, actes, decrees and ordinances as shall happe to be made by the sayd commissioners according to the tenour of their commyssion or by auctority of this acte shall stande good and effectuall and be put in due execution so longe time as their commission endureth and no longer: Except the sayd lawes and ordinances be made and ingrossed in parchement, and certified under the seales of the sayde cõmissioners into the kinges court of Chauncery and then the kinges royall assente be had to the same: any thynge conteined in this present acte to the cõtrary hereof notwithstanding.

Provided also that whan so ever and as often as such commission as is afore limitted shall be made & directed to any person or persons for ỳ reformacion and amendement of or in any of the premisses specified in the sayd commission within the fees, liberties and possessions of the principalitye of Wales, the county palatine of Chestre, or within the fees, liberties and possessions of any other place, where there is liberty and turisdiction of county palantine, that in everye such case two commissions shall be awarded and made according to the tenor of the commission aboue expressed, one thereof under the great seale of Englande, and the other under the usuall seale of ỳ county palantine in maner and fourme as is above provided for the duchy of Lancastre, any thinge afore rehersed in this present acte to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And it is provided & also enacted, that the royall assẽte limitted to be had unto the lawes and ordinances to be made by the sayd commissioners, as is aboue sayde, shalbe certifyed into the sayd court of Chauncerye under the kinges privy seale: And that there shall not any some of money be payd for the same privy seale, but for ỳ writing of the same certificat under the sayde privie seale shalbe payed to the writer thereof .ij. s. and not aboue nor no other nor greater somme for any thing touching or concerning the same certificat under the same privie seale.

Provided alwayes, that the chauncellours and such other as shall have the custody of the seales of the sayde principalitye of Wales or the countye Palantine of Chester, or within the fees, liberties and possessions of anye other place, where there is libertie and turisdiction of county palantine, uppon reasonable request, and uppon the syghte of the commission under the kinges great seale of his Chauncery, shall without delay make out another commyssion under the seale of the sayde countye Palantyne accordyng to the tenour of the kinges cõmission to them shewed under his greate seale.

And

And to thoſe commiſſioners as ſhall be named by the lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treaſourer, and the two chiefe Juſtices, or three by of them, whereof the lorde Chaūceller to be one, except it be within the fees and liberties of the duchye of Lancaſter, within whiche fees and lyberties the commiſſioners ſhall be named and commiſſions made, as is afore ordeyned by thys acte, any thynge conteyned in the ſayde acte, or in any prouiſo thereunto added and annexed to the contrarye thereof notwithſtandynge. Thys acte to endure for .xx. yeares.

An acte concerninge before whom recogniſances of debtes ſhalbe made, and the fourme of the obligation. Cap. vj.

For as much as the mayres of the Staple in dyuers places of thys realme, where anye ſtaple is kepte, in the preſence of the conſtables of the ſame ſtaple before this time haue and might lawfully take recogniſaunce or knowledge for debtes, onelye concerninge and touchynge the marchaundiſe of the ſame ſtaple, betwixte marchaunte and marchante of the ſame ſtaple, accordinge to diuers lawdable eſtatutes and prouiſions before this tyme had ordeyned and made. Which Mayres and Conſtables manye and ſundrye tymes ſince the makinge of the ſame eſtatute haue taken dyuers recogniſaunces and knowledges of diuers of the kinges ſubiectes for debtes, ſurmiſynge the ſame knowledge or recogniſance to be made for ſuretie of paiement of ſummes of money for ſuche wares as were or beene boughte in the ſame Staple: where of trouth the ſame recōiſance dyd not in any wiſe touche or concerne the marchandiſe of the ſame, ne alſo the parties, that is to ſaie the cogniſor ne the cogniſee, that did knowledg and take the ſame recony-ſances, were marchantes of the ſame ſtaple: whiche recogniſances and knowledges taken in fourme aforeſayd are not onely clere contrary to the trewe meaninge and intente of the ſame former eſtatutes, but alſo therby diuers great and ſundry inconueniences damages and deceytes do daylye riſe and growe to diuers of the ſubiectes of our ſoueraigne lorde the king, by reaſon of the miſuſynge of the ſame. And for as muche as the kynges highnes of his moſt high wyſdome perceiueth the myſuſyng and execucīō of the ſame to be contrary to the forme of the ſayd former eſtatutes: Therfore his pleaſure is, that ſome true lawfull and reaſonable bond for ſuretye of paiemēt of the ſayd debtes of his ſubiectes ſhall be made and deuiſed by trewe and iuſt meanes, whiche in it ſelfe may and ſhall purport, right and equitye and alſo conſonant to reaſon.

In conſideracion wherof, by thaſſent of the kinges highnes, his lordes ſpyrytuall and temporall, and his commons in thys preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame, it is enacted, ordeyned and ſtabliſhed, that from the fyrſt day of Apryll nexte comming the thiefe Juſtice

of the kynges benche and the chiefe Iuſtice of the common place, whiche nowe be or at any time hereafter ſhall be, and euery of theym by him ſelfe, and in their abſence out of the terme ỳ maire of the ſtaple at Weſtminſter and the recorder of the citie of London for ỳ time beyng ioyntly togethers by his or their diſcrecīō ſhall haue full power and auctority to take recognilances or knowledges of euery of the kinges ſubiectes for the paymente of debtes accordinge to ſuch forme as hereafter enſueth.

¶Nouerint vniuerſi per præſēt. me A.B.&,D.C.armig.teneri & firmiter obligari Iohāni at Style in C.li.ſterling ſoluend. eidem Iohanni aut ſuo cert. attornat.hoc ſcriptum oſtend.hered. vel execut.ſuis in tal.feſt. &c. proxi.futur. poſt dat.præſentium. Et ſi defecero vel defecerimus in ſolutione debit.prædict volo & concedo,vel ſic,volumus & cōcedimus, quod tunc currat ſuper me hæred. & executores meos,vel ſuper nos & quemlibet noſtrum hæred. & execut.noſtros pœna in ſtatuto Stapulæ de debit.pro marchandiſis in eadem emptis recuperand.ordinat.& prouiſ. Dat.tal.die Anno regni regis.&c.

And that euerye obligacion that ſhall be made, as is aforeſayde, and knowledged before any of the ſayde chiefe Iuſtices, or the ſayd mayre and recorder accordynge to this acte, ſhall be ſealed with the ſeale of the party or parties,that ſhall recogniſe or knowledge the ſame, and alſo with ſuche ſeale as the kynges highnes ſhall ordeyne and appoincte for the ſame, and with the ſeale of one ſuch of the ſayde Iuſtices,or with the ſeales of ỳ ſayd mayre and recorder,& with his or their name or names ſubſcribed, that ſo ſhall take the ſame recognilance or knowledge. And that euery of the ſayde two Iuſtices, and the ſayde mayre and recorder ſhall haue the cuſtodye of one ſuch ſeale by the kinges highnes to be appointed, with one lyke pryut ſcripture and facion, which ſhall ſeuerally remaine with them to thentent aboue reherſed.

And further be it enacted by ỳ auctority aforeſayde, that ſuch an honeſt and diſcrete perſon,as ſhall be aſſigned by the kinges highnes, or the ſufficient deputy or deputies of the ſame perſon ſo to be aſſigned, ſhall make & write all ſuch obligacions,as ſhalbe knowledged and recogniſed by auctoritye of this acte, and ſhall cauſe the ſame obligacions recogniſed & knowledged in forme as is aboueſayd,to be enrolled in two ſeuerall rolles indēted, whereof one ſhall remaine with ſuch of the ſayde Iuſtices or with the ſayd mayres and recorder,that ſo ſhall take the ſame recognilance in forme aforeſayd,and the other rol with the writer therof,appointed for the ſame. And that the ſaide perſon by the kinges highnes to be appoincted for making wryting and enrollinge ſuche obligations, or his ſufficient deputy or deputies ſhall be dwelling or abyding in the ſayd Citty of London,vppon payne to forfayte for euery time that he and his deputie ſhall be abſente by the ſpace of two dayes,ten poundes.

And further it is enacted by auctority aforeſayd, that the ſayde perſon ſo to bee aſſigned by the kinges highnes to wryte make and enroll ſuche obligacions

gracious or his sufficient deputy or deputies, at the request of ỳ creditours theyr executours or administratours shall certify such obligacions as shal be taken and recognised by auctority of this act, into the kinges courte of Chauncery vnder the seale of the sayd person so to be appointed for writing making & enrolling such obligacions. And ỳ euery person & persons, to whō any such obligacion shalbe made knowledged & enrolled (as is aforesayd) theyr executours & administratours, and ỳ executours & administratours of euery of them for default of payment of the dettes cōteyned in such obligacions shalbe in euery point degree & condicion against the said recognisor and recognisors and euery of them, theyr heyres executours & administratours, & the heyres executours & administratours of euery of them in the proces execution commodity & aduauntage in euery behalfe, as hath bene vsed and accustomed before this time to be had done or made of and vppon any obligacion of the statute of the staple, and vnder suche maner and forme as is for the same statute of the staple prouided, paying for such proces and execution to be had suche like fees as is accustomed for proces and execution to bee had vpon obligacions of the same statute of the staple and not aboue. And that euery suche person and personnes that shall be bounden or otherwyse greeued by vertue of any obligacion to be made by auctority of this acte, shall haue theyr lyke remedy by Audita querela, & al other remedies in the law, that they mought haue had, in case they had ben bounden by obligacion of the statute of the Staple. And that euery such person and persons that shall haue proces for execution to bee had by reason of any suche obligacion to be made and knowledged according to this acte, shall paye to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours at the tyme of ensealinge of the proces for execution to be had, one halfepeny for euery pounde that shalbe conteyned in the obligacion, whereof execution shalbe requyred and not aboue. And that euery such person and personnes that shal happen to haue any execution of any landes tenementes or hereditaments by reason of any such obligacions to be made and knowledged (as is aboue saide) theyr executours administratours or assignes, and the executours administratours and assignes of euery of them, if they or anye of them ben put out or disseysed, shall haue like remedy in euery point and condicion as persons hauing execution in and vpon any statute of the staple, after execution to them had, may or might haue by vertue of the sayd writyng obligatory of the statute of the staple and execution of the same.

And further bee it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that euerye of the sayde Justices and the sayde Mayre and Recorder, before whom anye such obligacions shalbe recognised, shall take for euery knowledge of euerye one suche recognisaunce iii s. iiii. d. and not aboue: And the clearke that shall write make and enroll the same obligacions iii. s. iiii. d. And for for the Certificate of euery one such obligation xx. d. And if any of the sayd Justices, Mayre, Recorder, or clearke take of any of the kings subiec-

tes above the somme or sommes to them limitted by this estatute, from the sayd Justices Mayre, Recorder or clearke, y shall take contrary to y forme aforesayd, shall forfayte for euery time so offending fourtie poundes.

And further it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that from the said firste Daye of Aprill no mayre or constable of y Staple, for the payment of any summe or summes of money take any knowledge or recognisaunce of the sayde statute of the staple, of any of the kinges subiectes, vpō peine to forfaite for euery time so offendyng xl.li. The one moitie of all and syngulers the sayd penalties to be to the kinges highnes, and the other moytie to the partye that will sue for the same. For the recouery wherof the partye that will pursue shall haue his remedy by informacion, action of dette, bill or plainte in any of the kinges courtes: in which no essoine protection nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

Prouided alway, that this acte nor any thinge therein contened be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any mayre and constables of the Staple for anye bonde or wrytinge of the statute of the staple to be taken or receyued betweene marchauntes being free of the same staple, for marchandise of the same staple betweene them lawfully bought and solde.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all recognisances before this time taken before the Mayres constables of anye of the sayd staples, wherof the sommes nowe be not payde or otherwyse contented lawfully auoyded or discharged by the law, shal be as good & effectual as though they had ben verely made for marchandise of the same staple and betweene marchaunt and marchaūt of the same staple, and as they should haue bene, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ An acte that the statutes made for the maintenaunce of the Nauy of this realme shall stande in full strength, and howe Gascoine and Frenche wynes shalbe brought in, and the same and other wynes solde. Cap. viij.

WHere for the maintenaunce and good continuance of the Nauy of this realme of Englād it was ordained and enacted by a statute made in the v. yeare of the reigne of the right noble kinge Richarde the second, that none of the kings liege people should shippe marchandise in any other shippe than in an Englishe shippe, vpon payne of forfayture of the saide marchaundise so shipped. And after that by an other statute made in the vi. yere of the saide noble king it was enacted, that for defaute of Englishe shippes euery man might ship their marchandise in straungers shippes. And after that at a parliamente holden at Westmin. in the 4. yere of the late noble kinge of famous memorie kynge Henry the vij. it was ordeyned and enacted, that no person should carie or bringe anye wynes of Gascoine or Guyon or Tolous Ode into Englande

wales, Irelande, Calice, or the marches therof, or Barwike, but all only in shippes of England wales, Ireland, Calice or the marches therof or Barwike: And that the maister & maryners of the same shyppes for the moste part of them should be of the same countries, vpon peyne of forfaiture of ỹ sayd wyne & Ode, as by the sayd good estatutes more at large is expressed. And not withstandinge the sayd good estatutes, yet neuertheleſſe the Nauie of this realme, and the multitude of the shippes of the same, whiche tofore this time hath bene not onely a great defence & surety to this realme of England in time of warre, but also a high commodity to all ỹ subiectes of the same for trãsportinge and conueyance of marchandiſes in and from this realme, is nowe meruailouſlye decayed and empayred: and by occasion thereof a greate multitude of the kynges liege people, whiche were maiſters and mariners of shyppes, and by the exerciſe thereof they theyr wyues and children had theyr liuinge, be nowe mynyshed and empouerished in suche wyſe, that within fewe yeares there shall be fewe englyshe men that shall be experte in the seas, to the great peryll of this realme and decaie of the people of the same, if remedie be not prouided in this behalfe. In conſideracion wherof the kynges moſte royall maieſtye, of hys moſte excellent goodnes, hauinge tender, reſpecte to the reformacion of the premiſſes, is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by hys highnes, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the sayde estatutes and euery thinge in them conteined shall ſtande in their full ſtrength force and effecte, ſo that from henceforth no perſon shall attempte to doe contrary to the tenours of any of the sayd estatutes, vpon the peynes conteyned in the same.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no maner of perſon or perſons shall diſcharge and layr on lande out of any shyp or shippes, or other veſſell or veſſels any wines of Gaſcoyne or Guyon, or any maner of french wynes at any hauen port creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Ireland, wales or the marches of the same at any time hereafter betwene the feaſtes of saint Michael the archangell & the purificatiõ of our Ladie, vpon paine of forfaiture of the sayde wynes ſo brought in & diſcharged & layde on lande at any time hereafter betwene the sayd feaſtes contrary to this acte. The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the kynge our ſouereigne lorde, & the other halfe therof to ſuch of the kinges ſubiects as shall ſeaſe or ſue for the same by action detinue or debte after the rate of the value therof by originall writ, bill, plainte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes. In which actions and ſutes the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or eſſoin shalbe allowed.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesayd, that no perſon after the feaſte of the purificacion of our lady, which shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.xxvij. shall ſell by retayle any of the sayde wynes aboue. viijd.

the gallon, that is to say a peny the pinte, two pence the quart, foure pence the pottell, and eyght pence the gallon, vppon peine of forfaiture for euery pynte to be solde aboue the sayde pryce. iiij. d. and for euerye quarte solde aboue the sayd price. viij. d. and for euery pottell so solde aboue the sayd price xij. d. and for euery gallon so solde aboue the sayde pryce afore limitted. ij. s. And that no malmseis, Romeneis, sackes nor other swete wines, after the sayde feast shall be tetepled aboue. xij. d. the gallon. vj. d. ỹ potell. iij. d. the quart and. j. d. ob the pint, vpon peine to lose and forfaite. iij. s. iiij. d. for euery gallon. xx. d. for euery pottell. xij. d. for euery quarte, and vi. d. for euery pinte that shal be solde contrary to this acte.

Prouided alwaye that the lorde Chaūceller, lorde Treasourer, lorde president of the kinges most honorable counsaile, lorde priupe seale, and the. ij. chiefe Justices of either benche, or. v. iiij or iij. of them, shall haue power & auctority by theyr discretions to set the prices of all kinde of wynes, that is to say of the prices of the butte, tonne, pype, hoggeshead, poncheon, teers, barrell or rondlet whan it shall be solde in grosse, so that they or three of them cause the prices by them sette to be written, and open proclamacion therof to be made in the kings court of Chancery openly in the terme time or els in the city, borowe or towne where any suche wynes shall be solde in grosse, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye hereof notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted, that yf any person or persons after suche prices be set and put in writinge by the sayd lorde Chaunceler, lorde Treasorer, lord president of the kynges moste honorable counsele, lorde priupe seale, and the two chiefe Justices, or by. 5. 4. or 3. of theym, and proclamacion therof had as is aforesayde, do sell any wynes in grosse by any fraude or couine contrarye to the sayde prices so set and proclaymed, that than euery offender in that behalfe shall lose and forfayt for euery vessell by them solde in grosse contrary to the sayde prices xl. s. The one halfe of all whiche forfatures to be to the king our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe therof, yf it be within any citye, borowe or towne corporate, to be to ỹ Mayres shiriffes, Bayliffes or other headrulers of suche cities, borowes or townes corporate: and if it be without city, borowe or towne corporate, than to be to such of ỹ kinges subiectes as wyll sue for the same. And that euery such forfayture shall be recouered by originall writ of debte, byll playnt or informacion. In which suite no wager of lawe shalbe admitted nor any protection or essoyne allowed.

And it is also enacted, that the Justices of peace in euerye shire of thys presente realme, and all mayres, shireffes, bayliffes and other head officers in cities, borowes and townes corporat, that is to saie euery of them within the limites of their commissions and auctorities, as well within fraunchesles as without, shall haue power & auctoritye to examine here inquire and determine the defaultes of suche as shall attempte to sell any wynes

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in grosse or by retayle contrary to this acte: And to punishe the offenders by imprisonment or otherwise by their discrecions.

Prouided alwaye that yf it fortune any shippe or shippes, vessell, or vessels laded with sayde ỹ wines of Gascoine or Guion or frenche wynes at any time hereafter to come to any porte, creke or hauen within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the same betweene the sayd feastes of saynt Michaell the archangell, and the purificacion of our lady, and than the vessels conteining the sayd wines, or the shippe or other vessell or vessels bearing the same, happen to fall in leke, that than it shall be lawfull to the owner or bringers therof, at all times betwene the sayde feastes, to discharge the sayde wynes out of any such ship vessel or vessels for the sauinge of them. So that the sayde owner or owners of the sayde wines, so discharging the same, make no sale or other vtterance of them at any time betwene the sayde feast of saint Michaell, and the sayd feast of ỹ purificacion of our lady, any thinge conteined in this acte to the contrarye hereof notwithstandinge.

And where as in the parliament holden at westm in the firste yeare of the reygne of kynge Richarde the thirde, amonge other thinges it was established, ordeyned and enacted, that euery tonne of wynne shoulde conteine. CClix. gallons, euery butte of malmesie should conteine. cxxvi. gallõs euery pype. cxxvi. gallons, euery tertian or poncheon. lxxiiii. gallons, euerye hoggeshed. lxiii. gallons, euerye teerce xli. galons, and euery barrell xxxi. galons and di, and euery rondiette, xviii. galons and di: And that no vessell should be put to sale till it were gauged, vpon payne of forfayture, as by ỹ same estatute it doth appere more at large. Neuertheleese great deceite is daily vsed in sellyng of wynes and oyle in caskes and vessels not bearinge the contentes aboue limitted to ỹ great losse of the kings poore subiectes. For remedy whereof be it enacted by the auctority of this presente parliamente, that the sayde estatute made in the first yere of kinge Richarde the thyrde, and all other estatutes heretofore made for true gauging and measures of wynes, oyles, hony, or anye other licours, which estatutes before this time be not repelled nor expired, shall stande in theyr strength and vertue and be put in due execution accordinge to their tenors and effectes in euery behalfe.

And ouer that be it enacted by auctority of this present parliamente, ỹ euery gaugeour wythin this realme shall truly and effectually wythin the limittes of his office gauge all the sayde tonnes, buttes pipes, terces, poncheons, tercians, barreis, hoggeshedes and rondiettes, and shall plainlye & truly marke vppon the head of euery suche vessel the contente of the same, vppon payne to forfayte to the party, to whose vse the wyne, oyle, or other thinge therein beinge, shalbe solde, foure times the value of that, that the vessell so marked shall lacke of his lawfull contente aboue wrytten. The same forfayture, to be recouered ouer and beside the costes of the suite by

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the kynges orygynall writ, or by byll in any of the kynges courtes of hys common lawes, or in any competente courte haynge iurisdiction in the place, where that offence shall be committed, by action or bill of debte in whiche action or suite none essoine, protection, nor wager of lawe shall be accepted, admitted, or allowed to the defendante or defendantes. And that euery marchant or other person sellinge the sayde wyne, oyle or other thinge conteined in the sayd vessell marked, shall allowe of the pype therof to the vier of the same for euery quantitye of wyne, oyle or other thynge conteyned in the sayde marked vessels, the full value of the lacke thereof, beinge by reason of defaulte of full gauge of the vessell, marked, or of defaulte of fillynge the same vessell or by reason of defaulte of any of them after the rate of the hole pype of the wine, oyle, or other thynge so beynge solde by that vessell marked. And that vpon peine of forfayture to the same vier the double value of ỳ same vessell and wine, oyle or other thinge therin beinge solde, the same forfaiture to be recouered together with the costes of the suite in maner and fourme as the forfayture last before writtē is limitted to be recouered. This acte to continue vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

An acte concerning the amendinge and maintenance of the hauens and portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teingmouth, Falmouth and Fowey in the counties of Deuonshire and Cornewall

PIteously sheweth and complaineth vnto the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, the inhabitauntes of the townes and portes of Plimmouthe Dartmouth and Teingmouth in the countye of Deuonshire, Falmouth and Fowey in the countye of Cornewall that where the sayd portes haue ben in time past the principall and moste cōmodious hauens and portes within this realme for the rode surety and preseruacion of shippes resorting from all places of the worlde as well in perill of stormes as otherwise. For where before this time all manner of shippes being vnder the portage of .viij.C. tonnes, resortinge vnto anye of the sayde portes or hauens might at the lowe water easely entre into the same, and there lye in suretye what winde or tempest so euer dyd blowe, By reason wherof not onely a greate multitude of shippes, as well of this realme as of other regions and countries before this tyme haue bene preserued and saued, but also in time of warre the sayd hauens and portes haue bene the greatest fortificacion and defence of that part of this realme and the speciall preseruacion of the greate parte of the Navye of the same: whiche sayde portes and hauens bene at this presente time in

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maner haue ben and dayly be destroyed by meane of certaine tinne wooркes, called Extreme wooркes, vsed by certaine persons within the sayde countyes, whiche persons more regardinge their owne priuate lucre than the comon wealth and welth of this realme, haue by workinge of the sayde extreme wooркes, diggyng, searchyng and washing of the same nere vnto the freshe riuers, waters and lowe places, descendinge and commynge out of the lande towards and into the sayde portes and hauens to the sea, conueyed by the force of the sayd freshe riuers a maruelous greate quantitye of sande, grauell, stoud, robell earth, slime, and filthe in the sayd portes and hauens, and haue so filled and choked the same, that where before this time a shippe of the portage of viii. C. tunnes or aboue myghte haue easely entred at a lowe water into the same, now a shippe of a hundred tunne can scantlye enter at the halfe flud, to the decaye and vtter destruction of the sayde hauens and portes, and also to the ruine and vtter vndoinge of all the good townes within the sayde countyes of Deuonshyre and Cornewall, if remedy be not in that case speedely prouided. For reformacion whereof bee it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no person or personnes hereafter shall labour or worke, or cause to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tinne wooркes called Extreme wooркes, within the said countyes of Deuonshyre or Cornewall nighe to any of the saide freshe waters, riuers, or lowe places descendinge or hauinge course vnto the sayde hauens or portes or any of them, nor shal labour, digge, or washe any tinne in any of the sayd tinne wooркes called Extreme wooркes, vnlesse the sayde digger, owner, or washer, shall make or cause to be made sufficiente hatches and ties in the ende of their buddels and rozes, and therein put and lay or cause to be put and layd all the sande stones, grauell and robell digged about the intrenching findinge and washing of the sayde tinne, there to be wholly and surely kepte by the said hatches and ties out and from the said freshe riuers or water courses or anye of theim, so that the saide sande, stones, grauell, and robell, ne any parte thereof bee for lacke of such hatches or ties, conueyed into the sayde portes and hauens or anye of them, vppon paine to forfaite for euery time, that anye owner or tinner shall digge or washe, or cause to be digged or washed any tinne contrary to the fourme aforesayd, ten pounds. The one halfe thereof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe thereof to be to any of the inhabitaunts of the sayd portes, townes or hauens that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by originall writte, bill, playnt, informacion or otherwise, wherein the defendāt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoine shalbe allowable.

And bee it further enacted by auctority aforesaide, that if any person or persons shall happen to be sued accused, indited, imprisoned, amerced, condempned

dempned or otherwise vexed or troubled in hys person landes, tenewmentes, goods or catteis by any of the ministers or officers of any the kinges courtes of Stannerie, or by any other person or persons for pursuinge or attempting any suite or action according to this estatute, agayne such person or persons as shall offende contrarye to the fourme aforesayde, that than all suche suites, accusementes, enditementes, impisonementes, actions, condemnacions, fines, amerciamentes, and everye other acte or actes to be done in any of the sayde courtes of Stannery, or els where, by any person or persons againe any person or persons for suinge or attempteynge any suites or attions by vertue of this estatute, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe. And that the parties sued, endited, accused, imprysoned, or otherwyse greeued or molested, for pursuinge againe any person or persons offendinge this estatute, shall haue his action and remedye grounded vppon this statute by originall writte, bill, plaint, informacion, or otherwyse in any of the kinges courtes, agayne suche as shall procure or attempte to vexe, trouble, or otherwyse molest any such person or persons for suinge or pursuinge for the forfaytures aforesayde: and shall recouer treble damages in that behalfe. And the party defendant shall not be admitted to wage his law, ne any protection essoine nor priuiledge shal be to him allowable. And if it shall happen any person or persons for pursuinge any sute or action vppon this estatute or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprysoned by any maner person or persons, beyng officers or ministers of the Stannerie, theyr deputies or substitutes, that than euery of the Justices of peace wythin any of the countyes aforesayde, wherein the sayd prysoner shall happen to be committed to prison vpon credible informacion, therof taking surety by his discretion for apparaunce of such prysoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and auctority as well to directe his warrante to the gaiiour or keeper of the prison, as to any other person or persons, to whom the said prysoner shalbe committed vnto, commaundinge him or them vpon paine of forfayture of xl.li. to deliuer and put at large the sayde prisoner or prysoners: which if hee refuse so to do, than euery suche offender shall loose and forfaite the sayde xl.li. the one halfe of which forfayture to be to the vse of oure soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe to him that is greeued by reason of suche imprisonmente, to bee recouered in maner and fourme aforesayde: And the defendant in any action or suite for the same shall not wage his law, ne haue any essoyne or protection allowed. And if it shall appeare vppon the apparaunce of suche prysoner at the quarter sessions by examinacion of the Justices of peace there beinge, that hee waye imprysoned contrary to the forme of this estatute, that then he shall be forthwyth dismissed and thereby discharged. And if hee were lawfullye imprysonned, for anye other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discretion of the sayde Justices.

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Prouided alway that thys act or any thing therin contayned be not in any wyse preiudicial or hurtfull to any of the officers of the Stannery, ne to any of theyr lawfull libertyes, prynyledges, vsages, lawes, or customes, sauinge onely in the cases and prouisions contayned and limitted wythin this present acte, which shal alway be put in execution accordyng to the tenor of this acte, any vsage custome, prinyledge, ordinaunce or liberty to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And it is enacted, that this acte shal begin to take effect from the feast of S. Michael the archangell next comming, and not before.

An acte that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces, where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases. Cap. ix.

Where greate nomber of the kinges subiectes, as well men, wyues, seruaunts, as other the kinges subiects dwellinge in dyuers dioceses of this realme of Englande and of wales, heretofore haue bene at many tymes called by Citacions & other processes compulsaryes to appere in the arches audience & other highe courtes of the archbishops of this realme, farre from and out of the dioces, wher such men, wyues, seruauntes & other the kyngs subiectes ben inhabitant & dwellyng, & many times to answere to surmysed and fayned causes & suites of defamacion, withholding of tithes and such other lyke causes and matters, which haue bene sued more for malyce and for veracion, than for any iuste cause of suite. And where certificate hath bene made by the somner, apparitour, or any such light litterat person that the party agaynste whom any suche Citacion hath ben awarded, hath ben cited or sommoned, & thereupon the same party so certifyed to be cited or sommoned, hath not appered according to the certificat, the same party therefore hath bene excommunicated, or at least suspended from all deuine seruice: and thereupon before that he or she coulde bee absolued, hath bene compelled not onely to paye the fees of the courte, whereunto hee or she was so called by citacion or other processe, amountinge to the summe of ii. s. or iv. d. at the leaste: but also to paye to the somoner apparitour or other light litterate person, by whom hee or shee was so certifyed to bee sommoned, for euery mile beinge distante from the place where he or she than dwelled vnto the same courte, whereunto he or she was so cited sommoned to appere, two pence, to the greate occasion of impouerishment of the kinges subiectes, and to the great occasion of misbehauiour and misliuynge of wyues, women and seruauntes, and to the great impeirement and diminucion of theyr good names and honestyes. Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, wyth the assent of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no maner person

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shal be from henceforth cited or sommoned or otherwyse called to appere by himselfe or herselfe or by any procuratour before any ordinarie, archdeacon, commissarie, officiall or any other iudge spyritual oute of the Diocese or peculiar iurisdiction, where the person, which shalbe cited sommoned or otherwyse (as is abouesayde) called, shall be inhabiting and dwellinge at the tyme of awardinge or goinge forth of the same citacion or sommons: excepte that it shall bee for in or vppon any of the cases or causes hereafter writen: that is to saye for any spyrituall offence or cause committed or done, or omitted, forslewed or neglected to be done contrary to right or duty by the bishop, archedeacon commissarie, officiall or other person hauing spyrituall iurisdiction, or beinge a spyritual indge, or by any other person or personnes wythin the Dioces or other iurisdiction, whereunto hee or shee shalbe cited, or otherwyse lawfully called to appere and aunswere. And excepte also it shalbe by or vpon matter or cause of appele, or for other lawfull cause, wherein anye partye shall finde himselfe or herselfe greeued or wronged by the ordinarye, iudge, or iudges of the Dioces or iurisdiction, or by anye of his substitutes officers or ministers after the matter or cause there first commensed and begonne, to bee shewed vnto the archbishoppe or bishoppe, or any other hauinge peculiar iurisdiction, wythin whose prouince the dioces or place peculiar is: or in case that the bishop or other immediate iudge or ordinarie dare not nor will not conuente the party to bee sued before him: or in case that the bishop of the Dioces, or the iudge of ỹ place, wythin whose iurisdiction or before whom the suite by this acte should be commensed and prosecuted be party dyrectly or indirectly to the matter or cause of the same suite: Or in case that any bishop, or any inferioure iudge hauinge vnder him iurisdiction in his owne righte and title, or by commission make requeste or instaunce to the archbishoppe, bishoppe or other superiour, ordinarie or iudge, to take, treate, examine, or determine the matter before him or his substitute. And that to be done in cases onely where the lawe Ciuile or Cannon doth affirme, execution of such requeste or instaunce of iurisdiction to be lawfull or tollerable, vpon payne of forfayture to euery personne by any ordinary commissarye, officiall, or substitute by vertue of his office, or at the sute of any person to bee cited or otherwyse sommoned or called contrary to this acte, of double damages & costes for the veracion in that behalfe susteyned, to be recouered agaynste any suche ordinary commissary, archdeacon, officiall, or other iudge, as shall awarde or make proces, or otherwyse attempte or procure to do anny thinge contrary to this acte, by action of det, or action vppon the case, accordinge to the course of the common lawe of this realme in any of the kinges highe courtes, or in any other competente temporall courte of recorde by original writte of dette bill or plainte. In which action no protection other than suche as shalbe made vnder the kinges greate seale, and signed wyth his signe manuell, shalbe allowed, neyther anye wager

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of lawe nor essoine shall bee admitted. And vppon payne of forfayture for euery person so summoned cited or otherwyse called (as is aboue sayde) to aunswere before any spyrituall iudge out of the dioces or other iurisdiction where the said person so dwelleth, or is resident or abyding terme pounde sterlinge. The one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our souerayngne lorde, and the other halfe to any personne that will sue for the same in any of the kinges sayd courtes, or in any other the sayde temporall courtes, by wryt information byll or playnt. In which action no protection shal be allowed, nor wager of lawe nor essoine shalbe admitted.

Prouyded alwayes that it shalbe lawfull to euery archbyshoppe of this realme to call cite and summon any person or persons inhabyting or dwellyng in any bishoppes dioces within his prouince for causes of heresy, if the byshop or other ordinary immediately thereunto consent, or if that the same bishop or other immediate ordinary or iudge doe not hys dutie in punishment of the same.

Prouyded also that this act maye not extende in any wyse to the prerogatiue of the most reuerend father in God the archbyshop of Canterbury, or any of his successours of or for callinge any person or persons out of the dioces where he or they be inhabyting dwelling or resident for probate of any testament or testamentes, any thyng in thys acte contayned to the contrary not wythstanding.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no archbishoppe nor bishoppe ordinary official commissary or any other substitute or mynister of any of the sayd archbishops byshops archedeacons or other hauing any spyrituall iurisdiction, at any time from the feast of Easter nexte comming shal aske, demaunde, take, or receiue of any of the kinges subiectes any summe or summes of money for the seale of any citation, after the said feast to be awarded or obtayned, than onely three pence sterling, vppon the paynes and penaltyes before limitted, conteyned and expressed in this presente acte, to be in like sourme recouered as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes that thys act be not in any wyse hurtful or preiudiciall to the archbyshoppe of Yorke, nor to his successours, of for or concerninge probate of testamentes wythin hys prouince and iurysdictiō by reason of any prerogatiue, any thing in thys act to the contrary therof notwythstandyng.

An acte concerning feoffementes and assurannce of landes and tenementes made to the vse of any parysh church, chapel, or such like. Cap. x.

WHere by reason of feoffements fines recouerynes & other estatutes & assurances made of trust of manors landes tenements and hereditamentes

taments to the vse of parish churches, chappels church wardens Guildes fraternityes comminalties companies or brotherheades erected and made of deuocion, or by common assent of the people wythout any corporation, and also by reason of feoffementes fines recouerys wylles & other actes made to any vses aforesayd, or to the vses and intents to haue obites perpetuall or a continuall seruice of a prieste for euer, or for 3. score or 4. score yeres founden of thissues and profites of the manours landes tenements & hereditamentes, wherof such feoffementes fines recoueries willes and other actes beene made, or that the feffees conisees recoueries or other persons and their heyres therof seised, shall take leuie receyue and perceiue or cause or suffer to be taken leuyed and perceyued thissues reuenues and profytes therof, and the same to dispose paye conuerte or otherwyse employe or suffer or cause to bee disposed payde conuerted or employde to any suche vses intentes or purposes as been aboue specifyed, or to any other like vses or intentes: there groweth and issueth to the kinge oure soueraygne lorde, and to other lordes and subiectes of the realme, the same like losses and inconueniences, and is as muche preiudiciall to theim, as doth and is in case where landes bee alienated into mortmaine. Bee it therefore enacted by the king our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by thauctority of ye same, that all and euery suche vses intentes and purposes of what name nature or quality they shal be called, that shall bee deuised couenaunted made declared or in any wyse ordayned after the fyrst daye of Marche in the xxiij. yere of the raigne of our soueraygne lorde kinge Henry the eighte by any feffee recouerer or conisee or by any other person or persons, to whose vse any such feffee recouerer or conisee shalbe seased of any manours landes tenements or hereditaments, or of thissues reuenues and profites of them or any of them, shalbe vtterly voyde and of no strength vertue nor effecte in the lawe.

Prouided alway that it shall be lawfull to euery personne being seased of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to his owne proper vse, or hauinge feoffees recoueries or conisees to his vse, to make ordeyne or deuise, or cause to be made prdeyned or deuised any of the vses intentes or purposes aboue specifyed in such maner as they moughte haue done afore the making of this acte, and as if this act had neuer been had ne made: So that none such vses intentes or purposes to be made ordayned or deuised after the said first day of March, be not in any wyse made ordeyned deuised or appointed to endure continue or abyde by any crafte coloure termes sentences clauses wordes or other meanes, aboue the terme of xx. yeres next after the fyrst making and beginning of any such vses intentes or purposes.

And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons in defraude of this estatute binde or ordeine any their heyres or successours or any other

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person or personnes, that they shall suffer suche vses intentes or purposes to endure and continue contrarye to this acte, vppon paynes or penaltyes of losses of any other landes tenementes or hereditaments, or of any other thynge or thinges, or do attempte or deuise by any colour craft or meanes any thynge or thinges to make anye such vses intentes or purposes to bee declared, contrary to the true meaning of this act, to continue or abyde for any longer time or season than is aboue limitted for the same: that than euery such payne penalty craft colour and euery other thyng and thinges, of what kinde nature or qualitye soeuer it bee, that shalbe so made ordeyned or deuysed in defraude of this acte, shalbe vtterly voyde in the lawe to all intentes. And that this estatute shall be alwayes interpreted and expounded as beneficially as may be to the destruction & vtter auoyding of such vses intentes and purposes therein aboue remembred, and of all other lyke vses and intentes otherwyse than alonely after suche maner as is afore by this present acte prouided.

Prouyded alwaye that in such cityes and townes corporate, where by theyr aunciēt customes they haue good and lawfull auctoritye to deuise into mortmaine the landes tenementes & hereditaments wythin the same cyties or townes corporate, that this acte shall not bee in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to any such custome.

Prouided alway that this acte nor any thing therein contayned shal extende or bee in any wyse preiudiciall to hinder or empayre any suche ordinaunces deuises or declaracions of vses, as shall hereafter bee made and declared in wryting by the executours of the testamentes and laste willes of Roberte Jannis and John Terry, late aldermen of the Citty of Norwiche, nowe deceased, or by the executours or the surveyour of the executours of eyther of theym, of anye landes tenementes or hereditamentes, not amounting in the whole aboue the clere yerely value of xl.li. to be employde and conuerted to and for the discharge of Tolles and Customes wyn the sayde citty, and at the gates of the same, for the discharge of poore people wythin the same city of Tares and Tollages hereafter to be assessed and leuyed, and for the clensing of the streates of the same Cittye, or for any of the sayd good purposes, according to the true intents & meaninges of the sayd last willes and testamentes, & of eyther of them: so that ỳ same ordenaunces deuises and declaracions be had made and certifyed in wryting into the kinges courte of Chauncery within two yeres next ensuing the feast of Easter nexte comminge.

An acte concerning breaking of prysons by clearkes conuicte. Cap. xj.

WHere diuers persons being conuicte of murther or felony, hauing the priuiledge of theyr clergy, & deliuered to the ordinaryes, afterwards

wilfully breke the prysons of the ordinaryes & escape theyr wayes, doinge and committing greate horrible & detestable offences, and as hytherto for such wilfull breaking of prisons of ordinaryes by clerkes cõuicte hath not ben prouided any great penalty, whereby they should stand in dread of doing of the same. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that if any clerke conuicte beinge in prison of any ordinary, wilfully breake the said prison and escape his way oute of the same, that than euery such breakynge of prison and escape shalbe from henceforth deemed and adiudged felonie, and the offender therein shall haue and suffer suche paine of death and penaltye, & losse of his landes and goodes, as for other felonyes is accustomed by the lawes of this realme, and shall not in anye wyse be admitted to haue the pryuiledge or benefite of his clergie, nor enioye any sainctuary for the same.

Prouided alway that if any such offender be within holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon deacon or preisthode, that than after hee is conuicte of the premisses he shalbe deliuered of the ordinary, there to remayne without any purgacion.

And it is enacted, that it shall bee at the liberty of the ordinary to disgrade any such offender after hee is found gilty and deliuered to him, as a clerke conuicte, and sende him before the king in his benche wyth letters witnessing the sayd disgrading, and thereuppon the Justices of the kings bench hauing the record of his conuiction, shall haue power and auctority to giue iudgement agayne euery such offender beinge conuict and disgraded, that shall suffer death, like as they mought doe in case the same offender had ben a laye man, and arreyned and founde gilty afore theim of the sayd offence, the deliuering of such offender afore to the ordinary notwithstanding.

An acte for takinge eractions vpon the pathes of Seuerne. Cap. xii.

Where the kinges subiectes passinge vppon the ryuer and water of Seuerne, haue vsed tyme oute of mynde to haue and vse a certayne pathe of a foote and a halfe brode on euery syde of the sayd ryuer for drawynge vp by lines or roopes theyr troughes barges boates and other vesselles passinge or repassinge on the sayde ryuer of Seuerne wyth wyne or anye other marchaundyse, wythout any imposition tare or toll to be demaunded of them ẏ so shoulde carie wyne in any of the sayd vessels for the saide passinge and drawynge in the saide pathes accustomed, till nowe of late certaine couetouse persons haue perturbed and interrupted manye of the kinges subiectes, haling and drawyng vppe their vessels in the sayd pathes, takinge of theym fynes

fynes and draughtes and botels of wyne, and yet dayly to vse to the disturbance and losse to manye of the kinges subiectes.

Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that no person or persons interrupt by any obstacle, lette or otherwyse any person or persons passinge or repassinge on and vpon euery of ỹ sayde pathes accustomed, nor also are, take or demaunde any tolle called a draught, or bottell of wyne, or any other tare or imposicion of any of ỹ kinges subiectes ther goinge in the sayd pathes accustomed, vpon euery syde of the ryuer of Seuerne there halynge or drawinge their botes, troughes or vessels, vpon peyne to forfayt for euery time that hee or they shall interrupte any of the kynges subiectes, or are or take any such imposicion, by what name so euer it be called. xl. s. The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lorde: And the other halfe to the party greeued, that will sue for the same by byll, plaint, information or otherwyse, in the which sute no essoyne, wager of lawe nor protection shalbe allowed.

An act that men in cities, borowes & townes, which be clerely worthe xl l. in goods, shall passe in triall of murthers. Cap. xiij.

FOr as much as triall in murders and felonies in cities boroughes and townes corporate within this realme hauinge auctorite to proceede in the deliuerãce of such offenders, bene oftentymes deferred and delayed by reason of challenge of such offendours for lacke of sufficience of freeholde, to the great hynderaũce of Justice. It may therfore be enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that euery person and persons beinge the kinges naturall subiect borne, which either by the name of a citizen or of a freemã or any other name dothe enioye and vse the liberties and priuileges of any Cytye borough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth and maketh hys abode, beinge worthe in mouable goodes and substaunce to the clere value of xl. pounds, bee from henceforth admytted in triall of murdres and felonies in euery sessions and gayles of deliuery to be keepte and holden in and for the liberty of such cities, boroughes or townes corporat: All be it they haue no freeholde, any act, statute, vse, custome or ordinãce to the cõtrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte do not extende in any maner of wise to any knyght or esquire dwellynge, abydynge or resortynge in or to any such city or borough corporate, any thinge in the same act mencioned or declared to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

¶ Proces of outlawry to lye in actions of anno.v.R.ij. in couenaunt amd annuity. Cap.xiiij.

FOr as muche as there is great delayes in actions of trespas brought vpon the statute of kinge Richard the second, made in the.v. yere of his reigne, ageinst the that make entrees into any landes or tenements, where theyr entree is not geue by the law: And also in actions of annuity & actions of couenaunt, bicause ther lieth no proces of outlary in such nature of actions. For reformation whereof it may please the kinges highnes, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, to ordeine and enacte, that like proces be had hereafter in euery action from henceforth the to be broughte vpon the sayde estatute of anno quinto, as is in a common action of trespas at the common lawe, and that also lyke proces be had in euery writte of annuitye and couenaunte hereafter to be sued, as in an action of debte.

An acte that the defendant shall recouer costes ageinst the pleintife, if the pleintife be nonsuited, or if the verdict passe againste him. Cap.xv.

BE it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that if any person or persons at any time after the feast of the Purificatiõ of our lady, in the.xviij. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the viij. cõmence or sue in any court of recorde or els where in any other courte, any action, byll or playnt of trespas vpon the statute of kynge Rychарde the seconde, in the.v. yeare of his reigne, for entrees into landes and tenements, where none entree is geuen by the law or any action, bill or playnt of debte or couenaunt vppon any especialtye, made to the pleintife or pleintifes, or vppon any contracte, supposed to be made betwene the pleintife or pleintifes, and anye person or persons, or any action byll or playnte of detinue of any goodes or cattels, whereof the playntyfe or plaintifes shall suppose, that the propertye belongeth to them or to anye of them, or any action, byll or playnt of accompt, in the which the pleyntife or pleintifes suppose the defendaunte or defendauntes to be theyr baylyffe or bailiffes, receiuour, or receiuours of their maner, meese, money or goods to yelde accompte, or any action, byll or plainte vppon the case, or vpon any statute for any offence or wrong personall immediatly supposed to be done to the pleintife, or pleintifes and the pleintife or pleintifes in anye suche

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kinde of action, bill, or plaint after appearaunce of the defendante or defendauntes be nonsuited, or that any verdict happen to passe by lawfull triall agaynst the playntife or plaintifes in any such action, bill, or playnte: that than the defendaunt or defendauntes in euery suche action, byll, or playnte, shall haue iudgement to recouer his costes against euery suche pleintife or pleintifes. And that to be assessed and tared by the discretion of the iudge or iudges of the court, where any suche action, byll, or pleint shall be commenced, sued or taken. And also that euery defendante in suche action, byll, or plaint shall haue suche proces and execution for the recouery and hauing of his costes against ỳ plaintife or plaintifes, as the same plaintife or plaintifes should or might haue had agaynst the defendante or defendantes, in case that iudgement had beene geuen for the parte of the sayde pleintife or pleintifes in any suche action, byll, or plaint.

Prouided alway that all and euery suche poore person or persons beynge pleintife or pleintifes in anye of the sayde actions, or plaintes which at the cõmencemente of theyr suites or actions be admitted by discretion of the iudge or iudges, where suche suites or actions shall be pursued or taken, to haue their proceese and counsaile of charitye without any money or fee payng for the same, shall not be compelled to paye any costes by vertue and force of this estatute, but shall suffre other punishemẽt as by the discretion of the Justices or Judge, afore whom such suites shall depende, shall be thought reasonable, any thinge afore rehersed to the cõtrary herof not withstandinge.

An acte that no englishe man shall sell, exchange or deliuer to be conueide into Scotlande any horse, gelding, or mare without the kinges licence. Cap. xvi.

WHere before thys time dyuers of the kynges subiectes, and namelye of the Northe partyes of thys realme, as well in time of peace as of warre, haue solde and deliuered out of this Realme into Scotland many and diuers great multitude of horses, geldynges, and mares whiche hath beene thought not onelye greate occasion strength and boldeneg to the Scottishmen hauinge in possessiõ the same horses, geldinges and mares in time of warre to inuade this realme, to the great detrimente and hinderaunce of the kynges poore subiectes of this his realme, but also a great enfeblyng of the kinges sayde subiectes in the defence of the same.

Be it therfore enacted by auctoritye of this present parliament, that if any person or persons after the feast of saint George the martir next comming sel, exchãg or deliuer within theyr realme of Scotlãd or in any place or ground called the batable grounde betwene England and Scotlande,

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to the vse of any Scottishe man any horse, geldynge or mare without licence obteyned of the kynges highnes by hys letters patentes vnder hys great seale so to do, or sell exchange or deliuer to any Scottisheman wythin this realme of Englande, wales, the towne of Barwyke, or marches of the same or in any of the sayde batable ground, to thentent to be conueied into Scotlande, anye horse, geldinge or mare without speciall licence obteined of the kinges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seale so to do: that than the same sale, exchaunge or deliuerye of such horse, geldinge or mare contrary to this present acte shalbe adiudged and deemed by the lawe felony as well in the seller, exchaunger or deliuerer, as also in hym or them to whom the same sale exchaunge or deliuery shall be made. And that it shalbe lawfull as well to the warden and wardens of ỹ east, west & middle marches for the time beinge, in their warden courtes, as also to the kinges Justices of his peace in theyr quarter sessions in euery shyre of this realme, to enquire, heare and determine all and euerye such felonies, after like manner as is vsed in other felonies at the common lawe, whether the same sales, exchaunges or delyueries be made had or done by any person or persons contrarye to thys acte in the Realme of Scotlande or in any part of the sayde batable groundes, or within the realme of Englande, Wales, Barwike or marches of the same. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons, beyng the kinges subiectes, and inhabityng in the forsayde marches for agaynst Scotlande, to arrest any Scottisheman leadynge or conueying any such horse, gelding or mare out of this realme into the sayd realme of Scotlande: and that the moytye or one halfe of the pryce of the sayde horse, geldinge or mare, shalbe to the vse of the seysour and arrestour of the same after due triall of the same made. And the other moytye to the kinges highnes.

An acte concerning the true windinge of wolles. Cap. xviij.

BE it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde and the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, wyth the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that from henceforthe no manner person nor persons doe wynde or cause to be wounde any fleesse of wolle beynge not sufficientlye ryuered or wasshed, ne wynde or cause to bee wounde within anye fleesse, claye, lead, stones, sande, tayles, deceptefull lockes, cotte, calles, combre, lammes, wolle, or any other thynge, whereby the fleesse may be the more weyghty, to the disceipte and losse of the byer, vppon peyne the seller of anye suche deceiptfull wolles to forfayte for euerye suche fleesse. vi. d. the one moyty to the kynge, the other to the finder and prouer of the same disceipte, by action of debte, by originall writ, byll, playnte, information or otherwise in

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any of the kings courtes, in whych action no wager of law essoine ne protection shall be allowed for the defendant.

Prouided alway that this acte concerning riueringe and washinge of any woll shall not in any wyse extende to any shyre or shyres, the inhabitātes whereof hath not customably vsed before this tyme to riuer or washe theyr sheepe afore they be shorne, nor shal in any wyse be hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, ẏ hath vsed customably to sell they wolles by tale or nomber of the fleese or fleeses and not by weighte, any thinge in this acte to the contrary notwythstanding. This act to endure to the nexte parliament.

An act concerning pullyng downe and auoyding of fishgarthes piles, stakes, heckes, and other ingins set in the riuer and water of Ouse and Humber. Cap. xviii.

THe mayre, sheriffes, and comminalty of ẏ city of Yorke & other the kynges true subiects inhabiting and dwelling nigh vnto the riuer of Ouse, and the water of Humber, & al other occuppers of the same ryuer and water, lamētably complaynyng, shewen vnto our soueraigne lorde the king, the lordes spyrytual and temporal and the commōs in this present parliamente assembled, that where the sayd citty beyng one of the most auncīēt cityes of this realme, hath ben much relieued, mainteyned, and supported by the sayd riuer of Ouse and water of Humber, which be the common and directe passage and way from Hull vnto Yorke afore sayd, by reason that many shippes, keiles, cogges, and boates, & other vessels haue heretofore had theyr franke passages wythout let, impedimente, or interruption, in and vpon the sayd riuer and water of Ouse and Humber, from diuers parties of this realme vnto the sayd city, whereby ẏ said citie hath hitherto most chiefly ben aduaunced: And now of late certayne personnes studying onely for theyr owne pryuate lucre, not regardyng the common weale, but daily imagining the vtter destruction ruine & decaye of the sayd city and the countryes adioyning vppon the said ryuer of Ouse and water of Humber, and occupiers thereof, hath and daily do keepe preserue and maintayne certayne ingins for takinge of fyshe in the sayd ryuer and water of Ouse and Humber commonlye called fishegarthes, and set in the sayde ryuer and water in suche places of the same: where shippes should haue theyr lyberall and dyrect passage in the middes of the streame of the sayde riuer of Ouse and water of Humber, stakes, piles, and other thynges in and vppon the common passage for shyppes, keyles, cogges, botes, and other vesselles at diuers and many places in the sayde riuer of Ouse and water of Humber: by reason whereof not onely the sayde shippes keyles, cogges botes and other vessells are daily in ieoperdy, and men

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childzen goods & marchandises in the same of late haue bene and dayly be like moze to encrease to be dzowned slaine & destroyed, but also bzoode & frie of fishe in the sayd riuer and water of Ouse and Humber be commonly thereby destroyed and putrifyed to the vtter impouerysshmente and destruction of the sayde city, vnles spedie remedy bee in this behalfe shortlye prouided. Wherefore it may please oure saide soueraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, that the Lorde Chaunceller of Englande, for the tyme beinge, by the kinges commission vnder his greate seale, afore the first daye of May nowe nerte comminge shall by his discretion appoynt viij. sad and discrete persons, wherof foure of them to be of the cittzens of the said citty of Yorke, and burgens. of the sayd towne of Hull, and the other foure to be two of them Justices of the peace of the weste ridinge of the county of Yorke, and the other two Justices of the peace of the East rydinge of the same countye, that they viii. vij. vi. v. or iiii. of them, whereof two of theym to be of the saide Cittizens and burgens. of the said citty and towne, and other two to be, one of them Justice of the peace of the west ridinge, and the other of the East rydinge of the saide countye, on this syde the firste daye of June nowe nerte ensuinge, shall haue power and auctoritie to suruey and see the saine fishegarthes, weres, piles, stakes, and other ingens set and made in the sayd riuer and water of Ouse and Humber: which sayde persones so assigned shall haue power and auctority by vertue of this acte to appoint and assigne by theyr discretions the owners of the said fishegarthes, stakes, piles, and other ingens to auoyde and pull vp, or cause to be auoyded and pulled vppe wythin xl. dayes after suche surueyance made and monicion geuen to the said owners, euen such and as much of the said fishegarthes, piles, stakes, heckes, and other ingens, which then by their discretions shall be thought expedient, meete, and conueniente to be auoyded and pulled vppe, that the said shippes, keyles, cogges, boates, and other vesselles, passinge and repassinge on the saide riuer and water of Ouse and Humber, to or from the sayde Cittie of Yorke and towne of Hull, maye haue directe liberall and franke passage in throughe or vppon the sayde riuer of Ouse and water of Humber wythoute any perturbaunce impedimente let or daunger by reason of anye of the saide fishgarthes, piles, stakes, or other ingens than lefte erected and standinge in the saide riuer and water of Ouse and Humber, & that the sayde owners on euery syde of the saide fishegarthes and other ingins nerte to the middle of the saide water streame and passage of the saide vesselles, there to sette or cause to be set within the sayd fortie dayes before limitted two piles of the lengthe of one yarde ouer and aboue the highe water marke at the full sea of the saide riuer and water of the Springe tyde, there to bee and remaine, and to bee kepte and repayred by the sayde owners whan neede shall require the same for euer, that

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suche persons as shall passe and repas wyth shippes keles cogges and other vessels in the same waters, may haue perfect knowledge and sight of the direct way and passage in the sayd waters, throughe the said fishgarthes and ingens for the said shippes keles boates and other vessels.

And be it enacted by the sayde auctority, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for the time being, at all times after the sayd first suruey aunce, vpon request to him to be made by the mayre & comminalty of ẏ said city & towne, or by any other citizen and burgeys of the said city and towne for the time beinge, or other person by them vnder the common seales of the sayd city and towne auctorised, shall haue power and auctority by his discretion, to make and directe like commissions vnto viii. sadde and discrete personnes, wherof 4. of them to be the citizens and inhabitauntes of the sayde citie and towne, and the other foure to be Justices of the peace, the one of the west ryding, and the other of ẏ Easte riding of the county of Yorke, not of fee nor reteyned with the said city nor towne, that they viii. vii. vi. v or iiii. of them, whereof two of them shalbe of the sayde citty and towne, and the other ii. Justices of peace, the one of the East ridinge and the other of the ridinge of the sayd county, by vertue of the sayde commission, shal and may the sayd owners assigne and appoint to pull vp and redres or cause to be pulled vppe and redressed wythin xxx. dayes after monicion giuen to the sayde owners by the saide commissioners or by suche of them taking the charge of the execution of the saide commission such and as much of the said fishgarthes and other impedimentes to be made in ẏ sayde waters, to the let disturbaunce damage or ieoperdy of anye shippes keiles boates or any other vessells passing or repassing to or from the said city of Yorke to the said towne of Hull, as by them shalbe thought meete and conuenient.

And further bee it enacted by the sayde auctority, that no maner of person or personnes wythin the sayd riuer and water of Ouse and Humber, shall set fishegarthes or any other ingins to take fishe wythall wythin the waters aforesayde, but onely wyth suche nettes and other ingins as shalbe of assise and measure, according to the standerde and auncient and laudable customes vsed in the sayde riuer and water of Ouse and Humber, and also to vse the fishynge wythin the sayde waters all such tymes as within the same hath of olde time beene accustomed, and at none other time.

And further bee it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that euery of the saide owners and occupiers of suche fishegarthes for euery monethe offendinge contrary to this acte, shall forfaite xl. li. And euery other person in fishinge contrarye to this acte offendinge, shall forfayte x. li. the one halfe of which penalty and penalties to bee to oure soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe to the mayre and comminaltye of the sayde City of Yorke and their successours, and the same to be recouered against

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euery person and persons so offending as wel by bill information or otherwyse at the kinges suite as by original writte of dette at the suite of the sayde mayre and comminalty and theyr successours, in which action the party defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any protection or essoine allowed.

God saue the King.

An acte concerninge the kinges gracious and free pardon for hys spyrytuall subiectes within the prouince of Yorke. Cap. xix.

THe kinge our soueraygne lorde callinge to hys blessed and moste gracious remembrance, that hys good and louynge subiectes, the moste reuerend father in god Edward Archbyshop of Yorke, and other Bishops suffraganes prelates and other spirituall persõs of the prouince of ỹ Archbishoprych of Yorke of this realme of England & the ministers vnder writen, which haue exercised, practised or executed in spirituall courtes and other spirituall iurisdictions within the sayde prouince, haue fallen and incurred into dyuers daungers of his lawes by thynges done perpetrated and committed contrary to the order of his lawes, and specially cõtrary to the fourme of the statutes of prouisours, prouisions & premunire. And his hyghnes hauynge alwaies tender eye with mercy pity and cõpassion towardes his sayde spyrytuall subiectes, mindynge of hys hyghe goodnes and greate benignity so alwayes, to imparte the same vnto thẽ, as Justice deynge dayly administred, all rigour be excluded, & the great benevolent mindes of hys sayd subiectes largely and manye times approued towardes hys hyghnes, and specially at their conuocation and Synode, holde in the chapter house of the metropolitane church of Yorke by correspondente of gratytude to them to be requited, of his meere mocion benignity and liberalitie, by auctority of thys his present parliament, hath giuen and graunted his lyberall and free pardon to his sayde goode and louynge spirituall subiectes and the sayd ministers and to euery of theim, to be had take and enioyed to & by them & euery of thẽ by vertue of this present acte in maner and fourme ensuinge. That is to wyt: The kynges highnes of his sayd benignity and hygh liberallity in consideracion that the sayd archbyshop, byshops and clergy of the sayd prouince of Yorke in theyr sayde Conuocacion haue gyuen and graunted to him a subsidy of eyghtene thousãde eyght hundred foztye poundes and tenne pence of lawfull money currante in this realme to be leuied and collected by the sayde clergy at theyr propre costes and charges, and to be payed in certayne fourme specifyed in theyr sayd graunt therof, is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be ordeyned, established and enacted by auctority of thys sayd parliament, that the moste reuerende father in god Edwarde archebyshop of Yorke metropolitane and pymate of England, and all other byshopes and suffraganes prelates, abbottes, priours and other conuentes, and euerye person of the same conuentes corporate, abbesses, prioresses and religious nũnes, and all

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canons vicars and clerkes of the same and euery person of the same, all ar-
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collegiate churches, maisters and wardeins of hospitalles, all felowes bre-
therne, scholers, prestes and spirituall conductes and euery of the same, &
all vicars generall of dioces chauncellors cōmissaries officials and deanes,
rurals, and all ministers hereafter generally rehersed of any spirituall court
or courtes within the sayd prouince of Yorke: That is to say, al iudges ad-
uocates, registers and scribes, proctours constituted to iudgementes and
apparitours and all other, which within the sayde prouince of the archbi-
shoprich of Yorke at any time heretofore haue administred, exercised, prac-
tised or executed in any iurisdictions within the sayde prouince as officers
and ministers of the sayd courtes, or haue bene ministers or executours to
the exercise or administracion of the same. And all and singuler politike bo-
dies spyrituall in anye maner of wise corporated, and all persons vicars cu-
rates, chauntry prestes, stipendiaries, and all & euery person & persons spiri-
tuall of the clergy of the sayd prouince of Yorke, in this present acte of par-
done hereafter not excepted, or to the contrary not prouided for, by whatso
euer name or surname, name of dignity, preheminence or office they or any
of them be or is named or called, the surrelours heires executours and ad-
ministratours of them and euery of them, shall be by auctority of this pre-
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his heyres, successours and executours and euery of them of all and all ma-
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singuler statute and statutes of prouisours, prouisions and premunire and
euery of them, and of all forfaitures and titles that may growe to the kin-
ges highnes by reason of any of the same statutes. And of all and singuler
trespaces, wrōnges, deceiptes, mysdemeanours, forfaytures penalties and
profites, summes of money, peines of death, peynes corporall and pecuniar
as generally of all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgementes and
executions, in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, whiche
may be or can be by his highnes in anye wise or by anye meanes pardoned
before and to the tenth day of the moneth of Marche, in the xxiij. yere of his
most noble reygne to euery of his sayd louinge subiectes: That is to saye
to the sayde archbishop and other the sayde bysshops, suffraganes, prelates,
abbottes, priours and conuentes and euery person of the same conuentes,
and conuentes corporate, and euery person of the same conuentes corporat,
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stes, presidentes, wardeins, felowes, bretherne, scholers, prestes & spirituall
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conductes chaunceliours vicars generall of Dioces commissaryes officialles, Deanes, ruralles, and all iudges, aduocates registers and Scribes, proctours and apparitours, which haue administred practised or executed any iurisdiction in any spyrituall courte wythin the sayd prouince, & to the saide politicke bodyes, spyrituall persons, vicars curates, chantry prestes stipendiaries, and to all and euery other person and personnes spyrituall of the clergye of the sayde prouince, and to all & euery other person & persons before named,

Also the kinges highnes is contented, that it bee enacted by auctority of this present parliamente, that the sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of the sayde spyrituall subiectes of the sayde prouince and to euery of theym and to the sayde myniſters and euerye of them, and to all and euery of the sayde bodies corporate and other persons before named, and to euery of them by the generall wordes before reherſed in all thynge, whiche be not hereafter in this presente acte excepted, as the sayd pardon should haue bene, if all offences, contemptes and forfaytures causes, matters, sutes, quarrels, iudgementes, executions, penalties and all other thinges not hereafter excepted had bene particularly, singularly and playnly pardoned, named, reherſed and specified by propre or expresse wordes and names in theyr kyndes natures and qualytyes in wordes and termes there vnto requisite in the sayde pardon. And that hys sayde subiectes hereafter not excepted nor any of them theyr sayde myniſters ſucceſſours, heyres, executours nor administratours of any of theym nor any of them, nor any of the sayde bodyes corporate be nor shall be sued, vexed nor inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes or cattalles for any maner, matter, cause, contempte, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespas, offence or any other thinge suffered, done or committed before the sayd tenth day of March agaynſt the kinges highnes, his crowne, prerogative, lawes, statutes or dignity, but only for ſuch causes, matters and offences as bee specially and plainlye reherſed in thexceptions, forprises and prouiſions in this presente pardon hereafter mencioned, and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vſe or presidente heretofore made or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandinge.

Also the kinges highnes of hys bountious liberalitye by auctoritye of this present parliament graunteth and freely geueth vnto his sayde ſpirytuall subiectes and their sayde myniſters, that is to saye to the sayde archbyshop and all other the sayde byshoppes, ſuffraganes, prelates, abbottes priours, conuentes, abbeſſes, prioreſſes, nunnes and ſpirituall personnes in dignity, and all other religious and ſpirituall persons, deanes, chapters prebendaries, canons, petye canons, vicars, chorals and clerkes, archedeacons, maiſters, prouoſtes, preſidents, wardens, felowes, brethern, ſcholers prestes ſpirituall conductes, chaūcellours, vicars generall of dioceſes, commiſſaries, officials, deanes, rurals, iudges, aduocates, regiſters, ſcribes, pro-

ctours and apparitours bodyes corporate, and politike bodies spyrytuall, persons, vicars, curates, chantry prestes, stipendaries and to all other persons spyrytuall men and women of the clergy or spyrytualty of the sayde prouince and to euery of them all such goodes, catteis, fines, issues, profites amerciamentes, forfaitures and summes of money by any of them forfayted, whiche to his highnes do or should belonge or apperteyne by reason of any offence, contempte, myldeanour, trespas, matter, cause or quarrell suffred, done or committed by them or any of them before the sayde tenth daie of Maythe, which be not hereafter specially and playnely forprised and excepted in this present acte of pardon. And that all and euery of the sayd spyrituall subiects and their sayd ministers & all and euery of the sayd bodies corporate and other persons before named may by him selfe or hys or theyr attourney or attourneis accordinge to the lawes of this realme pleade and minister this present acte and free pardon for his or theyr discharge of and for euery thinge that is therby pardoned without any fee or other thynge therefore in any wyse payinge to any person or persons for pleadynge worytynge or entree of iudgemente or for any other cause concernynge the same but onely .xii.d. to the clerke that shall entree the plee matter or iudgement for his or their dyscharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrarye not withstandynge.

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that his sayde free pardon in all maner courtes of his lawes and eis where shall be reputed deemed iudged allowed and taken as well in the wordes and clauses of therceptions and forprises specified in this presente pardone and acte, as in all and singular the other clauses, wordes and sentences mencioned and reherced in the said free pardon, most beneficially and anayablie to all and singuler hys sayde subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodyes corporate and polytike bodyes spirituall and to euerye person spirituall of the sayde clergy and spyrytualty and to theyr sayd ministers & officers, and to all other persons afore named and to euery of theym, and to the successours, heyres executours & admynistratours of euery of them, and moste strongelye in barre and discharge against his highnes his heyres successours and executours in euery thinge wythout obstacle, challenge or other delaye what soeuer it be, to be made pleded, obiected, or alleged by the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heyres successours or executours, or by hys or any of their generall attourney or attourneies, or by any other person or persons for his highnes or any of hys heyres, successours or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and by auctority of thys present parliamente, that yf any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes commonly called the kinges benche, chauncery and common place or of his Eicheker, or anye other officer or clerke of anye other of his courtes within his realme after the feaste of Easter next comminge,

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make out or write out any maner of writes or other proceſſe or any extractes or other preceptes, wherby any perſon or perſons of his ſayd ſubiectes or any of the ſayde bodyes, corporate or politike bodyes ſpirituall or any of them ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrained, ſommoned or otherwiſe vexed, troubled or greeued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or catteis or in any of them, for or bycauſe of any maner of thynge acquited, pardoned, releſed or diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, he ſo offending, and therof lawfully condempned ſhall yelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partye ſo greeued or offended treble damages accompted as parcell of thoſe damages all coſtes of the ſuite. And neuertheleſſe all and ſinguler ſuche writtes, proceſſe, extractes and preceptes after the ſayde feaſt of Eaſter nexte cõminge to be made for or vppon any maner thinge acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, ſhalbe vtterly voide and of none effecte.

Excepte alwayes and forpriſed out of this pardon all maner of highe treaſons, all prepenſed and voluntary murders, all robberies of Churches and robberies done vpon or to mennes perſons, all other felonies and robberies by the common lawe, of felonous takynge of money, goods and catteles aboue the value of .xx.s. all felonous brenninge of houſes, all carnall rauyſhementes of women, all raſinge of recordes, all outlawries of highe treaſons, and of all maner of felonies, other then felonies to the ſayde value of .xx.s. or vnder that ſome. And that all other outlawries had or promulgate vpon or agaynſt any of the kynges ſayde ſubiectes for any cauſe not beinge treaſon, murder or felony aboue the ſayd ſome of .xx.s. to be pardoned by the generall wordes of this pardon aforeſayde. So alwaies that the ſame ſayde ſubiectes and euerye of them ſo beinge outlawed ſtande to right to anſweare or ſatiſfie the partye at whoſe ſuite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

Alſo excepted and forpriſed out of thys pardon all tytles & actions of Quare impedit, and titles of preſentacions, donacions and collations to benefices and other promotions ſpirituall, which the king our ſouereygne lorde hath or is intituled to haue, other than be growen ſhoulde or mighte growe vnto our ſayd ſouereigne lorde by force or meane of any ſtatute or ſtatutes or prouiſours, prouiſions or premunire.

And alſo excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon all rauiſhementes of the kinges wardes all waſtes of the kinges woodes in his forreſtes parkes, and chaſes all conceilmentes of cuſtomes & ſubſidies, all riottes, routes & vnlawfull aſſembles committed & done aboue the numbre of .xx. perſons. And alſo except all maner of alienatiõs & giftes into mortmain, & al alienaciõs giftes, aſſignements, willes & limitaciõs of vſes of any maners, lãdes tũtes, rentes, annuities & other hereditaments to thuſe of any maner mortmain, & all intruſiõs had made or done in or into any manours, lãdes, tũtes or other hereditamẽtes ſithen ỳ feſt of ỳ Natiuity of our lord god in ỳ .xrij

yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lorde. And also all offences committed and done by diggynge downe or castinge downe of anye crosse or crosses, which stoode, or were set in any common or high way or waies. And all and singuler debtes other then debtes growē vpon recognisances beinge all redy forfayted for surety of the peace, or for apparāce at any day or place.

And excepted and foreprised out of this pardon all accomptes and all actions, suites and impositions for the same accomptes and arrerages of accomptes and for the sayde debtes or anye of them hereby excepted and forprised, all homages and reliefes, all wilfull escapes as well of conuictes as of other persons, debtes whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memorie kinge Henry the.vii. or to any person or persons to his vse by any condemnation, recognisance, obligacion or otherwise, all and singuler those forfaytures due to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, Henrye the.viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudgement or by agrement of the offēdours before the sayd tenth day of Marche: and all forfaytures and other penaltyes and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or cōtrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisour is made, or any Informacion given into the kynges eschecker or any suite commenced before the sayde tenth day of Marche, or wherof the kinges highnes by his bill assigned, or otherwise hath made anye gifte or other assignement to any of his seruantes other then such actions suites, forfaitures, penalties, and profites growen or due, which might growe or be due to the kinges highnes by reason of any offence contempte or acte committed or done contrary to the sayd statute of prouisours, prouisions and premunire or any of them.

And also excepted all issues forfayted fines and amerciamentes affered taxed, set, extreted or iudged seuerally or particularly extendinge aboue the summe of.C.xx.s. And that al and singuler other fines as well fines pro licencia concordandi as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes as well veall as other, forfayted before the sayde.x. day of Marche, which seuerally or particularlye extende not aboue the sayde summe of.cxx.s. whether they be totted or not totted taken to the charge of the shireffe, or not taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be turned into debt or not set, and not beinge leuied nor receiued by any shireffe or shireffes bayliffes, minysters, or other officers shalbe fully, clerely and playnly pardoned and discharged to euery of the kinges subiectes before reherced, against the kinge our souerayngne lorde his heires and successours for euer.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesayd, that in case it be obiected to any shireffe or shireffes or other accōptantes in the kynges courte of his Eschecker, or in any other his courtes, that any shireffe or shireffes or other officers accōptantes hath or haue receiued or take any such fines, issues

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or amerciamentes before pardoned, released or acquited: that then euerye such Shiriffe and shiriffes and other accomptantes shall be discharged released, pardoned and acquited therof by his or their othe without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway that this acte of free pardon shall not extend or be in any wise beneficiall to any clerke or other person of the sayde clergy or spirituality, beinge the sayde tenth daye of March in the custody of the sayde archebyshop, or for any other ordinary of the sayde prouince, as a person attainted or conuicted by the lawes of this realme of any murder, felonie or other crime or offence for or concerninge deliueraunce out of the conuicte person, till that he shall haue made hys purgacion accordinge to the lawes or customes vsed in that behalfe, or that he bee thereof discharged by the kinges pardon or other lawefull meane.

Prouided also that this acte of pardon shall not extende nor be preiudyciall to the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heires or successours in any thing concernyng or touching his right & title of dissolutiō of the colledge beinge in the vniuersitye of Oxenforde commonly called the cardinals colledge, whiche was lately founded by the late reuerende father in god Thomas late Cardinall and archebishop of Yorke, nor concerninge the kinges right and title to the suite of the same colledge. Nor shall extende or be in anye wyse beneficiall or auaylable to the deane and canons of the same colledge or any of theym in any thynge concernynge the kinges ryghtes and titles in all manours, lordeshippes, landes, and tenementes, aduousons, churches, personages, and other hereditamentes of the sayde colledge or any of theym.

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of annexations before pardoned, released or acquited: that then every such Bishop and Prelates and other accomplices shall be discharged released pardoned and acquited thereof by vertue of this acte without any further triall in that behalfe.

Provided alwaye that this acte of free pardon shall not extende or be in any wise beneficiall to any clerke or other person of the laye clergy of spiritualty, being the laye tenth Dane of Scotland in the custody of the Lyon exchequer, or for any other ajournay of the same province, as a person attainted or convicted by the lawes of this realme of any murder, felonie or other crime or offence for or concerninge the deliverance out of the conuicte person, till that he shall have made purgacion accordinge to the lawes or ordinances vsed in that behalfe, or that he be thereof fully discharged by the same pardon or other lawfull meanes.

Provided also that this acte of pardon or any clause therein shall not be pleadable to the barre any fourtaigne lopelyng berne or forcellours in any thinge concerninge or touchinge the right title or dutie of the colledge beinge in the Universitye of Cambridge commonly called the carduinale colledge, whiche was lately founded by the late vertuous father in god Thomas late Cardinall and Archebishop of Yorke, but concerninge the same right and title to the lande of the same colledge. And shall extende to be in anye wyse beneficiall or auayleable to the graue and cauons of the same colledge of any of theym in any thinge concerninge the same colledge. And shall extende to be in all maneres, lordshippes, landes and tenementes, annuities, churches, prebendes, and other spirituall ancientes of the same colledge or any of theym.

ANNO XXIIII. HENRICI VIII.



Ctes made in the seſſion of this preſente Parliamente holden vppon prorogacion at Weſtminſter, the fourth day of Febꝛuary, in the xxiiij. yere of the reigne of oure moſte dꝛad ſoueraigne lorde king Henry ỳ viij. and there continued and kepte till the viij. day of Apꝛill then nexte enſuinge. To the honour of God, and holy Church, and for the common weale of this his Realme.

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FOr as much as great multitude of hydes and tanned lether is vntrue, insufficiently, and deceaueably tanned, wrought, and prouyded within this realme, and muche more vntrue dinge in the partes than haue beene at anye tyme heretofore, by reason wherof the kinges poore subiectes bee greatly hindred and decayed, and some of them vtterly vndone, for that suche vntrue tanned lether is vnmete for shoes, buttes, bootes, nor hath any good or stronge hold in the same, ne anye saddelles, cruppes, or boudgettes, ne anye other dinges wrought of suche vntrue tanned lether, to their great damage, losse, and hinderaunce. And whereas diuers good statutes haue been made for the true tanning and tanning of lether, and searche of the same: yet neuertheles the same daily ill ymployed in diuers vntrue dinge houses, pittes, fattes, places, and houses out of the common fayres and market ouertes, wherof the same lether is vnsearched and for the more parte wrought in the nyght season amonge the kinges poore subiectes, to their great damage. For reformation whereof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by authority of the same, that all and singuler statutes heretofore made concerninge the tanninge and cowinge, and searches of the same, and euery of them, they misteryes and occupations, and the misteries and occupacions of euery of them, shall stande in their full strength, force, and effect according to the tenoures and purposes of the same.

And to the intent that true and playne knowledge may be had of tanned lether before that it be put to sale, Be it enacted, that no person or persones from the feaste of Easter next ensuinge, which shall be in the yere of our lorde God M.D.xxxvij. shall put any tanned lether to sale, within the citye of London, nor within three miles compasse of the same, but it be brought into open markets at Leaden hall in London, or els in many the fayres holden within the sayde Cittye, or els where within the sayde Cittie, within the said three miles compasse, and there be searched and marked by such persone or persones as shall be sworne at the leete within the sayde Cittie, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery hyde or peece of lether tanned and solde after the feaste aforesayde contrary to this acte. And that any person or persones, that shall put any tanned lether to sale, out of the sayde market of Leaden hall, and out of the fayres within the sayde cittie, and three miles compasse of the same, in some other place or places of sale, shall be vnder the correccion of the maiors, aldermen, and bayliffes of the Cittie of London for the time being, and shall forfeite for euery suche offence the one half of such forfeiture, if it be within the Citty of London, or within three miles compasse thereof, to be to the

king our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe therof to the wardens of ꝑ felowship of the cordwayners within the same city, or to the wardens of the felowshippe of the Saddellers, gyrdelers, cofyers, or anye other of the kinges subiectes in the sayd citty, that is to saye, to such of the sayde wardens or kinges subiectes, that shall syrst sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in anye of the kinges courtes, in which suite no essoyne, protection, ne wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

And if the sayd forfayture happen to be out of the said Citie, and out of the sayde three myles compas, than thone moyte of suche penalty to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde and thother moity therof to the Mayres, shrifes, bayliffes of cities boroughes and townes corporate, and lordes of leetes, within whose iurisdiction or auctority any such forfayture shall happen to be recouered by like action and suite, and after the maner as is aboue sayde. And for lacke of so doinge, that then it shall be lawfull for any of the kinges subiectes to haue power and auctority in the same thre skore. And where it is commonly vsed, that a print, seale or marke should be sette and put by the searchers of tanned lether, or by such as take vppon them the search or sealinge of the same, vppon euery hyde well and sufficiently tanned, before the sealinge therof, to the intente that the goodnes therof, by the same should be knowen to the byers therof: which marke or print, for corruption and lucre, is commonly sette and put by such as take vpon them the searche and sealynge, as well vppon lether insufficiently tanned, as vpon lether well tanned, to the greate deceite of the byers therof. Be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that euerye suche person and persones, takinge vppon him or them the searche making or sealinge of anye suche tanned lether, which doe put or sette any marke seale or print vppon any hyde or peece of lether, not beinge well and sufficiently tanned, shall lose and forfaite iij.s. iiij.d. for euery hyde or peece of lether that he or they shall so marke, seale or put any print vpon, not beinge sufficiently tanned: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moity therof to such as will sue for the same by originall writte of dette, bill, plaint or information. In which action or suite no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed or admitted.

And all be it, it is ordayned & enacted by the statute made in the xxiij.e yeare of our soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viij.th that the wardeines and felowship of the craft of cofyers within the sayd Citie of London & their successours, or their sufficient deputie or deputies, should haue the search of tanned lether, within the said citie and the liberties of the same, and in other places next adioyninge, expressed in the sayde acte, as by the same acte more at large is declared: yet neuertheles in other cities, boroughes townes corporate, markettes, and fayres, there be no searchers appointed, by reason wherof no person will put any diligence to the same, whereby lothsom and vnsittie may be ordayned in those behalfe:

It is therfore enacted by auctoritye of this presente parliamente, that the same acte made in the sayde .iij. yere of our sayde soueraygne lorde concernynge serche of tanned lether within the sayde citye of London, and other places expressed in the same acte, shall styll stand and abide in full strength and vertue, with all and singuler the prouisions therunto annexed.

And ouer that be it enacted, that all Mayres, Shyriffes, Bayliffes, and other chefe gouernours of other citres, boroughes, and townes corporate, and lordes of fayres and markets, within their libertyes, franchises, iurisdiction and auctoritye, and euery of theym, shall from henceforthe haue power and auctoritye, to name and appoynct twoo such of the crafte of cordwayners or coziers, or one of the one crafte, and another of the other crafte, as they shall thinke moste conueniente and experte in the sayd occupacions, to viewe and search all tanned lether brought to be solde, to any markettes or fayres, kepte within anye lybertyes, fraunchises, iurisdictions, or auctoritye, and to make serch thereof truely and duely, without fauour, affection, or corruption. And where as none of the sayde two crafres be inhabited, that then it shall be lawfull to the Lordes, Mayres, or other officers, as is aforesayde, to electe and appoynete such other of the kynges subiectes, as be moste experte in knowledge of tanned lether: And suche as they shall fynde sufficiente, to put a marke or a poynct therevnto.

¶ And that no person or persons, shall put tanned lether to sale, in any fayre or market, before it be viewed, serched, and marked, vpon peine to lose and forfayte for euery hyde of tanned lether, put to sale contrarye to this acte .xx.d.

And it is also enacted, that aswell the moytye of the sayde forfayture, as the moytye of all forfaytures and penaltyes made or limitted by any other statute or statutes, heretofore made for or concerninge tanned lether, shall be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde: and the other moytye therof to be to the Mayres, shyriffes, baylyffes, or other chefe gouernours of such cyties, boroughes, or townes corporate, and to the lordes of the fayres or markettes, or any other the kynges subiectes, within whose iurisdictions such cause of forfayture, or penaltye shall be founden, that is to saye, to such of theym as shall sease or sue for the same if they take theyr suite for suche forfayture within syxe monethes nexte after suche forfayture shall happen: And if they do not, than to be to suche of the kynges subiectes, that wyll sue for the same. And euery such person and persons, as shall be intitled to haue such forfayture shall haue an action of det for the same. So that they commence and take their suite or action within halfe a peare nexte after the sayde .vj. monethes, by writte, byll, playnte or information in whiche action or suite no wager of lawe, essoyne, protection or priuilege shall be allowed.

And all be it that lether be well and sufficiently tanned, yet neuertheles the coziars, for their owne singuler lucre and aduantage, so corrupte

the sayde lether, with water and other subtyll wayes and meanes, that it is very vnprofitable for the exercise of the kynges subiectes: It is therefore enacted, that euery cozyer, shall well and sufficiently cozye and blacke the sayde lether tanned, as well the lether of other, to hym broughte to be cozyed, as his owne lether, exercisinge in his sayde misterie of cozyinge tallowe and suche other thinges as to and for the true and iust cozyng of lether appertayneth, without fraude or decept, and not craftely to bourne ne sparche the sayde lether, ne vse insufficient stuffe of tallowe or oyle, vppon peyne to lose and forfayte for euerye hyde or peece of lether, that any cozier shall craftely, deceytfully, or in sufficiently cozye contrary to this acte, iij.s. iiij.d. The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to such as shall fynde the defaulte. And such as shall be entitled to the sayde forfayture, shall haue an action of debt for the same by wrytte, byll, playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: In which action or suite none essoine, protection, priuiledge, nor wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

And bee it enacted, that the Justices of the peace, in euery shyre, citye and towne corporate, within the limites of theyr commissions and auctoritye, shall haue power and auctorye, to enquire, here and determine euery offence hereafter to be done or cõmitted cõtrary to this acte, as well by information as by presentment afore them, and to make suche processe vpon euery presentment, as they commonly do vpon inditementes of trespas.

And to the intente that the sayde serchers shall geue theyr attendaunce and diligence in true execution of this acte. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritye aforesayde, that the sayde sercher or serchers from time to time shall and may take for euery ten peeces of tanned lether, so by hym or them serched, viewed, and marked, as is aforesayde, for his or theyr peyne taken therein one peny, and no more: And that also euery of the sayd serchers for the stipend or fee before lymytted from tyme to tyme, vpon lawfull requeste to him made, by anye personne or persones, hauinge tanned lether in open market or fayre to be solde, within the lymytes of the serchers, shall put to his or theyr prynte, seale, or marke, without contradiction or deniall, to euery such peece of lether sufficiently tanned, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery defaulte by the sayde sercher or serchers so committed. iij.s. iiijd. The one mopty therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other to the partye greeued, that will sue for the same by byll, playnte, or informacion, in any competente, courte of recorde. In which suite no wager of law essoyne, nor protection shall be admitted nor allowed.

Prouided alway that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wyse hurtefull or prejudiciall to any lorde or lordes, or any other hauyng liberty or liberties, fayres or marketes, or any of them, theyr heyres, or successours, or any of them, for or concerninge any of the forfaytures expressed in this acte, whiche they or any of them lawfully had, or moughte

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haue had afore the making of this present acte: this acte or any thing in ỹ same mencioned, to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alway that this acte, or any thing therein contayned, shal not in any wise be preiudicial or hurtful to ỹ chaūcellers, vicechaūcellers, proctours, taxers, and scholers, theyr officers and mynisters, of the Vniuersityes of Oxford and Cambridge, or any of theim, of, for or concerninge the auctorite of search of tanned leather, of any of the forfaitures of the same: which they lawfully had or moughte haue had before the makinge of this present acte, any thing therin contayned to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

An acte concerning the true dyeng of wollen cloth. Cap. ii.

PRayen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where diuers persons, within this realme of England, as well aliens as other, vsing the misterie or craft of diers, now of late haue vsed and exercised a false sleightye and deceyuable way in dyeng with brasell and such other like subtilties, first inuented and found by aliens, borne out of this realme of England, to the great hurt and slaunder of woll̄e clothes died within this said Realme, which in times past haue in all outward parties bene noted to haue had the most substancial coloured wollen clothes, of al Realmes christened. That it therfore may be enacted and established by the king our souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that no maner of person or persons occuppeng ỹ said craft of dyeng within this realme of Englande, of what degree or nation soeuer he bee, from the feast of ỹ natiuity of our Lord God now next comminge, do take vpon him or them, to die or alter, or cause to bee died or altered any wollen cloth or clothes, as browne, blew, peuke, tawnie or violet, or hattes or cappes, excepte the same wollen clothes, hattes or cappes bee perfectly boyled, grayned or maddered vppon the wodde and shotte, with good and sufficient coxe or orchall, after a due substancial and sufficient meane of workemanship, according to the old workemanship, before time vsed: vpon peine of forfayture of xl. s. for euerye clothe, and iii. s. iiii d. for euerye hatte or cappe so to be dyed or altered from the true workemanship, as is afore sayd.

And for because that many men occuppying the said feate of dyeng, falsly and vntruly do occupie Brasel in diuers and sondrye colours, to the greate deceite, hurte and hinderance of the kinges liege people.

Bee it therefore enacted and established, by the auctority afore sayde, that no maner of persone or personnes, occuppenge the sayde feate or occu-

occupacion of dying of woollen cloth or clothes, shall occupie any brasel, into or within any woollen clothe or clothes, hatte or cappe, within the sayde realme: and in the scarlet colour occupie any other thing then grayne onely, vppon paine of forfayture of fortie shillinges sterlinge, for euery cloth, & iii.s iiij.d. for euery hatte or cappe made and dyed contrary to the fourme, tenour and effect of this present acte. And the third parte of the forfayture or value thereof to be to the king our soueraygne lord, and the other two partes thereof to be equally deuided betwene the sayde person, that shalbe seasour or taker of the same, and the mayre, bayliffes, or other gouernours of the cittie, towne, borough, or village where any suche seasure shall fortune to be, to theyr owne vses.

And that for the better reformacion of the sayde vntrue dyinge of clothes, hattes and cappes: Bee it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to the wardens of the misterie or craft of diers of euery cittie, borough and towne corporate within this realme, where such wardeins bee, and to their successours, for the time beinge, and where no such wardeins bee, to the mayre, sheriffes, bayliffes, constables, and other the kinges head officers: of euery cittie, borough, towne, and village, and to theyr successours, to enter into all places priuiledged and other, where dyeng is vsed within theyr liberties, & within a mile compasse of euery suche cittie, borough towne and village, where any cloth or clothes, hat or cappe, hattes or cappes is or shalbe put to dyeng, dyed, or altered into colours, as is aforesayd, there duely and truly to viewe, enquire and searche, if any default be done: had & made, contrary to the fourme, tenour and effect of this present acte.

And if anye maner of personne or personnes, dyer or other, withstande, refuse, or denye any such search to be made, contrary to the tenour of this present acte, that than euery such personne, so letting, refusinge, wythstanding, or denying any such search to be made in any house or houses, where dyeng is vsed, at any time hereafter, shal forfaite for euery time offending, contrary to the fourme aforesaide, fortie shillinges. The third part of the whirh forfayture to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other two parties to bee equally deuided betweene the Mayre, Sheriffes, Bayliffe, and other officer of euerye suche Cittye, borough, or towne, and other the kinges subiectes, whiche shall sue for the same, by action of dette, by writte at the common lawe, by bill, informacion, or plainte, after the custome of the Cittie, borough, towne, or poste, where at any time hereafter anye suche fines, forfaitures, or penalties shall happen to fall or bee: and that the defendaunte in any suche case, shall not bee admitted to wage his lawe, or any protection or essoyne, for any defendaunte, bee allowed in the same.

Prouided alway, that euery such person and personnes, as shall take any aduantage of any forfayture by reason of this act, shall commence his

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suite or action for the sayd forfayture, wythin one yere next after the same forfayture shall growe or be due by this acte.

This acte to continue vnto the last day of the next parliament.

An acte concerning flesshe to be sold by weyghte. Cap. iii.

COmplayneth to your most excellēt highnes your poore subiectes of this your realme, that where all maner of vitailes before this tyme hath beene solde to your sayde subiectes at pryces conuenient, so that all your subiectes, and in especiall the poore persons might wyth their craft or bodely labour, by sufficiente for the necessitie and sustentacion of theym, their wyues and children, but nowe gracious lorde all vitaile, and especially beefe, mutton, porke, and beale, which is the commune feedinge of the meane & poore persons, are so solde at so excessiue pryce that your said nedy subiectes can not gayne wyth their labour and salary sufficient to pay for their conuenient vitaile and sustinaunce. For reformacion whereof it maye please your highnes that it maye bee enacted by your grace, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same, that euery person which shall sell by himselfe or any other, the carcases of beefes, porke, mutton or beale or any parte or parcell thereof, after the firste daye of Auguste nowe next ensuing, shall sell the same by lawfull weight, called haberdepois and none other wyse, the sayde flesshe to be cutte out in reasonable peeces accordinge to the requeste of the byer, in like fashion as before this tyme hath beene vsed, wythout fraude or couin. And that euery persone, which by himselfe or any other, shall sell any flesshe of the sayde carcases, shall haue wyth him, where hee shall make sale of the sayde flesshe, sufficient beame, scales, and weightes sealed, called haberdepois, for the true seruinge of the byers.

And furthermore be it enacted by auctorityе aforesayde, that after that day no person nor persons, shall nor coulde be take for any pound weight of flesh, of the carcases of beefe or porke, by him or them to be sold, aboue the price of one halfepeny, nor for any pound weight of flesshe of the carcases of mutton or beale, aboue the price of one halfepeny & halfe farthing, without deceit or couin: vpon paine to forfayte for euery pound not sold by weight, or aboue the said price limitted, and for euery defaulte done contrary to the true meaning of this acte iij s. iiij. d. The one moitye thereof to bee to the king our soueraigne lorde, & the other moitie to the party, that wyll sue for the same by bill, playnte or information. In which suite none essoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwaye, that the heades, nekkes, inwardes, purtenaunces, legges, nor feete, shall be counted no parte of the carcases aforesayde, but

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fully to be vsed for a lower price.

And furthermore bee it enacted by auctority aforesaide, that the lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treasorer, Lorde priue seale, and priey dout of the kinges moste honourable counsayle, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or .v. .iiii. or iii. of them, shall haue full power and auctority, by theyr discretions, at all times hereafter for causes conuenient, to minishe and abate the prices aboue rehersed: but in no wyse to enhaunce the same. And that all faires of wares in theis realme, and all iurisdicions of [illegible] of two of them at the least, within theyr limites, and all Maiors, Bailifes, and other head officers of euery cyty, borough, and towne corporate, Aldermen, Sheriffes elected, Wardens of companyes, the maiors, bayliffes elected, and electes of the portes, and all other persones hauinge lawfull auctorite before the making of this present acte, to set price of flesshe, and euery of them in theyr limites, shall haue full power and auctorite to set a lower price of such flesshe as is aboue rehersed, and to enquire of such offenders, and to award the prices agaynste them, and set fynes as they maye doe in presentementes, or indictmentes of vsed or lawfull treyall before vsed.

Prouided alwayes that no calfe aboue the age of .viii. weekes old, be accompted for veale, but for beefe, and so to be sold as is afore rehersed.

Prouided alwayes that where the carcasses of anye beefes, muttons, veale, and porke, within any partes or countreyes of this realme, be vsed and solde better cheepe, or after lesse prices, than in this present acte is limitted: That this acte or anye thing therein contayned shall not extende to anye such county or place, but that they shall and maye sell at like prices, & after such rate, as they do & vsed before the making of this acte, vpon paine as is aboue rehersed, anye thing in the same contayned notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that such person and persons, as now bee or hereafter shall haue the auctority of clerke of the market, or to set price of victuailes within the townes and Vniuersityes of Oxford, Cambridge and none other, shall haue the onely power and auctority to execute this present acte from time to time, within the said townes & Vniuersityes, anye thinge in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte concerninge lodginge of Rates and hostes. Cap. xii.

THe kinges highnes callinge to his most vsed remembrance the great nomber of idle people daily increasinge throughout this his realme, supposeth that one greate cause thereof is by the continuall bringing into the same, the great nomber of wares and marchaundise made and brought out and fro the partyes of beyond the Sea into this realme, ready wrought by manuall occupacion: Amongest ye which wares and

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chandise in marueylous greate quantity, which is linnen clothe of diuers sortes, made in dyuers countryes beyonde the sea, is dayly conueyed into this realme. Which greate quantity of linnen clothes so broughte, is consumed and spent wythin the same: By reason wherof not onely the sayde straunge countryes, where the sayde linnen clothe is made by the pollicy and industrie of making and bentinge thereof, are greatly enryched, and a maruaylous greate nomber of theyr people, men women and children set on worke and occupacion, and kept from idlenes, to the great furtherance and aduauncemente of theyr common wealth: but also contrarywyse the inhabitauntes and subiectes of this realme, for lacke of like pollicy and industry about the inuentyng, practising, and putting in exercise like occupacion, beyng compelled to bye all, or the most parte of the sayde linnen cloth continually spent and consumed wythin this realme amounting to inestimable summes of money, in other regions and countryes. And also the people of this realme, as well men as women, which should and might be set on worke by exercisinge of lyke pollicie and craftes, of spinning weauing, and makyng of linnen clothe, liue now in idlenes and ociositye, to ꝑ highe displeasure of Almighty God, greate diminucion of the kynges people, and extreme ruine, decay, and impouerishment of this realme.

For reformacion whereof the kynges royall maiesty, intendyng lyke a moste vertuous Prince, to prouide remedy in the premisses, nothynge so muche couetynge as the encrease of the common wealthe of this hys realme, wyth also the vertuous exercyse of hys most louyng subiectes and people, and to auoyde that most abhominable vice of Idlenes out of this realme: hath by the aduyse and assent of hys lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same ordeyned and enacted, that all maner persons, of what degree, estate, or condicion they be of, hauing to theyr occupacion thre score acres of errable lande or pasture, or three score acres of errable lande and pasture, being apte for tillage, shall yerely for euer, after the feaste of sayncte Mychaell the Archaungell nexte comminge, at theyr proper costes and charges, till and sowe, or cause to bee tilled and sowen in seasonable tyme one roode, that is to say, the fourth parte of an acre of the lande, beinge in theyr occupacion, as is aforesayde, wyth line seede otherwyse called flaxe seede or hempe sede, or with both, ꝑ sayd roode to be sowen in one place together, or in seuerall places at their pleasure: And so from the sayde feaste yerely shall till and sowe, or cause to be tilled and sowen one roode for euery fourtie acres, which he or they shall happen to haue in occupacion, as is aforesayd, without any fraude or couine, vppon payne to forfayte three s. iiij. pence, for euery fourtie acres, which any personne or personnes shall haue in occupacion, as is aforesayde, and not till and sowe, or cause to bee tilled and sowen one roode, accordyng to this acte, in maner and forme aforesayd rehearsed.

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And be it also enacted, that all iustices of the peace in theyr sessions, and mayres, sheriffes & bayliffes in cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, in their sessions, or other courtes within the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, shall haue full power and auctority to enquiere of the offenders in this acte, as wel by the othes of twelue men, as otherwyse by informacion by their discretions.

And if any person or persons be presented afore them, wythin the limittes of theyr auctorities, or any informacion giuen to theym, of any offendour of this acte: that then they shall haue ful power and auctority vppon euery such presentmente or informacion, to make proces againe the offendours of this acte, like as is commonly vsed vppon inditementes of trespas. And if any be presented, and afterwarde be conuicted by confession or otherwise, that he hath offended contrary to this acte, that then he shall be put to no lesse forfayture then is aforesayde, to the vse of the kinge oure soueraigne lorde, if the offence bee without cityes, boroughes, or townes corporate. And if the offence be within any city, borroughe, or towne corporate: then the saide fine to bee to the vse of the Mayres, sheriffes, or bayliffes of the said city, borough or towne corporate, where there the offence shal be presented. And if any be conuict by confession, or otherwyse by eramicion vppon aup informacion made by any person or persons, againe any offendour or offendours of this acte: that than euery such personne so conuict vppon any informacion, shall lose suche forfayture as is aboue remembred the one halfe thereof to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to such as shall make the informacion. And that for the leuienge of euery suche forfaiture, as well the Justices of peace, as Mayres, Sheriffes, and bayliffes, within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities, haue full power & auctority to make suche proces as they shal seeme by their discretions.

Prouided alwaies that none informacion at ỳ suite of any person cõcerning this acte, shall be of any effecte, to put any person to aunswere or losse of forfaiture, except the said informacion be exhibited within one yere nert after the offence done contrary to this acte. Nor that any informaciõ or presentment for the king be of any effect, to put any person to any aunswere or losse of any forfaiture, by vertue of this acte, except the said informacion or presentment for the king, be within two yeares next after ỳ offence done & committed contrary to this acte.

Prouided also that parkes for Dere, woodes, groues, lowe grounded for medowes, felles, fennes, salte marshes: heathe groundes, commons, and such other like grounds, the nature wherof is not apte for tillage, nor any lands or pasture, which hath not beene put in tillage within the space of fiftie yeares, shal not be accompted in nor of the nomber of acres, for the which any person shalbe bounde to till and sowe any the seedes aforesaide by vertue of this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

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And it is farther ordered, that the acres shalbe accompted after ỹ rate of vij. score perches for the acre, and euery perche containing xvi. foote & a halfe of the rule, and not otherwyse.

Prouided alway that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, extende not to such landes as haue fortuned, or shal fortune to be plowed, tilled or broken one two or three yeares together in x. or xii. yeares, or other longer season onely for clensinge of the same from mosse, molle hilles, busshes, or like thinge, or for proffe of the aptnes of the ground to beare corne, and not vsed otherwyse in time paste in tillage: so that in those yeares, that it shall fortune the sayde landes not afore excepted to bee so plowed, tylled or broken, the same order be obserued in sowing the porcion therof wyth lyne or hempeseede, as is aforesayde. Ne also shall extende to any groundes inclosed, or to be inclosed, wherein dere hath bene, be, or shalbe kepte by the kinges graunt, or otherwise, any thing in this present act made to the contrary notwythstanding.

And for as much as spirituall persons, which doe, or shall haue in their handes and occupacion, landes for expenses of theyr householde, cannot conueniently otherwise take anye profite of suche flaxe or hempe, as growen vppon the same, vnles by sale to other persons: Be it therefore further enacted, that it may be lawfull to all and singuler spyrituall persons, hauing in theyr handes and occupacion any maner landes, for expences of their householdes, not prohibited by the law, to sell such flaxe and hempe, as shall growe vppon their landes, so beinge in theyr owne handes and occupacion, as is aforesayd, any acte, statute, or prouision made to the contrary not wythstanding.

This acte to continue to the last day of the next parliament.

An acte where a man killing a theefe shall not forfaite his goods. Cap. v.

For as much as it hath ben in question and ambiguitye that if any euill disposed person or persons do attempte felonously to robbe, or murther any person or persons, in or nigh any common high way, cart way, horse way, or foote way, or in their māsion mesuages, or dwelling places, or that felonously doe attempte to breake anye dwelling house in the night time, should happen in his or theyr (beinge in theyr suche felonous intente) to bee slaine by him or them, whom the sayd euill doers should so attempt to robbe or murder, or by anye personne or personnes, being in theyr dwellinge house, which the same euill doers should attempte burgularly to breake by night: if the sayd personne, so happeninge in such cases to slea any such personne, so attemptinge to committe such murther or burgulary, shoulde for the death of the saide euill disposed person forfayte or loose his goods, and catteles for the

same, as any other personne should do, thot by chaunce medley should happen to kill or slea any other person in his or theyr defence. For the declaracion of the which ambiguity and doubt, be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assente of the lords spirituall and temporall, and ỳ commons in this present parliamẽt assembled, and by auctority of ỳ same, that if any person or persons, at any time hereafter, be indited or appeled of or for the death of any such euill disposed person or personnes, attemptinge to murder, robbe, or burgularly to breake mansion houses, as is abouesaid, that the person or persons so indited or appeled thereof, and of the same by verdite so found and tryed shall not forfaite or loose any lands, teneměts, goodes or catteles, for the death of any suche euill disposed person, in such maner slaine, but shalbe therof and for the same fully acquited and discharged in like maner as the same personne or personnes shoulde bee, if hee or they were lawfully acquited of the death of the sayde euill disposed person or persons.

An acte concerning sale of wynes. Cap. vj.

BEcause that diuers marchauntes, inhabitinge wythin the citie of London, haue of late not onely presumed to bargaine & sell in grosse to diuers of the kings subiects greate quantities of wynes of Gascoyne, Guyon, and Frenche wynes, some for fiue pounde the Tunne, some for more, and some for lesse, & so after the rate of excesse prices, contrary to the forme and effecte of a good and laudable statute, therof lately made in this present parliament, holden vpō prorogation thereof made, into the xv. day of Januarie, in the xviij. yere of the kinges most noble raigne, that is to say, contrary and aboue the prices therof set by the right honorable, ỳ lord Chāceller, lord Tresourer, lord presidente of the kinges most honourable counsaile, lord priuie seale & the two chiefe Justices of either benche, whereby they be fallen into ỳ penalties, limitted by the said statute, as by due proues therof made, by examinacions taken before the said lords, & others of ỳ kings most honourable counsaile, is wel knowen: but also hauing in their handes & possessions great aboundance of wynes by them acquired & bought to be sold, obstinately & maliciously, sith their saide attemptates & defaultes proued, haue refused to bargaine and sell to many of the kinges subiectes, any of their said wynes remayninge and beinge in their handes, purposinge and intendinge thereby, for theyr owne singular and vnreasonable lucres and profittes, to haue larger and higher prices of their saide wynes to bee sette, accordinge to theyr insaciable appetites and mindes: It is therefore ordayned, and enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that euerye marchaunte and other personne, nowe hauinge, or which hereafter shall haue

haue wynes to be solde, and refusing to sell or deliuer, or not selling any of the said wynes for redy money therfore to be payde, according to the price or prices therof than being set, shal forfaite and lose the value of the wyne so requyred to be bought.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to all and singuler Justices of peace, mayres, bayliffes, and other head officers & gouernours in shyres, cities, boroughes and townes, and in other places of this realme wythin the precinctes and limittes of theyr offices, from the last day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde God M.D.xxxiij. at the desyre & request of any of the kings subiectes, to whom any denyer of sale, or from whom anye restrainte of sale of any such wynes, shalbe made, and full paymente therfore without delay offered to be made, according to ỹ prices, which at the time of such denier or restrainte of sale, be or shalbe set by the lords and Justices, or hereafter to be set according to ỹ said statute heretofore made, to enter into the houses, cellars and other places, where suche wynes shall lie or be, and to sel & deliuer the same wyne or wynes desyred to be bought, to the person or persons requyring or desyring to bye the same. Takinge of the byar of the same wyne or wynes, so to be solde, to the vse of satisfaction of the forfayture aforesayd, after the rate of the prices thereof nowe being set or hereafter to be set, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that if at the tyme of any suche sale of wyne purposed to bee made, the Marchaunte vintener, or other owner or owners thereof, doe trulye, fully and manifestly declare and shewe to the sayde Justice of peace, Mayre, Bailiffe or other heade officer, purposinge to make the sayd sale, by vertue of this acte, what and howe muche quantitie and sortes of wynes he then shall haue, and affyrme and depose vppon his bodily othe, to bee made and giuen by the discretion of the same Justice of peace, Mayre, Bayliffe, or other heade officer, that hee keepeth and retayneth the same wynes to the intente onely to drawe and expende the same in his house, by retayle, or otherwyse, and not to sel the same wynes nor anye of them in grosse: that than the same marchaunte vintener or other owner shall keepe and retayne the same wynes, wythoute anye sale thereof to be made in forme aboue written, and without anye forfayture for refusall or restraint of sale thereof to be made in grosse, And in case that after suche othe so made, the same marchaunte Vintener or other owner or owners, do sell the same wynes or any of them in grosse, that is to saye, by the Tunne, Butte, Teeres, Pype, Hoggeshed, Barell, or Rondelette, he shall forfaite and lose the double value of all such wynes so solde in grosse. The one halfe thereof, and of the other forfaytures aboue witten, to be to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other halfe to the partie or person, that shall sue for the same by action of det, bill, pleinte or informacion, in which sute none essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe had or allowed.

Prouided alwayes that this acte extende not to take effect in any shire

of this realme, other then in the Cittie of London, and within three miles compas of the same, before ỳ last day of July, in the yere of our lord God aboue written: vnlesse that in the meane tyme this statute be openly proclaymed in some open fayre or market wythin the same shyre, where before the sayd last day of July, it shall happen to be put in execution.

An acte to continue and renue the acte against killing of calues. Cap. vij.

WHere in the sessions of this presente parliamente, begun at London, the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the raigne of our soueraigne lord the king, that now is and from thence adiourned vnto Westminster, to ỳ fourth day of the sayd moneth, the was a good & lawdable ordinaunce, acte and prouiſiõ established, concluded, and enacted against killyng of yonge suckinge calues, within certayne dayes in the same acte limitted, and to endure for the space of three hole yeares: which at the first daye of January last past, was ended, expyred and passed, as in the same acte more at large it dothe appeare. And for as much as it is now euidently and manifestly proued and perceyued, that greate benefite and commodity hath ensued vnto the common weale of this realme, by meane of the sayde acte, and that muche more were like to ensue, if the same might eftsones for a longer season continue and be renewed: It is therefore ordayned, established, and enacted, by the kinge oure soueraigne lorde, wyth the assente of the lords spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that no maner of person or personnes, beinge butchers or other, inhabyting wythin this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, shall from the fyrst day of January, nexte comminge, duringe two whole yeres, from thencefoorth next ensuing, kill or cause to be killed, any maner yonge suckinge calfe or calues, to be solde or put to sale to anye person or persons, whole or by retaile, which calfe or calues, hereafter to be killed, shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the said fyrst day of Januarie and the fyrst day of May, in any of the sayd two whole yeares vpon paine of forfayture of vi.s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the sayde dayes, and killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, to be payde and forfayted by euery such butcher or butchers, or any other personne or personnes, which shall kill or cause to be killed and put to sale any such calfe or calues so fallinge, and to bee calued betweene the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye, and the saide firste daye of Maye, duringe the sayde two whole yeares. The one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to thuse of our said soueraigne lord the king, & the other halfe to the party that wil

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sue for the same by bill, action of dette, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of law, essoyne, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that every lord maryner haue the forfaytes, profites, and aduauntages onely of euery suche offender and offenders against the purueying of this acte, within theyr seigniories, liberties, and francheses royall.

Be it also enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that the iustices of peace of euery of the shyres of this realme, within the limittes of theyr commissions, shall haue full power and auctority by force and vertue of this acte, at euery theyr generall sessions hereafter to be holden & kept, to enquire, heare and determine the premisses, as well by informacion and presentment, as by bill, or plainte, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection for the defendante (as is aforesaid) shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte where defendauntes shall not recouer any costes. Cap. viij.

BEcause as well many recognisances, obligacions, indentures, & other specialties, as also many contractes heretofore haue been take and made betwene diuers persons beinge of the kinges moste honourable counsayle, and other his subiectes, and by & betwene other persons, to the vse and behofe of our saide soueraigne lord the king for greate soumes of money, then beinge to his grace due: And for his promotion and other causes, for which dettes actions by the lawes of this realme bee to bee commenced sued, and prosecuted to the kings vse, by and in the name and names of the person or persons, to whom the sayd recognisances, obligacions, and other specialties were made, or by those, to whom the sayd contractes were made: Be it therefore ordayned & enacted, by auctority of this present parliament, that all be it that the plaintife or plaintifes, be or shalbe nonsuted in any whatsoeuer action, sute, bill or plainte commenced or to bee commenced, sued or to be sued, to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kinge, his heyres or successours, kinges of England, or that it shall happen any verdite to passe against any such plaintife or plaintifes, in any action, sute, bill, plainte sued or to be sued to the kinges vse: the defendaunte or defendauntes shall not recouer any costes against any sued plaintife or plaintifes, any acte or statute made in this present parliament, or any other thinge to the contrary being in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte against killing of yonge beastes called weanlinges. Cap. ix.

WHere in the firſt ſeſſion of this preſente parliamente, begunne at London, the thyrde day of November, in the xxi. yere of the raigne of our moſt dread ſoueraigne lord the kinge that nowe is, and from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter to the 4. daye of the ſame moneth, there was a good & profitable ordinaunce acte and prouiſion made, concerning killing of calues, right commodious for the publicke weale of this realme, as by the ſame more at large it doth appeare. Which acte was deuiſed to the intente that calues ones waynned, ſhoulde as at time was ſuppoſed, not haue beene put to ſlaughter before they were of conuenient yeares, and meete for beaſte, whereby might haue growen the greater plentie of beaſtes, and at meaner prices within this realme, to the encreaſe of the common weale of the ſame: yet neuertheleſſe diuers perſons more regarding their priuie lucre and ſinguler profite and gaine, than the common weale of the ſayd realme, haue vſed ſince the makyng of the ſayd acte, and yet do, to kill yong beaſtes, called waynlinges, ſteres, bullockes & hefkers, of one or two yeares olde or little more: by meane whereof a great part of the benefite that ſhould haue followed of the ſayd acte, hath bene fruſtrate and voyde. It is therefore enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by the kyng our ſoueraygne lord, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, that no maner of perſon or perſons, beyng butchers or other inhabityng within this realme, Wales, or marches of the ſame, ſhal from the feaſt of Natiuity of S. Johan Baptiſt nert comminge, kil or cauſe to be killed any maner of weinlinges, bullocke, ſtere, or hefker being vnder the age of 2. yeres, to the intente to make ſale thereof to any perſon or perſons whole or by retayle, vpon payne of vi. s. viii. d. for euery of the ſayde weinlinges, bullockes, ſteres or hefkers, being vnder the age of ii. yeres, killed and put to ſale contrary to this acte, to bee payde and forfayted by euery ſuche butcher and butchers, and other, which ſhall kill or cauſe to be killed and put to ſale contrary to this acte, any ſuch weinlinge, bullocke, ſtere or hefker, vnder the age aforeſayde from and after the ſayd feaſt of the Natiuity of ſaint Johan the Baptiſte nert enſuing as is aforeſayde. The one halfe of euery ſuch forfayture to be to the vſe of our ſayd ſoueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe to the party that wyll ſue for the ſame by bill, action of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes that euery lord marcher haue the forfaytes profites and aduauntages onely of euery ſuche offender and offendours agaynſt the purueyinge of this acte, within theyr ſeignories, libertyes, and franchiſes royall.

Be it alſo enacted, by the auctority aforeſaid, that the Juſtices of peace of

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euery of the shyres of this Realme, wythin the limittes of theyr commissions, shall haue full power and auctority by force and vertue of this acte, at euery of theyr generall sessions hereafter to be holden & kepte, to enquyre, heare & determine the premisses, as wel by informacion and presentmente, as by bill or plaint, wherein no wager of law, essoyne, or protection for the defendaunt, as is aforesayd shalbe admitted or allowed.

This acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

An acte made to destroy choughes, crowes and rookes. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as innumerable nombet of rookes, crowes and choughes, do daily breede and increase throughout this realme, which rookes, crowes and choughes do yearely destroye, deuour and consume a wonderfull and marueylous great quantity of corne and grayne, of all kindes, that is to witte, as well in the sowing of the same corne and grayne, as also at the ryping and kernelling of the same, and ouer that a marueylous destruction and decay of the couertures of thatched houses, barnes, reekes, stackes and other such like, so that if the sayde crowes, rookes and choughes should be suffred to breede and continue as they haue been in certayne yeres past, they wyll vndoubtedly be the cause of the greate destruction and consumption of a great part of the corne and grayne, which hereafter shalbe sowen throughout this realme, to the great preiudice damage and vndoyng of the great nomber of all tillers husbandes, and sowers of the earth wythin ỳ same. For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that euery person and persons, as wel spirituall as temporall, hauing keping holding & inhabiting in any manours, meases, landes or tenementes in theyr owne manurance and occupacion, of any estate of inheritance, or for terme of life, or for yeres, or at will, or by copie of courte roule, or other wyse in possession or vse, shall hereafter do & cause to be done as much as in him or them reasonably shall or may bee to kill and vtterly destroye all maner of choughes, crowes and rookes, commynge, abydinge, breedinge or hauntinge wythin or vppon anye the sayde manours, meases, landes or tenementes, which hee or they shall inhabite and dwell vppon, and haue in theyr manurance and occupation, as is aforesayd, vppon paine of a greeuous amerciamente, to be set and assessed as hereafter shalbe expresse, that is to saye, that if any offence bee doone contrary to this statute by any person or personnes, inhabited wythin the limites of the letes, lawdayes, rapes or courtbarons of any lordes, hauinge such courtes, that then vpon a presentmẽt thereof made before ỳ steward of such letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes, the stewarde wyth two of the presentours, by the stewarde and presentours to bee named, shall assesse and set for euery default presented to bee done contrary to this acte, suche

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amerciamente to theim shall seeme reasonable and conuenient e, after the quantitie of the offence, the said amerciamente, to be to the vse of the lorde or lordes of the leetes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes, where the sayde offense shall bee done and presented, to bee leuied by distresse of the goodes and catteles of the offendours or offendours like as other amerciamentes for common annoyaunces presented in leetes, hath bene accustomed to be leuyed.

And if the offence be done contrary to this statute by any person or persons, which shall dwell and have the manurance of and in suche maners, meases, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereunto such leetes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes belongen, or by reason whereof anye such courtes ben holden: that than vpon a presentmente thereof had before the sheriffes in theyr Turnes, or Justices of peace in theyr sessions, the steward of the Courtes, with two of the presentours, to be chosen as is aforesayde, if the presentmente bee within the Turne, and the Justices of peace, or two of them at the least, if the presentmente be before them in theyr sessions, shall assesse and set the sayde amerciament, after the quantitie of the offence by theyr discretions, to be had and leuied to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the king by distresse, like as other amerciamentes be leuied vpon presentments of common annoyances.

And further bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that in euery parishe, townshipp, hamlet, borough, or village, within this realme, wherein is aboue fiften housholdes inhabited, the tenauntes and inhabitants therof shall before the feast of S. Michaell the archangell next, and so during ten yeres next ensuinge the sayd feast, at theyr owne proper costes, charges and expences, prouide, make, or cause to bee made one net, commonly called a nette to take choughes, crowes, and rookes, with all thinges requisite or belonging to the same. And the sayde nette, so made or caused to be made, shall keepe, preserue, and vse as often as shall neede. And with and after a sharpe made with shaffe, or other thing meete for that purpose shall laye or cause to be layde at suche time or times in the yeare as is conuenient for destruction of such choughes, rookes, and crowes, and in such place and places, as shalbe thought expedient to take the sayde choughes crowes and rookes, vppon payne to forfaite ten shillinges, the one moitie therof to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other moitie to the Leyde or Lordes of the same courtes, leetes, lawdayes, or rapes, where anye suche nette shalbe lacking, and not made and put in execution, according to this acte, to be leuied of the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes of the sayde parishe, townshippe, hamlette, borough, or village where any suche nette shall bee lacking, and not put in the vse and execution as is aforesayde. And that euerye suche nette, with all thinges requisite thereunto, shall one time in the yeare at the leaste, bee presented in the courte baron, leete, rape, or lawday before the stewarde of the same courte, leete, rape or lawday, whereunto the sayd tenauntes and inhabitants shalbe

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bounden to sue & appeare, to be viewed, whether the same bee sufficiently repayred or not, for the foresayde purpose: so that by the aduise of the stewarde, tenauntes, and inhabitauntes of the saide Court baron, lete, rape or lawday, where any such nette shall be necessary to be vsed, a sure waye and ordenaunce may be deuised for the reparation, continuance, and putting in execution of the said nette, at times and places conuenient, as is aforesayde. And that suche ordinaunces as shalbe deuised and made by the stewarde, tenauntes and inhabitauntes of and wythin the sayd letes, lawdayes, rapes and courtes, or by the moste parte of them, to and for the destruction of the sayde rookes, crowes and choughes, shall stande good and effectuall, and bee put in due execution, accordinge to the tenour thereof.

And further bee it enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that as well such person and persons, as shall inhabite and haue in his manurance and occupacion any manours, meases, lands, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereunto any suche letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes apperteyneth, or by reason whereof any such courtes bene holden, as the tenauntes and fermours, inhabiting and hauing in theyr manuraunce and occupacion any meases, landes, tenementes or hereditaments, holden of such manours, meases, or other hereditamentes, whereunto such courtes, as is aforesaid, belongen, shall yerely during the sayd tenne yeares, at suche dayes places, and times, as by the stewarde of suche letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes shall bee appointed, assemble themselues together, to viewe, visite and suruey all the sayde manours, meases, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, where they or anye of them shall happen to dwell or inhabite, and be residente, and thereuppon shall agree and conclude, howe and by what meanes it shalbe beste possible, to destroy all the ponge breede of the sayde choughes, crowes and rookes, for that yere, and the same assemble view, and visitacion shall make yearely, duringe the sayd tenne yeares, at moste conueniente and apte time for the same, and shall put the same in due execution, so as the sayd ponge breede of choughes, crowes and rookes, may be vtterly destroyed: vppon paine to forfaite for euery yeare omitting such assemble, endeuoyr, and viewe makinge, accordinge to this acte xx.s. after presentment of such default had before the kinges Justices of peace: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to be to the presentours of the sayde offence, to be leuied by distres, like as amerciamentes for common anoysances haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

And further bee it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as well the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, & shyriffes in theyr Turnes, as stewardes, mayres and bailiffes elected, in theyr letes, lawdayes, rapes, and Court barons, to be hereafter holden before them or any of them, shall giue in charge to the tenauntes and inhabitauntes, and all other appearing before anye of theym, that they shall duely enquyre and put in execution the

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effect of the premisses in due time, so that this acte may be fully and truly executed, and the choughes, crowes and rookes, therby destroyed in al places of this realme, according to the meaning & true intent of this estatute.

And ouer this it is enacted, that it shall bee lawfull to euery person and personnes, onely minding and willing to take and destroy the said crowes rookes or choughes, after request therof made vnto the owner or occupier of the same grounde, where suche crowes, rookes or choughes, haunte or breede, to enter, take, and carrie awaye all suche rookes, or choughes, and crowes, as hee shall take that same day, in which such request shalbe made from time to time, wythout let, impediment, or impechmente by any maner meane of the sayd owner or occupier of the same.

And it is further enacted, that euery farmour or owner, hauinge in his owne manurance and occupation, any manours, meases, lands, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof the yerely value or rent amounteth to v.li. shal pay and giue to euery such personne, which by his dilligence, labour and industrie, at his owne proper costes, doth take anye olde crowes rookes or choughes, within and vpon the saide manours, meases, landes, or groundes of the yeately value afore saide ii.d. for euery xii. olde crowes, rookes or choughes, that any such persons shall take, bringe and offer to any such fermour or owner: And for euery vi olde crowes, rookes, or choughes, a peny, for euery iii. old a halfpeny. And if any such owner or fermour refuse to pay the said money accordinge, as is aforesayde, than vppon complainte and proofe thereof made to anye of the Justices of peace, or highe constable, the sayd Justice of peace or highe constable, shall cause the sayde money to be leuyed by distres of the goods and cattelles of euery such fermour or occupier, refusing to pay the said money according to the tenour & effect of this acte.

Prouided alwayes that no person or persons, by colour or auctority of this acte, shall take or kill any doues or pygeons, vppon the paine limitted by the lawes and customee of this realme heretofore for such offences vsed and accustomed.

An act for pauing of the high way betwene the strond Crosse and Charing crosse. Cap. xj.

IN most humble wise shew and beseeche your highnes your poore subiectes, the inhabitauntes dwellinge in the parisshes of saincte Martine in the fielde nerte Charinge Crosse our Lady at Stronde, and saincte Clement Danes without temple barre of London in your countye of Middlesex that where the common highe waye, betweene Charinge Crosse aforesaide, and the Stronde Crosse, is verye noyous and foule, and in many places thereof very ieoperdious to all your liege people, that wayes passinge and repassinge, as well on horsebacke as on foote, bothe

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in wynter and in ſommer, by night and by day. The very occaſion wherof hath ben and yet is, that the landelordes and owners of all the landes and tenementes nert adioyning on both ſydes of the ſayde common high way be and haue ben remiſſe and negligent, and alſo refuſe and wyll not make and ſupport the ſayd high waye wyth pauing, euery of them after the portion of his grounde adioyning to the ſame high wayes.

And for aſmuch moſt gracious ſouerayne lorde as the ſaid high waye, is and hath ben of continuance greatly occupyed, as well wyth your ſubiectes as wyth theyr cartes and cariages, repayring to and from your citty of London, from diuers partes of this your realme, as wyth your ſubiectes paſſing and repaſſing to and from the towne of weſtminſter, aboute the needes of your lawes, there kepte in the terme ſeaſon: which way if it were ſufficiently paued and made, after the maner of the pauemente of ꝑ ſtrete betwene the ſaid Strand croſſe and temple barre, it ſhould not only than be a great comforte to all your ſubiectes there aboutes dwellinge, but alſo to al other your liege people, that wayes paſſing and repaſſing. Pleaſe it therefore your highnes, of your moſt abundaunt grace, that with thaſſente of your highnes, and the lords ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this your preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, that it bee enacted, ordeyned and eſtabliſhed, that all and euerye perſon and perſons, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, the which now be or at any time frō henſeforth ſhalbe ſeaſed in poſſeſſion, or in vſe of any manour, landes or tenementes in any wiſe adioyninge to the ſayd highe wayes, betwene the ſaid Stronde croſſe and Charinge croſſe, bee it on the one ſyde of the ſame waye or on the other, of any eſtate of fee ſimple, fee taile, or for terme of life, ſhalbe before the feaſt of Sainct Michael the archangell, the which ſhalbe in the yeare of our lord God M. D. xxviii. ſufficiently paue or cauſe to be paued with pauing ſtone, the ſayd high waye alonge from his or their landes or tenements, adioyning to the ſayde highe way, vnto the middeſte of the ſame waye, in ſuche and like forme, as the highe ſtreate betwene Temple barre and Strond croſſe aforeſayd, is paued, vppon paine to forfaite to your highnes, your heyres and ſucceſſours, for euery parde ſquare, not ſufficiently paued by ꝑ ſaid day limitted & aſſigned, in fourme before expreſſed vi.d.

And be it alſo enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that al and euery perſon and perſonnes, hauinge any of the ſayd landes and tenementes in poſſeſſion or in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, adioyninge to the ſayd high waye, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, ſhall from and after the ſaide feaſte of S. Michaell, the which ſhalbe in the ſaide yeare of oure lorde God M. D. xxxij. ſufficiently maintayne the pauemente of the ſayd way againſte euery of theyr landes or tenementes, in ſuche and lyke forme, as is aboue declared, vppon paine to forfaite to your highnes for euery parde ſquare of the ſayde pauemente, not ſufficiently paued, repared, and amended, as often as any ſuch defaulte of any perſonne ſhalbe preſented

effect of the premisses in due time, so that this acte may be fully and truly executed, and the choughes, crowes and rookes, therby destroyed in al places of this realme, according to the meaning & true intent of this estatute.

And ouer this it is enacted, that it shall bee lawfull to euery person and personnes, onely minding and willing to take and destroy the said crowes rookes or choughes, after request therof made vnto the owner or occupier of the same grounde, where suche crowes, rookes or choughes, haunte or breede, to enter, take, and carrie awaye all suche rookes, or choughes, and crowes, as hee shall take that same day, in which such request shalbe made from time to time, wythout let, impediment, or impechmente by any maner meane of the sayd owner or occupier of the same.

And it is further enacted, that euery farmour or owner, hauinge in his owne manurance and occupation, any manours, meases, lands, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof the yerely value or rent amounteth to v.li. shal pay and giue to euery such personne, which by his dilligence, labour and industrie, at his owne proper costes, doth take anye olde crowes rookes or choughes, within and vpon the saide manours, meases, landes, or groundes of the yeately value afore saide ii.d. for euery xii. olde crowes, rookes or choughes, that any such persons shall take, bringe and offer to any such fermour or owner: And for euery vi olde crowes, rookes, or choughes, a peny, for euery iii. old a halfpeny. And if any such owner or fermour refuse to pay the said money accordinge, as is aforesayde, than vppon complainte and proofe thereof made to anye of the Justices of peace, or highe constable, the sayd Justice of peace or highe constable, shall cause the sayde money to be leuyed by distres of the goods and cattelles of euery such fermour or occupier, refusing to pay the said money according to the tenour & effect of this acte.

Prouided alwayes that no person or persons, by colour or auctority of this acte, shall take or kill any doues or pygeons, vppon the paine limitted by the lawes and customee of this realme heretofore for such offences vsed and accustomed.

An act for pauing of the high way betwene the strond Crosse and Charing crosse. Cap. xj.

IN most humble wise shew and beseeche your highnes your poore subiectes, the inhabitauntes dwellinge in the parisshes of saincte Martine in the fielde nerte Charinge Crosse out Lady at Stronde, and saincte Clement Danes without temple barre of London in your countye of Middlesex that where the common highe waye, betweene Charinge Crosse aforesaide, and the Stronde Crosse, is verye noyous and foule, and in many places thereof very ieoperdious to all your liege people, that wayes passinge and repassinge, as well on horsebacke as on foote, bothe

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in wynter and in ſommer, by night and by day. The very occaſion wherof hath ben and yet is, that the landelozdes and owners of all the landes and tenementes nert adioyning on both ſydes of the ſayde common high way be and haue ben remiſſe and negligent, and alſo refuſe and wyll not make and ſupport the ſayd high waye wyth pauing, euery of them after the porcion of his grounde adioyning to the ſame high wayes.

And foz aſmuch moſt gracious ſoueraygne lozde as the ſaid high waye, is and hath ben of conſtnuance greatly occupped, as well wyth your ſubiectes as wyth theyr cartes and cariages, repayring to and from your citty of London, from diuers partes of this your realme, as wyth your ſubiectes paſſing and repaſſing to and from the towne of weſtminſter, aboute the needes of your lawes, there beyng in the terme ſeaſon: which way if it were ſufficiently paued and made, after the maner of the pauemente of ỹ ſtrete betwene the ſaid Strand croſſe and temple barre, it ſhould not only than be a great comfozte to all your ſubiectes there aboutes dwellinge, but alſo to al other your liege people, that wayes paſſing and repaſſing. Pleaſe it therefoze your highnes, of your moſt abundaunt grace, that with thaſſente of your highnes, and the lozds ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this your preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctozity of the ſame, that it bee enacted, ozdeyned and eſtabliſhed, that all and euerye perſon and perſons, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, the which now be oz at any time frō henſefozth ſhalbe ſeaſed in poſſeſſion, oz in vſe of any manour, landes oz tenementes in any wiſe adioyninge to the ſayd highe wayes, betwene the ſaid Stronde croſſe and Charinge croſſe, bee it on the one ſyde of the ſame waye oz on the other, of any eſtate of fee ſimple, fee taile, oz foz terme of life, ſhalbe befoze the feaſt of Sainct Michael the archangell, the which ſhalbe in the yeare of our lozd God M. D. xxviii. ſufficiently paue oz cauſe to be paued with pauing ſtone, the ſayd high waye alonge from his oz their landes oz tenements, adioyning to the ſayde highe way, vnto the middeſte of the ſame waye, in ſuche and like foxme, as the highe ſtreate betwene Temple barre and Strond croſſe afozeſayd, is paued, vppon paine to fozfaite to your highnes, your heyres and ſucceſſours, foz euery parde ſquare, not ſufficiently paued by ỹ ſaid day limitted & aſſigned, in fourme befoze expreſſed vi.d.

And be it alſo enacted by the auctozity afozeſayd, that al and euery perſon and perſonnes, hauinge any of the ſayd landes and tenementes in poſſeſſion oz in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, oz foz terme of lyfe, adioyninge to the ſayd high waye, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, ſhall from and after the ſaide feaſte of S. Michaell, the which ſhalbe in the ſaide yeare of oure lozde God M. D. xxxiij. ſufficiently maintayne the pauemente of the ſayd way againſte euery of theyr landes oz tenementes, in ſuche and lyke foxme, as is aboue declared, vppon paine to fozfaite to your highnes foz euery parde ſquare of the ſayde pauemente, not ſufficiently paued, repared, and amended, as often as any ſuch defaulte of any perſonne ſhalbe preſen-

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ted before your Justices of ỳ pleas, before your highnes to be holdē. vi. d.
And that it be further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that your said Justices for the time being, may haue full power and auctority to enquyre in euery terme to be holden after the sayd feast of S. Michaell, the which shalbe in the sayd yere of our lorde God. M. D. xxiii. by the ooe of xii. men of the sayd countye, as well of them that haue not payed according to the prouision aforesayde, as also of them that remisly or insufficiently shall here after maytaine the same pauement according to the sayd prouision. And that the sayde Justices may haue power and auctority after such defaulte before them presented, to make proces by distresse or otherwise by theyr discretion, against the said offenders, theyr heires, and successours, as wel for makyng, repayring, and amending of the sayd highe way, as for the sayde penaltie so forfayted.

An acte that appeales in such cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the See of Rome, shall not be from henseforth had ne vsed, but within this realme. Cap. xii.

WHere by diuers sondry old autentike historyes, and Chronicles it is manifestly declared and expressed, that this realme of Englande is an Impire, and so hath beene accepted in ỳ world, gouerned by one supreme heade and kinge, hauinge the dignitie and royall estate of the imperiall crowne of the same: Vnto whom a bodye politike, compacte of all sortes and degrees of people, deuided in termes & by names of spiritualty & temporaltie, ben bounden & owen to beare next to God, a natural and humble obediēce. He being also institute and furnished by the goodnes & sufferance of almighty God, with plenari, whole, and entier power, preemynence, auctority, prerogatiue, and iurisdiction, to render and yelde Justice and finall determinacion to al maner of folke resiauntes or subiectes within this his realme, in all causes, matters, debates and contentions, happeninge to occurre, insurge, or begin within the limitts therof, without restreint or prouocation to any forein princes or potentates of the world: The body spyrituall whereof hauing power whan any cause of the law deuine happened to come in question, or of spyrituall learninge, that it was declared, interpreted, and shewed by that parte of the sayde body politicke, called the spiritualtie now beinge vsually called the Englishe Church, which alwayes hath bene reputed, and also founde of that sorte, that both for knowledge, integritie, and sufficiency of nomber, it hath been alwayes thought, and is also at this houre, sufficiente and meete of it selfe, wythoute the intermedlinge of anye exterior personne or personnes, to declare and determine all suche doubtes, and to admynister all suche offices and dutyes, as to theyr roumes spyrituall doth appertayne. For the due admynistration wherof, and to keepe them from corruption and sinister affection, the

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kynges moste noble progenitours, and the antecessours of the nobles of this realme, haue sufficientlye endowed the sayd churche, both with honor and possessions. And the lawes temporall, for tryall of propertye of landes and goodes, and for the conseruation of the people of this Realme in vnytye and peace, without rauin or spoyle, was & yet is administred, adiudged and executed by sundry iudges and ministers of the other parte of the sayd bodye politike, called the Temporaltye: And bothe theyr auctorityes and iurisdictiõs do conioyne together in the due administration of Justice, the one to helpe the other.

And where as the kynge hys moste noble progenitours, and the nobylytye and commons of thys sayde Realme, at diuers and sondrye partyamentes, as well in the tyme of kynge Edwarde the firste, Edwarde the thyrde, Richarde the seconde, Henrye the fourth, and other noble kynges of thys realme, made sundry ordinaunces, lawes, statutes, and prouisions for the entiere and sure conseruation of the prerogatiues, liberties, and preheminences of the sayde imperiall crowne of this Realme, and of the iurisdictions spirytuall and temporall of the same, to keepe it from the annoyaunce as well of the See of Rome, as from the auctorytye of other forreine potentates, attemptynge the diminution or violation therof, as often and from time to time, as any such annoyaunce or attempte might be knowen or espied. And notwithstanding the sayde good statutes and ordynaunces made in the tyme of the kynges moste noble progenitours, in preseruaciõ of the auctority and prerogatiue of the sayde imperiall crowne, as is afore sayde; yet neuertheles sythen the makynge of the sayde goode statutes and ordinaunces, dyuers and sundrye inconueniences and daungers, not prouided for playnelye, by the sayde former actes, statutes, and ordynaunces, haue ryen and spronge, by reason of appeals sued out of this Realme to the See of Rome, in causes testamentary, causes of matrimonye, and diuorces, right of tythes, oblacions, and obuentions, not only to the great inquietacion, veracion, trouble, costes and charges of the kyngs highnes, & many of his subiectes and resiaunts in this his realme, but also to the great delaye and let to the true and speedy determinacion of the sayde causes, for so much as the partyes, appealynge to the sayde courte of Rome, moste commonlye doo the same for the delaye of Justice. And for as muche as the great dystance of waye is so farre out of this realme, so that the necessarye proues, nor the true knowledge of the cause, can neyther there bee so well knowen, ne the witnesses there so well examined, as within this realme, so that the parties greeued by meanes of the sayd appeales, be most times without remedy. In consideracion wherof, the kinges highnes, his nobles and commons considerynge the great enormities, daungers, longe delayes and hurtes, that as well to his hyghnes, as to his sayde nobles, subiectes, commons & resiauntes of this his realme, in the sayde causes testamentarye, causes of matrimony & diuorces, tithes, oblacions and obuentions, do

daylye enſue: Dothe therfore by his roiall aſſent, and by the aſſente of the lordes ſpyrytuall and tempozall, and the commons in thys preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctozitye of the ſame enacte, eſtablyſhe, and ozdeyne, that all cauſes, teſtamentarye, cauſes of matrimony, and diuozces, ryghtes of tythes, oblacions, and obuencions (the knowledge wherof by the goodneſſe of princes of this realme, and by the lawes and cuſtomes of the ſame apperteineth to the ſpirituall iuriſdiction of this realme) all redy commenſed, moued, dependinge, beinge, happeninge, oz hereafter cõmynge in contention, debate, oz queſtion within this realme, oz wythin any the kynges dominions oz marches of the ſame, oz els where, whether they cõcerne the kynge our ſoueraigne lozde, his heires oz ſucceſſours, oz any other ſubiectes oz reſiaauntes within the ſame, of what degree ſo euer they be ſhalbe from henceforth harde, examined, diſcuſſed, clerely, finally and diffinitiuely adiudged and determined within the kynges iuriſdiction and auctozity, & not els where, in ſuch courtes ſpirituall and tempozall of the ſame, as the natures, condicions and qualities of the caſes and matters afozeſayde in contencion, oz hereafter happeninge in contencion, ſhall requyre, without hauynge any reſpecte to any cuſtome, vſe, oz ſufferaunce, in hinderaunce, let, oz preiudice of the ſame, oz to any other thynge vſed oz ſuffered to the cõtrary thereof by any other maner perſon oz perſons in any maner of wiſe. Any forreyne inhibitions, appeales, ſentences, ſommons, citacions, ſuſpencions, interdictions, excommunications, reſtraintes, iudgementes, oz anye other proces, oz impedimentes, of what natures, names, qualities oz condicions, ſoeuer they be from the Sea of Rome, oz any other forreine courtes oz potentates of the worlde, oz from and out of this realme, oz any other ỹ kinges dominions oz marches of the ſame, to the ſea of Rome, oz to any other forreine courtes, oz potentates, to the let oz impedimẽt thereof, in anye wyſe notwithſtandinge.

And that it ſhall be lawfull to the kynge our ſouerayne lozde, and to his heires and ſucceſſours, and to all other ſubiectes oz reſiauntes within this realme, oz wythin any the kynges dominiõs oz marches of the ſame, notwithſtandynge that hereafter it ſhould happen any recommengement excommunications, interdictions, citations oz any other cenſures, oz forreyne proces out of any outwarde partes, to be fulminate, prouulged, declared, oz put in execution within this ſayde Realme, oz any other place oz places, for anye of the cauſes before reherſed, in preiudice, derogation, oz cõtempte of thys ſayde acte, and the verye trewe meanynge and execution therof, maye and ſhall neuertheleſſe as well purſue, execute, haue, and enioye the effectes, profites, benefytes and commodytyes of all ſuche proceſſes, ſentences, iudgementes, and determinations, doone, oz hereafter to be doone in anye of the ſayde courtes ſpirytuall oz tempozall, as the caſes ſhall require, within the limites, power and auctozitye of thys the kynges

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ſayde realme and dominions, and marches of the ſame: and thoſe onelye and none other to take place and to be firmely obſerued and obeyed within the ſame, as alſo that all the ſpirituall prelates, paſtours, miniſters, and curates within this realme and dominions of the ſame, ſhall and maye vſe, minyſter, execute, and do, or cauſe to be vſed, miniſtred, executed and done all ſacramentes, ſacramentalles, diuyne ſeruices, and all other things within the ſayde realme and dominions vnto all the ſubiectes of the ſame as catholike and chriſten men owen to do, any former citations, proceſſes, inhibicions, ſuſpencions, interdictions, excommunications, or appeales, for or towchinge any of the cauſes aforeſayde, from or to Sea of Rome or any other forrein prince or forreyn courtes, to the lette or contrary therof in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

And if any of the ſayde ſpirituall perſons, by the occaſion of the ſayde fulminations of any of the ſame interdictions, cenſures, inhibicions, excommunications, appeales, ſuſpencions, ſommons, or other forrayn citacions, for the cauſes beforeſayde, or for any of them, do at anytyme hereafter refuſe to miniſter, or cauſe to be miniſtred the ſayde ſacramentes, and ſacramentalles, and other deuyne ſeruices, in forme as is aforeſayde, ſhall for euery ſuche tyme or tymes, that they or any of them do refuſe ſo to do, or to cauſe to be done, haue one yeres impriſonment, and to make fyne and raunſome at the kinges pleaſure.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayde, that yf anye perſonne or perſones inhabitinge or reſiaunte within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, and marches of the ſame or any other perſone or perſonnes, of what eſtate, condicion, or degree ſo euer he or they bee, at any tyme hereafter, for or in any the cauſes aforeſayde, do attempte, moue, purchaſe, or procure, from or to the Sea of Rome, or from or to any other forrein Courte or Courtes, out of this realme, any maner forreyn proces, inhybitions, appeales, ſentences, ſommons, citacions, ſuſpencions, interdictions, excommunications, reſtreintes, or iudgementes, of what nature, kynde, or qualitye ſoeuer they be, or execute any of the ſame proces, or doe any acte or actes, to the lette, impedimente, hinderaunce or derogation of any proces, ſentence, iudgemente, or determination, had, made, done, or hereafter to bee had, done, or made in any courtes of this realme, or the kynges ſayde dominions or marches of the ſame, for anye of the cauſes aforeſayde contrarye to the true meanynge of this preſente acte, and the execution of the ſame: That than euerye ſuche perſonne or perſonnes, ſo doynge, and their fautours, comfortours, abbettours, procurers, executours, and counſaylours and euerye of theym beeynge conuicte of the ſame, for euery ſuche defaulte ſhall incurre and runne in the ſame peynes, penalties, and forfaytures ordeyned and prouyded by the ſtatute of prouiſion, and premunire, made in the .xvi. yeare of the reygne of the righte noble prince kinge Richarde the ſeconde, againſt ſuch as attempte procure or make prouiſion to the Sea of Rome, or els where, for anye thynge

or thynges, to the derogacion, or contrary to the prerogatyue or iurysdyction of the crowne and dignitye of this realme.

And furthermore in eschewinge the sayde greate enormities, inquietacions, delayes, charges and expences hereafter to be susteyned in pursuynge of suche appeales and forreyne procelle, for and concerninge the causes aforesayde, or any of them, do therfore by auctoritye aforesayde, ordeyne and enacte, that in suche cases, where heretofore any of the kynges subiectes and resiauntes, haue vsed to pursue, prouoke, or procure anye appele to the Sea of Rome, & in all other cases of appeles, in or for any of the causes aforesayde, they maye and shall from hencefoorthe take, haue, and vse their appeles within this realme, and not elles where, in manner and forme as hereafter ensueth, and not otherwyse, that is to say, First from the archedeacon, or his officiall, yf the matter or cause be there begunne to the byshoppe diocesan, of the sayde Sea, if in case any of the partyes bee greued. And in lyke wyse if it be commenced before the byshop diocesan or his commissary, from the byshop diocesan, or his commissarye, within fyfteene dayes nexte ensuynge the iudgement or sentence therof there geuen, to the archebyshoppe of the prouynce of Caunterbury, if it be within hys prouince, and if it be within the prouince of Yorke, than to the archbyshop of Yorke, and so likewyse to all other archebyshoppes, in other the kynges Dominions, as the case by the order of iustice shall requyre, and there to bee diffinitiuely and fynally ordered, decreed, and adiudged, accordynge to Justice, without any other appellacion or prouocation to any other persone or personnes, courte or courtes. And if the matter or contencion for any of the causes aforsayde, be or shall be commenced by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, before the archedeacon of anye archebyshoppe or his commissary, than the partie greeued, shall or may take his appele within .xv. dayes nexte after iudgements or sentence there geuen, to the courte of the Arches or audience of the same Archebyshoppe or Byshoppes, and from the sayde Courte of the Arches or audyence within fyfteene dayes than nexte ensuynge, after iudgemente or sentence there geuen, to the Archebyshoppe of the same prouince, there to be dyffynitiuelye and fynallye determyned without any other or further proces or appele thereuppon to be had or vsed.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that all and euery matter, cause, and contencion nowe dependynge, or that hereafter shalbe commenced by anye of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, for any of the causes aforesayde, before any of the sayde archebyshops, that than the same matter or matters, contencion or contencions, shalbe before the same archebyshop, where the sayde matter cause or proces shalbe so commenced, diffinitiuely determined, decreed or adiudged, without any other appeale, prouocacion, or any other forreyn processe out of this realme, to be sued to the lette or derogacion of the sayde iudgemente, sentence, or decree, otherwyse than is by this acte limitted & apointed, Sauinge alwayes ỳ prero-

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rogatiue of the archbyshop and church of Caunterbury, in all the foresayd cases of appeales, to him and to his successours to be sued within this realme, in such and lyke wyse as they haue bene accustomed and vsed to haue heretofore. And in case any cause, matter, or cõtencion, now depending for the causes before reversed, or any of thẽ, or that hereafter shall come in cõtencion for any of the same causes, in any of the foresayde courtes, which hath, doth, shall, or may touche the kinge his heires, or successours kynges of this realme: that in all and euery suche case or cases, the party greeued, as before is sayde, shall or may appeale from any of the sayd courtes of this realme, where the sayd matter now beyng in contencion, or hereafter shall come in contencion, touchinge the kynge, his heires, or successours (as is aforesayde) shall happen to be bentilate commenced, or begun to the spyrytuall prelates and other abbottes and priours of the vpper house, assembled and conuocat by the kynges wrytte in the conuocation beyng or next insuyng, within the prouince or prouinces, where the same matter of cõtencion, is or shall be begun. So that euery such appeale taken by the partye greued, within .xv. daies next after the iudgement or sentence therupon geuen or be geuen. And that what soeuer be done or shalbe done, and affirmed, determined, decreed, and adiudged by the foresayd prelates, abbottes, and priours of the vpper house of the sayde conuocation, as is aforesayde apperteynynge, concernyng, or belongyng to the kynge, his heyres, and successours, in any of these foresayde causes of appeales: shall stande and be taken for a finall decree, sentence, iudgemente, diffinicion, and determinacion, and the same matter so determined, neuer after to come in question & debate, to be examined to any other court or courtes. And if it shall happen any person or persons hereafter to pursue or prouoke any appeale, contrary to the effect of this acte, or refuse to obey, execute, and obserue all thynge comprysed within the same, concerninge the sayd appeales, prouocacions and other forrein processes to be sued out of this realme for any the causes aforesayd, that then euery such person or persons, so doyng, refusyng, or offending contrary to the true meaning of this act, their procurers, fautours aduocates, counsaylours, and abbettours, and euery of them, shall incurre into the paynes, forfaytures, and penalties ordeyned and prouided in the sayde statute made in the sayde .xvi. yere of kinge Richarde the second, and with like processe to be made against the sayde offendours, as in the same statute made the sayde .xvi. yere more playnly appereth.

An acte for reformacion of excesse in apparaile. Cap. xiij.

WHere before this time diuers lawes, ordinances, and statutes haue bene with great deliberation and aduise prouided established and deuised for the necessarye repallinge auoydinge, and expellyng of the inordinate excesse daily more & more vsed in the sumptuous and costly araye and apparell,

accuſtomably wozne in this realme: wherof hath enſued & dayly do chance ſuch ſondry, highe & notable inconueniences, as be to the great, manyfeſt, & notozious detriment of the cõmon weale, the ſubuertion of good and polytyke ozder in knowledge and diſtinction of people, accozdinge to theyr eſtates, pzeheminences, dignities, and degrees and to the vtter impouerifhment and vndoynge of many in experte and lyghte perſonnes, inclyned to pzide, mother of all vyces. Whiche good lawes notwithſtandynge, the outeragious exceſſe therin is rather from tyme to tyme increaſed than diminiſhed, eyther by occaſion of the peruerſe and frowarde maners and vſage of the people, oz for that errours and abuſes once rooted and taken into longe coſtome, be not facily and at once without ſome moderacion foz a tyme relinquiſhed and refozmed. In conſideracion wherof, and foz a reaſonable ozder and remedy lyke to be obſerued, perfozmed and continually kept, It is by the kynges hignelle, the lozdes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commõs in this pzeſente parliament aſſembled, & by auctozity of the ſame enacted, eſtabliſhed and ozdeyned, in maner & fozme folowynge.

Fyrſte that no perſon oz perſons, of what eſtate, dignitye, degree oz cõdicion ſoeuer they be, from the feaſt of the Purification of our lady, which ſhalbe in the yere of our lozd. M.D.xxviij. vſe oz weare in any maner theyr apparayle, oz vpon theyr hozſe, mule, oz other beaſte, any ſylke of the colour of purpure, ne any clothe of golde of tyſſue, but onely the kynge, ỳ queene, the kynges mother the kynges childzen, the kynges bzethern, and ſyſters, and the kynges vncles and auntes, excepte that it ſhall be lawfull to all dukes and marquiſes to weare and vſe in theyr dublettes and ſleeueleſſe cotes, cloth of golde of tiſſue, and in none other theyr garmentes, So that the ſame to be wozne by ſuch dukes and marquiſes, excede not the pzice of v.li. the yarde. Pzouided that this wozde purpure extend not to any mantell of the ozdze of the Garter.

And that no man, vnder the ſtate of an erle, from the ſame feaſte, vſe oz weare in his apparell of his bodye, oz vpon his hozſe, mule, oz other beaſte, oz harneis of the ſame beaſte, any clothe of golde oz ſyluer, oz of tinceld ſaten, oz any other ſylke oz clothe myred oz embzodered with golde oz ſyluer nor alſo any furres of Sables: except that it ſhall be lawfull foz vicontes ỳ pziour of ſaynete Jhons Hieruſalem, within this realme, and barons to weare in their doublettes oz ſleeueles cots, cloth of golde, ſiluer oz tinſell.

Alſo it is enacted, that no man, vnder the eſtate of a duke, marquiſe, erle and their childzen, oz vnder the degree of a baron, oneles hee be a knighte, that is companion of the Gartet, from the ſayde feaſte weare in any parte of his apparell anye wollen clothe made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleys Barwike, oz the marches of the ſame, excepte in bonettes onely: Ne alſo weare in any mãer apparaile of his body, oz on his hozſe, mule oz other beaſte, oz harneis of the ſame beaſte, any veluet of the colours of crimeſin, ſcarlet, oz blewe, ne any furres of blacke Jenettes oz luſerns, ne any maner embzowderye. And that no man, oneleſſe hee bee a

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knight,after the saide feast weare any coller of golde named a coller of S. and that no man vnder the degree of a barons sonne, or of a knighte, except he may expende yerely in landes or tenementes, rentes,fees or annuites to his owne vse, for terme of his life,or for terme of an other mannes lyfe,or in the righte of his wyfe, two hundreth poundes ouer all charges shall after the said feaste, vse or weare any cheyne of golde,bracelet,ouche, or other ornamente of golde,in any parte of his or theyr apparell,or the apparell of his or theyr horse,mule or other beast,except euery such cheine Jewell,ouche or ornamente,bee in weighte one ounce of fine golde, or aboue and except ringes of golde to be worne on their fingers,with stones or without. Ne also shall weare any maner of velvet in their gownes,cotes with sleues,or other vttermoste garmentes,nor any furres of libardes, nor also shall weare any maner embrodery,pricking or printinge wyth golde,siluer, or other like in anye parte of theyr apparell,or on theyr horses, mules,or other beastes.

¶ And that no man,vnder the sayde estates and degrees,other then suche as may dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde,a hundred poundes by the yere, ouer all charges,shall after ỳ sayde feaste weare anye saten, damaske, sylke, chamlet, or taffata, in hys gowne,cote with sleues,or other vttermost apparaile or garment,nor any maner of velvet,otherwise than in sleueles iackets, doublets,coates, partlettes or pourses: Nor also shall weare any furre, wherof the lyke kynde groweth not within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleys, Berwyke or the marches of the same: except foynes, genets, called graygenettes and Bogy.

And that no man, vnder the sayde degrees, other than the sonne and heyre apparant of a knight, or the sonne and heyre apparaunte of a man of three hundreth markes by ỳ yere,ouer al charges,& such other men as may dispende in landes and tenementes,rentes, fees, annuities,or other yerely profites,as is aforesayd.xl.li. by ỳ yere,ouer all charges, from the sayd feast weare in theyr gownes,or any other theyr vttermost apparayle,any chamlet,or like. Ne also weare in any other part of theyr apparayle, any sylke, other than satten, damaske, taffata or sarcenet in theyr doublets and sarcenet, chamlet, or taffata in lininge of theyr gownes, and the same,or velvet in their sleueles cotes,iakettes, ierkyns, coates,cappes,purses,or partelettes,the colours of skarlet,crimsin and blewe alwaies excepte. Nor shall weare any furre of foynes or genettes, called gray genettes,nor any other furres,whereof the lyke kinde is not growen within this realme of Englande,Irelande,Wales,Caleys, Berwike,or the marches of the same, excepte before excepte. Ne shall weare any maner aglettes, buttons, broches of golde or siluer gilte,or counterfaite gilte,or made with any other deuyse of any weighte: Nor shall weare any cheyne of golde of lesse weighte and value than ten vnces of Troy weight of fine golde.

¶ And that no man, vnder the sayde degrees, other than such gentyll men

men, as may dispende in landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde .xx. poundes by yere, ouer all charges, from and after the sayd feaste, weare any maner of silke, in any apparayle of his bodye or of hys horse, mule, or other beast, except it be sateen, taffata, sarcenet, or damaske in his doublet or coyfe, and chamlet in hys sleueles iacketes, and a lace of silke for his bonet, or poyntes, laces, girdels, or garters made or wrought in Englande, or Wales: Nor shall weare any furres of blacke Conye or Bogy.

And that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than such as maye dyspende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayd fiue pounds by the yere ouer all charges, from and after the sayd feast were any maner of clothe of the colours of scarlet, crimosen, or violet engrayned, nor any silke in their doublettes, or iackettes, nor any other clothe in any garmente aboue the price of sixe shillinges .viij. pence the brode yarde nor any other thyng made out of thys realme, except chãlet in their doublettes and iackettes.

And that no seruinge man, nor other yoman takinge wages, or suche other, as he may not dispende of freeholde fortye shillynges by yeare after the sayde feast shall weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the price of twoo shillinges the yarde, and that none of theyr hoses bee garded or mixed with any other thinge, that may be seene on or through the vtter parte of theyr hosen, but with the selfe same clothe onely: nor in his gowne, cote or iackette, or other garmente, any clothe aboue the price of three shillinges foure pence the brode yarde, excepte it be his maisters lyuery, nor anye maner furre, except cony, called gray cony, blacke lambe or white lãbe of Englyshe, welche, or Irysshe growynge: Nor shalle weare any shyrte or shirte bande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, bonet, or hat, garnished, mixte, made, or wrought with silke, golde, or siluer: Nor shall weare any bonet or shyrte bande, made or wrough out of this realme of Englande, or wales. Neuertheleſſe it shal be lawfull for him to weare a silke ribande for his bonet and also the cognisance or badge of his lorde or mayster, and a horne tipped or flewed with siluer, gilte or vngilte: And also they and all other persons to weare on theyr bonettes all suche games of syluer, gylte, or vngilte, as they or any of them may win by wrastling, shoting, renning, leapyng or castinge of the barre, and also maisters of the shippes or other vesselles and mariners to weare whistelles of siluer, with the cheyne of siluer to hange the same vpon, any former cause in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary notwithstandynge.

And that no husbandeman, from the sayd feast, weare in his hosen any clothe aboue ꝑ price of ꝑ yarde .ij. shillinges, any clothe in his gowne aboue the price .iiij. s. the brode yarde, or in his iacket or cote aboue the price of .ij. s. viij. pence ꝑ brode yarde. Nor in his doublet any other thinge thã is wrought within this realme, fustian and canuas onely excepted, nor any maner furre in any his apparayle.

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And that no seruing man in husbandrie, or iourney man in handie crafts, takinge wages, after and from the feaste aforesayde: weare in his hose any cloth aboue the price of .xvj. d. the yarde, nor shall weare any clothe in his gowne, iacket or cote, aboue the price of .ij. s. viij. d. the brode yarde, nor in his doublet any other thinge than fustian, canuas, or lether or wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in any of his apparayle.

Prouided alwayes, that all suche officers and seruauntes, waytyng or attendyng vpon the kynge, the Queene, the prince or princes, daily, yerely or quarterly in their housholdes, or being in their eschequite rolle, as shall be admitted, assigned and licenced by his grace, to vse or weare any maner apparayle on their bodies, horses, mules, or other beastes, otherwyse than is aforesayd expressed, shall & may lawfully do the same, according to the licence whiche shall be geuen vnto them in that behalfe. The same licence to be declared in writing by the kinges highnes or the lorde steward of his most honorable houseiholde or the lorde chamberleyn, knowyng the kynges most gracious pleasure in ỳ same.

Prouided also that the vicechamberlayne, Stewarde, Treasorer and Comptroller of the frenche queenes honorable houseiholde, and euery of them for the time beyng, after and from the sayd feast, may weare in their gownes, cotes, iakettes, doubiettes, and other their apparayle, veluette, satten, and damaske, beinge of the colours of blacke, tawny, or russet, and also cheynes, and brooches of golde, of such value as they will at theyr libertye, this present acte, or any thinge therin mencioned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

Prouided also, that the lorde Chauncellour, and the lorde Treasorer of Englande, the president of the kynges counsaile, and the lorde priuye seale, for the time beyng, of what estate or degree so euer they bee, besydes those romes, may weare in their apparayle veluet, satten, and other silkes of any colours, excepte purpure, and any maner furres, excepte blacke genettes: any thing in this acte mencioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ Be it further enacted, that after the sayde feast, none of the clergye, vnder the dignitye of a bishoppe, abbotte, or priour, beynge a lorde of the parliamente, weare in any parte of hys or theyr apparayle of theyr bodyes or on theyr horses any maner of stuffe, wrought or made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte that it shalbe lawfull to all archdeacons, deanes, prouostes, maysters, and wardens of cathedrall and collegiate churches, prebendaries, doctours, or bachelours in diuinitye, doctours of the one lawe or the other, and also doctours of other sciences, whiche haue taken that degree or be admitted in any vniuersitye, to weare sarcenet in the lynynge of their gownes, blacke satten or blacke chamlet in their doublettes and sleeueles cotes, and blacke veluet, or blacke sarcenet or blacke satten, in theyr typpettes, and rydynge hoodes or gyrdels, and also clothe of the colours of scarlet, murrey, or violet, and furres called gray, blacke boge, foynes, shankes,

kes, or meneuer in their gownes & sleeueles cotes, any thynge before mencioned to the contrary notwithstandynge. And that none of the Clergye, vnder the degrees aforesayde, weare any maner of furres, other thē blacke conye, budge, grey conye, shankes, calaber gray, fiche, foxe, lambe, otter, and beuer. And that none of the clergy vnder the degrees aforesayde other thā maisters of arte, and bacheliers of the one lawe or the other, admitted in any vniuersitye or suche other of the sayde clergy as may dispende yearelye .cc. li. ouer all charges, shall weare in their tippettes any maner of sarcenet or other silke.

Prouided also, that this acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not extende nor bee hurtefull or preiudiciall to any the kynges most honorable counsell: Ne to Justices of the one benche or the other, the barons of the kinges eschequire, ỳ maister of the rolles, seriauntes at the lawe, ỳ maisters of the Chancery, ne to any of the counsell of the Queene, prince or princes, apprentises of the lawe, the kinges, the queenes, the princes & the princesses, phisicions, mayres, recorders, aldermen, shyriffes, bailiffes elect, and all other head officers of cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, wardeins of occupacions, the barons of the .v. portes, that is to say, to all the sayde officers and personnes, that nowe be, or heretofore haue beene in lyke roome place, office or auctoritye, or hereafter for the time shall be, as well in the time as after that they haue beene in any such place, office, rome or auctoritye, but that they shall & may at all times weare, after the sayd feaste, all suche apparaile in and vpon their bodies, horses, mules, and other beastes and also citizens, and burgesses, shall & may weare suche hoodes of clothe and of such colours, as they haue heretofore vsed to weare: any thynge in this acte mencioned to the contrarye notwithstandyng, except that it shall not be lawfull to any of them to weare veluet, damaske, or saten of the colours of crimesen, violet, purpure, or blewe, otherwise than by the cōtinue of this acte, in anye of the clauses before mencioned, is by reason of theyr landes or otherwyse permitted, limitted or assigned.

Ne also this acte or any thynge therin mencioned: shall extende to ambassadours or other personages: sent from outwarde princes, or to noble men, or other comynge into the kynges realme, or other parte of his obeysance, to visite, see or salute his grace or to see the countrei, and not mynded to make longe or continuall demoure in the same, ne to any henchman, heralde, or pursuant at armes, minstreis, plaiers in enterludes, sightes, reuels, iustes, tourneis, barriers, solempne watches or other marciall feates or disguisinges, or to men of war, beynge in the kynges wages of warre, nor to any man, for wearynge any apparayle, geuen vnto him by the kynges highnes, the queene, the frenche queene, the prince or princes, ne to anye swoorde bearer of the citye of London or of any city, borowe, or towne corporate. Ne also shall extende to any vtter barreister of any of the Innes of court for wearynge in any his apparayle, suche sylke and furre: as is before limitted for men that may dyspende in landes, tenementes, rentes,

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fees or annuityes for terme of life xx. li. ouer all charges, nor to anye other student of the Innes of the court or Chancery, or to any gentleman being seruaunt to any lorde, knighte esquyer, or gentleman of this realme, whose mayster may dispende xl. li. ouer all charges, for wearyng by such studente or gentlemen beinge seruaunte, of doublettes and partlettes of satten, damaske, or chamlet, or iackettes of chamlet: which doublettes, partlets, or iackettes be geuen vnto them by any of theyr parentes, maisters or kinsefolkes, so alwayes they bee not of the colours of crimisen, purpure, scarlet, or blew, or for wearyng of any furres, wherof ẏ like groweth wythin this realme, Wales, or Ireland, martens and blacke cony except.

It is also further enacted, that if any man vse or weare, at any tyme after the sayde feaste, anye apparell, or other the premisses, contrary to the tenour and fourme aforesayd, than he so offendinge, shall forfayte the same apparell, and other the premisses, so by hym vsed or worne vppon his personne, horse, mule, or other beaste, wherewyth so euer it bee garnished, embrowdred, doubled, or mixed, or the value thereof: and also iii. s. iiii. pence in the name of a fyne for euery daye, that hee shall so weare the same, contrary to the tenour and purporte of this acte. And that euery man, that woll, may lawfully sue for ẏ same, by action of detinue, to be commensed within xb. dayes nexte after the beginninge of the terme, nexte ensuinge, after any such time and cause of forfayture so giuen: in the which action the defendaunte shall not bee suffered to wage his lawe, nor any essoyne or protection shalbe to him allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the which forfayture and fine shall bee to the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to him or them, that wyll sue for the same, in forme and wythin the tyme before limitted.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull to the iustices of peace in theyr sessions, the sheriffe in his Turne, the steward in any lete or lawday, the aldermen in theyr wardes, and to all other persons haupnge auctority to enquyre of bloudshed and frayes, to enquire of euery of the sayd offences and forfaytures, and the parties offendinge againste this statute, and so presented, shall make fine in maner and forme, and after the rate aforesayd.

Ouer this it is enacted, by the auctority aforesayde that all other actes made for reformacion of excesse in apparell or array, at any time before this present parliamente, and all and singuler articles, prouision, forfaytures, & penalties, mencioned in the sayd former actes or any of them, be frō hensefoorth vtterly voyde, expelled, extinct and of none effect: And all transgressions, offences, sommes of moneye, penalties, and forfaitures for any thinge done contrary to ẏ said former actes or any of them, before this time made for reformacion of excesse in apparell, bee clearely remitted, pardoned & released, and the offenders in that behalfe, and euery of theym to bee thereof discharged, and acquited for euer.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thing therein contayned, bee hurt-

hurtfull or preiudiciall to any spyrituall or temporall persons, in and for the wearyng any ornaments of the Church, vsed for executing diuine seruice, or for wearyng theyr amices, mantles, habites, or garments of religion, or other thinges, which they be vsed or bound vnto by theyr rooines or promocions, or religions, ne also to anye graduates, beadies, or ministers to the graduates in Vniuersities and scholes, for wearing of theyr habites or hoodes, wyth furres, liuinges, or otherwyse, after such forme as heretofore they haue bene accustomed to do, any thing in this present acte, made to ỹ contrary not wythstanding.

Prouided also that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, be preiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, for wearing of any linnen cloth, made or wrought out of this realme, or other partes of the kinges obeysance, ne to any person, being of the degree of a gentleman, for wearyng of any shurte made, wrought or embraudred wyth threede and silke onely, so the same worke, or embraudery be made wythin this realme of England, Wales, Calais, Berwicke, or the marches.

FINIS.

God saue the King.

ANNO XXV. HENRICI Octaui.

Actes made in the seſſion of this preſent Parliament holden vpon proro-gation at weſtminſter, the xv. daye of Januarye, in the xxv yeare of the raigne of our moſt dread ſo-uereigne Lord King Henry the viii. and there contí-nued and kept till the xxx. day of Marth then next enſuinge: to the honour of God and holy Church, and for the com-mon weale and profite of this his realme.

Excudebat Londini,
Anno M.D.LXII.

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Where as diuers and sundry actes and statutes haue lately bene made and established within thys realme for preseruacion of the common welthe of the same, amongest whiche, the acte for sellynge of beffe, mutton, veale, and porke by weyghte is so necessarye for the preseruacion of the powertye of the same, that it may in no wyse be forborne. And for as muche as sufficient authoritie is not giuen by the sayde acte to the Justices of peace, mayres, baylyffes, shyriffes, and other officers, reherced in the same acte, for to punyshe offendours, and suche other as wyll not sell by weyghte, accordynge to the forme of the sayde acte. And the bouchers and other offenders perceyuynge the same, not dreadinge the violacion of the sayde acte, nor the punyshementes conteyned in the same acte, haue wylfully and obstinately contemned and offended the sayde acte, and wylle in no wyse sell after the same, to the hyghe displeasure of the kinges hyghnesse, in contempte of his sayde lawes, and to the greate detrymente of the common wealthe of this realme. Be it therfore further enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that from the .1. daye of Februarye, in the yeare of our lorde God M.D.XXXIII. it shall be lawfull to all and euerye mayres, Shiriffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and markettownes, as well within libertes, as without, to whom anye complaynt shall be made of or vpon anye boucher, his wife, seruauntes, or other his ministers, refusinge to sell the sayde victualles, by true and lawfull weyghte, according to the tenour of the saide acte heretofore made, not only to committe euery such boucher, and other suche offenders, to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprice, vntyll suche tymes as they and euerye of them shall haue payde all the forfaytes and penalties, comprysed in the sayde former acte, but also euery of the said mayres, and other officers aforesayde, and their deputies, shall immediatelye sell and vtter, or cause to be solde and vttered for redy money, by true weyghte, all suche victuals to be sold to be retayled and solde by true and lawfull weyght, according to effecte of the saide former acte, deliuerynge alwayes the money therof commynge, vnto the owners of the same victuals, whyche owners shall be vtterly and for euer excluded to haue any action, suite, or demaund agaynst anye suche mayre or other officer or their deputies, for sellynge or vtterynge of the sayde victuals, by true and lawfull weyght, in forme aforesayde, or for any other cause or thyng concerning the same. Excepte onely for the money receyued for the same victuals, if it be not vpon reasonable requeste therof to be made, payde or restored without delaie.

And to the entente that the bouchers from tyme to tyme, maye be the more redye and able to vtter and sell the sayde victualles by true and lawfull

weight, It is further ordeined, eſtabliſhed, & enacted, by the auctho̅rite a-
foreſayde, that euery owner, grasier, fermour, breder, drouer, and drog-
ger of this realme, whiche after the ſayde daye ſhall haue any beoffes, mut-
tons, beales, or pordes, fatte and kepte to be ſolde for mans meate, ſhall
at all times when ſo euer anye boucher or bouchers, or other perſonne or
perſones, ſhall reſorte to them to bye the ſame to be killed or retayled a-
gayne by lawfull weyght, ſhall make ſale of their ſaide cattelles to euery
ſuche boucher or bouchers, as will bye the ſame to be retayled by lawfull
weyght, as is aforeſayde, at ſuche reaſonable price or pryces, ſo as the
ſayde bouchers or others, alwayes may retayle the ſame agayne by lawfull
weight, as is aforeſayde, accordynge to the effecte of the ſayde former acte,
made for the ſellyng of fleſhe by weyghte. The ſayde bouchers alwayes
payenge for the ſame cattell ready money in hande, or at ſuche dayes as the
owners of the ſaid cattell may be agreed withall. And if that the ſaid own-
ners, graſiers, fermours, breeders, drouers, and droggers, or any of them
at any tyme or times after the ſayde xx daye of Februarye, ſhall refuſe to
ſette anye ſuche reaſonable pryce, and to make ſale of the ſayde cattell in
forme aforeſayde, to the boucher or bouchers, or to anye other perſonne or
perſones, that will bye and kill, and retayle the ſame agayne by lawfull
weyghte (as is aforeſayde) that then euery Juſtice of peace, within the li-
mittes of his commiſſion, inhabitinge nere vnto the place, where ſuche
refuſall ſhall be made, and mayres or bayliffes of other places corporated
vpon complaynt to be made to him or them therof, by any boucher or bou-
chers, or other, whiche wouldes bye the ſayd cattell to ſell agayne (as is
aforeſayde) ſhall haue fulle power and auctho̅rite by vertue of this pre-
ſente acte, to directe hys or their precepte vnder hys or their ſeale, vn-
to foure, three, or two honeſte, diſcrete, and indyfferente perſonnes, not
beinge fermours, tenauntes, or ſeruauntes to the owners of the ſayde
cattell, commaundinge them by the ſame, to ſette and tare the ſayde
pryces indyfferentely betwene the ſayde parties, in ſuche diſcrete wyſe
as the bouchers, whyche ſhall bye the ſaid cattell to retayle and ſell agayne
as is aforeſayde, ſhall be no loſers in vttrynge the fleſhe of the ſame cat-
tell agayne by lawfull weight. And if any owner, fermour, grasier,
breeder, or drogger, as is aforeſayde, or anye of the ſayde foure, three,
or two indifferente perſonnes, ſo to bee appoynted by the ſayde Juſty-
ces, Mayres, or Bayliffes, or by ayny of them at anye tyme after the
ſayde daye, refuſe to obeye and perfourme the tenoure of the ſayde pre-
cepte, or to sette and ſell their cattell of ſuche nature, as is aboue re-
herſed, in fourme aforeſayde, that then all and euerye the ſayde owne-
ners, fermours, graſiers, drouers, breeders, and droggers, and alſo
the ſayde foure, three, or two indyfferente perſonnes, and euerye of
them, makynge anye ſuche refuſall or denial, or not executynge, or
not obeyinge the ſame, yf it be wythin foure dayes, before ſuche of the
foure termes of yerely exercisynge or kepynge the lawes of this realme,

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shall be comaunded by anye of the sayde Justices, mayres, or baylyffes; euerye suche offendour vppon peyne of .xl. poundes personally to appere be-fore the kinges highnesse, and the lordes of his moste honourable counsayle in the sterred chamber at Westmynster, or other place of their common as-semblie, in the terme nexte ensuinge the same fourty dayes, there to make fyne and abyde suche further punyshment, as shall be thoughte moste con-uenient by the discreacion of the chaunceloure of Englande, the Trea-sourer of Englande, and other the lordes of the sayd counsayle for the time beinge, for their saide refusall, or other their said offence. And if any suche offence or refusall, shall happen to be committed, in fourme a-foresayde, duringe the time of anye of the sayde foure termes, thenne vpon monicion, payne, and certificatte shall bee made by anye of the sayde Jus-tices, Mayres, or Baylyffes, in fourme before reherced, at the nexte terme then folowinge. And if that anye tyme after the foresayde twentie daye of Februarie, anye of the sayde Justices, or Mayres, or Baylyffes of places corporated, vppon any complaynte so to be made to them, or to anye of them, in fourme afore sayde, dooe not in tyme and place conuenient, vppon reasonable requeste, awarde hys precepte vnto suche foure, three, or two, as he shall thinke by hys discreacion to bee indifferente personnes, and also geue monicion vppon peyne as is aforesayde, and make true relacion and certificate by writinge vnto the kynges sayde highnesse, and vnto hys saide counsayle, in fourme afore-sayde, of the sayde refusalle, or other afore sayde misbehauour, of anye of the saide owners, fermours, graziers, drouers, breeders, and broggers, aforesayde, and also of the sayde foure, three, or two indifferent personnes, as the truthe of the case shall require. If the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Baylyffes of places corporate, in tyme and place conuenient, bee rea-sonablye required so to dooe, that then euerye the saide Justices, Mayres, and Baylyffes aforesayde, beynge reasonablye required in tyme and place conuenient to make his warrante, or to geue monicion, or to make true relacion and certificat accordinge to the tenoure of thys acte, and re-fusing that to doe in fourme as is above remembred, shall lose and forfaite for euery suche defaute fortie shillinges. And if the saide maires, shiriffes, Constables, or other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and other markette townes, or anye of theim within the limitts of theyr auctorities, by them selfe, or by suche other as they or anye of them shall hereunto limitte and appointe by theyr precepte, dooe not cause the sayde kyndes of victu-all from tyme to time to be retayled, vttered, and solde by lawfull weight, accordinge to the tenoure of the sayde former acte, that then euerye of the same Mayres and other officers aforsaide, shall loose and forfayte the summe of fortie shyllinges, for euerye tyme that reformacion, accordynge to the effecte and tenour of thys presents acte, in his or their defaulte, is not therof by euerye of them hadde and made vppon anye suche reasonable complaint made in fourme aforesaide.

And that the one moitie of the forfaitures aforesayde, shall be to the vse of the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other moytie vnto anye other person or persones, that will sue for the same, by bylle, playnte, informacion, action of dette, or otherwise, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to the wager of his lawe, nor none essoin or protection shal be allowed for his defence in that behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Maire and shyreffes, alwayes for the tyme beynge, of the citye of London shall cause all and euery the foresayd victuals to be vewed and sold by lawfull weyghte within the sayde citie, and the liberties of the same, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde former acte, and also of thys present acte, vpon peine to lose and forfayte the summe of .xl.s. for euery tyme that complaint therof to them or to anye of them, be reasonablye made, and the same complaint or complaintes not by them remedied and redressed in maner and fourme aforesayde. And that the one moitie of euery suche forfaiture shalbe to the kinges highnes, his heires, and successours, and the other moytye to any other person or persones, that wyll sue for the same in any courte of Recorde of this realme, in like maner as is afore rehersed.

¶ And for as muche as beoffes, muttons, veales, and porkes, by many occasions fortune in some one yere, or in some one tyme of the yeare, to be more scarce or more deere, than at an other, by meane whereof the graziers and bouchers, in suche a due tyme, shall not be able to afoorde the same at suche prices and rates, as when they be in more plentie, and better cheape. Be it therfore further enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, kynges of this realme, from tyme to tyme vppon any complaintes made of anye scarcitie or lacke of beoffes, muttons, veales, or porkes, shall and maye from tyme to tyme cause proclamacion to be made vnder the greate seale, in suche partyes of thys realme, as shall seeme to his highnes, hys heyres or successours, moste conuenient, that the bouchers and other, whiche be compellable to selle flesshe by weyghte, at prices limitted in the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weighte, shall and maie sell for the tyme to be limitted in suche proclamacion, beoffes, muttons, veales, and porkes by retayle without weighte, as here to fore hath bene accustomed, or els by weyghte at suche reasonable prices, as shall be limitted by the sayde proclamacion, and as shall please the kinges highnes, his heires or successours to limitte and as shall please the sayde proclamacion, vppon suche peyne as shall be contryued in suche proclamacions, to be lost and leuied to the kinges vse, accordynge to the tenour of euery suche proclamacion. And that as well euery boucher and other, for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, veale, or porke by retayle, by vertue of suche proclamacion, wythin the tymes to be nympted in the same, as euerye other personne and persons, beynge bounden by authoritie of thys acte, to se the sayde bouchers so to doe, vpon the peines aboue specified, shall be discharged & acquited by authoritie of euerye suche proclamacion of all

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penalties, peines, forfaytures, and losses, whiche they shoulde haue suffered and loste by vertue of the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, or by vertue of this presente acte, in case no suche proclamacion had bene made, anie thinge in the saide acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weight, or in this present acte conteined, to the contrarie herof not withstanding.

¶ And where by an acte passed, sythen the beginnynge of thys presente parliamente, it was ordeined and prouided, that no person or persons, bouchers or other, inhabitinge within this realme, Wales, or marches of the same, shoulde from the first day of Januarie laste past, duringe two hole yeres, from thencefoorth next folowinge, kill or cause to be killed any yonge suckinge calfe or calfes, to be solde or put to sale to anye person or persons, hole or by retaile, which calfe or calues shoulde happen to fal or to be calued, betweene the sayde first day of Januarie, and the sayde fyrste day of May, in any of the sayde two yeres, vppon certeine peines conteined in the saide acte, as by the same acte more at large is expressed. The kinge our souereigne lorde, of his moste excellent goodnes, to the intent that his louinge subiectes shoulde be the better prouided of plentye of victuals agaynst thys holy tyme of Easter nexte commynge, and from thencefoorth during thys yeare, is therfore pleased and contented, that it be established and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliamente, that all bouchers, and other sellinge flesshe by retayle, maye lawfully from the .xii. day of Marche, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god. M.D.XXXIII. vnto the firste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, kill and sell calues by retayle by weighte, accordinge to the saide statute made for sellinge of flesshe by weight, or els accordynge to suche proclamacion, as shall please the kinges highnes to make for the same, in fourme as is aboue rehersed, if anye suche proclamacion happen to be made, the sayd late acte made for killinge of calues, to endure for two yeares, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliamente, that the sayde acte made for killinge of calues shall beginne to take effecte at the firste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, and from thencefoorth shall endure and continue two hole yeares next after that ensuinge, anye thinge conteined in this present acte to the contrarye therof not withstanding.

¶ An acte of proclamacion to be made concerning victuals. Cap. ii.

FOr as muche as derthe, scarsitie, good cheape, and plentye of cheese, butter, capons, hennes, chekinges, & other victuals, necessarie for mens sustenance happeneth, rifeth, and chaunceth oft to many and diuers occasions, that is verye harde & difficile to put any certaine prices to any suche thinges. And yet nee-

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nettheleſſe the prices of ſuche victualls be many times inhaunſed and reyſed by the greedye couetouſnes and appetites of the owners of ſuche victuals, by occaſion of ingroſſinge and regratynge the ſame, moreouer vpon anye reaſonable or iuſte grounde or cauſe, to the greate damage and impouriſhynge of the kinges ſubiectes. For remedye wherof be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that vpon euery complaynte made of anye enhaunſynge of prices of ſuche victuals, without grounde or cauſe reaſonable in anye parte of this realme, or in anye other the kynges dominions, the lorde Chaunceller of Englande, the lorde Treaſourer, the lorde Preſident of the kinges moſte honorable counſell, the lorde Priuie ſeale, the lorde Stewarde, the lorde Chamberleine, and all other lordes of the kinges counſaile, the Treaſourer and Comptroller of the kinges moſt honourable houſe, the chaunceller of the duchie of Lancaſter, the kinges Iuſtices of either benche, the Chaunceller, Chamberleins, vnder Treaſourer, and the barons of the kinges eſchequire, or vii. of them at the leaſt, whereof the lorde Chaunceller, the lorde Treaſourer, the lorde Preſident of the kinges counſayle, or the lorde Priuie ſeale to be one, ſhall haue power and auctoritie, from time to time as the caſe ſhall require, to ſette and tare reaſonable prices of all ſuche kindes of victuals aboue ſpecified, howe they ſhall be ſolde in groſſe, or by retayle, for reliefe of the kynges ſubiectes. And that after ſuche prices ſette and tared, in fourme aforeſayde, proclamacyon ſhall bee made in the kynges name, vnder the greate ſeale, of the ſayde prices, in ſuche parte of this realme as ſhall bee conuenient for the ſame.

¶ And be it enacted, that all ſurmours, ouuers, broggers, and all other victuallers what ſo euer, hauynge or keping any of the kindes of victuals aforerehersed to the intente to ſell, ſhall ſell the ſame to ſuche the kinges ſubiectes as will bye them, at ſuch prices as ſhalbe ſette & tared by the ſayd proclamation, vpon the paynes to be expreſſed and limitted in the ſayde proclamation, to be loſte, forfayted, and leuied to the kinges vſe in ſuche wiſe, as by the ſame proclamation ſhalbe declared.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned, ſhall not be hurtfull to mayres, ſhiriffes, bayliffes, or other officers of cytyes, boroughes or townes corporate, nor to anye perſon or perſones, or bodyes politike, hauynge auctoritie to ſet prices of ſuche victuals, or of anye of them, but that they and euery of them may ſet prices therof, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons, oneles it be by licence vnder the kinges greate ſeale, from henceforth ſhall carye or conuey, or cauſe to be caried and conueied, any corne, beaſtes, muttons, beales, porkes, or anye other of the aboue ſayde victualles, to anye the parties beyonde the ſea, excepte onely for the victuallynge of the towne of Calais, Guiſnes, Hammes, and the marches of the ſame. And excepte for victuallyng of maiſters mariners, and marchauntes of ſhippes

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paſſinge the ſeas, and alſo excepte barelled butter, and meale to be caried to the parties of Iſelande, as hath bene accuſtomed, vpon paine of forfaitinge of the value of the thinge conueyed and caried into the parties of beyonde the ſea, contrarye to this acte, the one halfe therof to the vſe of our ſayde ſouereaigne lorde, and the other halfe to the partye that will ſewe for the ſame, by bill, playnt, writ, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes. In whiche ſuites the defendant ſhall not wage his law, nor anye protection or eſſoine for him ſhall be allowed.

An acte concerning ſtanding muet and peremptorie challenge. Cap. iii.

WHere at your parliament holden at weſtminſter in the XXIII. yeare of your moſte noble reigne, amongeſt other thinges, it was ordeined, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no perſon nor perſons, which therafter ſhould happen to be founde guiltie after the lawes of this lande for any maner of petie treaſon, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepenſed, or for robbynge of anye churches, chapels or other holy places, or for robbyng of any perſone or perſones in their dwellynge houſes, or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the ſame houſe, his wife, his children, ſeruauntes then beinge within, and put in feare and drede by the ſame, or for robbynge of any perſon or perſons in or nere aboute the high way, or for wilfull burninge of any dwellinge houſes or barnes, wherin any graine or cornes ſhal happen to be, nor any perſon or perſons, beyng founde guiltie of anye abbetement, procurement, helpinge, maynteynynge or counſaillynge, of or to anye ſuche petie treaſon, murders, or felonies ſhould from thenceforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſuffre deathe in ſuch maner and forme, as they ſhould haue done for any the cauſes or offences aboue ſayde, if they were no clerkes. Suche as be within holy orders, that is to ſaye, of the orders of ſubdeacon or aboue, all onelye excepte, as more at large appeareth by the ſayde acte. And for as muche as the ſaide acte extendeth onelye to ſuche perſones, as be founde guiltie after the dewe courſe of the lawes of this lande, diuers and many greate arrant robbers, murderers, burglariers and felons, that do offende and committe diuers and many petie treaſons, robberies, burglaries, and felonies, contrary to the tenour of the ſayde acte, perceiuynge and clerelye vnderſtandinge, that by the woordes of the ſame ſtatute and acte, that they ſhould not leſe the benefite and aduantage of their clergie, onles that they be founde guiltie after the due courſe of the law, vpon their arreignement of and vpon the ſaid felonies, robberies, and other offences before ſaid, ſo by them done and committed, by reaſon wherof, diuers and many of the ſame robbers, and felons, vpon their arreignement of the ſame robberies, and felonies, vpon

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theie inditementes againſte them, ſtonde muet, and ſometime challenge peremptorye ouer the numbre of xx. or els will not directely anſwere to the ſame inditementes, whereupon they be ſo arreyned, accordyng to the order of the law. And for that that theſe eſpeciall caſes be not expreſſely compryſed and conteined within the letter of the ſame ſtatute, it is neceſſarie and expedient, that the ſame caſe be clerly and diffinitiuely expounded and declared by aucthoritie of this preſent parliament. And where alſo as diuers and many felons and robbers, that committe and dooe diuers and many greate heynous robberies, and burglaries in one ſhyre, and conueye the ſpoyle and robberies into anye other ſhyre and there be taken, indyted, and arrayned vppon felony and felonous ſtealynge of the ſame goodes, in the ſame other ſhyre, then there, where the ſame robberies or burglaries were done and committed, and not vppon the ſame robberie nor burglarie, for that it was not done nor committed in the ſame ſhyre, where they be ſo indited and arreined, and by reaſon therof the ſame miſdemeaners, felons, robbers, and burglaries haue and enioye the priuylege and aduantage of their clergie, to the greate hurte and loſſe of the kynges prerogatiue, and great boldenes of ſuch offenders.

¶ In conſideration wherof, be it enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that euerye perſon and perſons that is, or hereafter ſhall be indited of petty treaſon, wilfull burninge of houſes, murder, robberie, or burglarie, or other felonie, accordinge to the tenour and meaninge of the ſame ſtatute, and therupon arrayned, and dooe ſtande muet of malice or frowarde minde, or challenge peremptorye aboue the numbre of xx. or els will not or dooe not anſwere directlye to the ſame inditement and felonye, whereupon he is ſo arreyned, ſhall from henceforthe loſe the benefite and priuilege of his or their clergie, in like maner and forme, as if he had directly pleaded to the ſame petie treaſon, murder, robberie, burglarye, or other felonye, whereupon he is ſo arrayned, not giltie, & therupon had be founde giltie, after the lawes of the lande.

¶ And by the ſame auctoritie be it further enacted, that if any perſon or perſonnes hereafter be indited of felony for ſtealynge of anye goodes or catteles, in anye county within this realme of Englande, and therupon arrayned and be founde giltie, or ſtande muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the numbre of twentye perſonnes, as is aforeſayde, or will not vppon his fyrſte arreynement directly aunſwere to the ſame felonye, that then the ſame perſon and perſons ſo arrayned and founde gyltye, or ſtonde muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the numbre of twentie perſons, or will not directly anſwere to the law, ſhall loſe and be put from the benefite of their clergie, in like maner and fourme as they ſhoulde haue done, if they had bene indicted and arreyned, & founde giltie in the ſame counte, where the ſame robberie or burglarye was doone

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or committed, if it shall appeare to the Justices, before whome any such felons or robbers be arrayned by euidence geuen before them, or by examination, that the same felonies, whereupon they are so arreyned, had bene suche robberies or burgularies, in the same shire, where suche robberies or burglaries were committed or done, by reason whereof they shoulde haue loste the benefite of their clergie by force of the sayde statute, in case they had bene founde gilty therof in the same shire, where suche robberyes or burglaries were committed and done.

¶ An acte against forstallyng and regrating of fishe. Ca. xiii.

WHere as before this time diuers actes of parlyamente haue bene made by the kinges moste noble progenitours agaynste forstallers and regratours of victaile and other marchandyse in markets and fayres within this realme of Englande, whyche former statutes, not onely for lacke of due execution of the same, but also for lacke of condigne punishmente in the saide statutes conteined, be lyttell feared or regarded, for diuers and manye of the kinges subiectes, contrarye to the meaninge of the sayde statutes, nothinge regardinge the displeasure of almightye god, and of the kinges highnes, ne yet the loue and charitie, that they oughte to haue to their neighbours and common wealth of this realme, for their priuate lucre and synguler auayle, commonly, in euerye markette and fayre within this realme, doe forstall and regate all maner of victaile, as corne, wines, fishe and flesh, and specially in Sturbridge faire, Iues faire, and Elye faire, beynge the moste notable fayres within thys realme, for prouision of fyshe, and moste to the releife of the kinges subiectes, if suche forstallynge and regratinge might be set on side, whiche is moste vsed by the inhabitauntes of London, and other the kynges subiectes, that onely before the sayde fayres, resorte to the salte sea side or sea coastes, and there bye vppon the stone all maner of fyshe, as well the fyshe that commeth from Iselande, as the fyshe that is taken in the sayde salte sea or sea coastes, neare adioynynge to the parties of this realme, and incontinently they repayre to the sayd Sturbridge fayre, and from thence to the sayde other faires, and there they sell againe the sayde fishe in maner at their owne price and pleasure, and not onely sell the same fishe there, but also they bie vp all maner of fishe thither brought by anye persomne, as salte fyshe, stockefyshe, lynge, haburden, lobbefyshe, and suche other kindes of salte fishe, and sell the same againe in the same fayre or fayres, so that the kinges subiectes be dryuen to bye all suche fyshe, as to them is requisite and necessarye, at the seconde, thyrde, or fourthe hande, by reason whereof greate scarsenes and derthe doeth insue to the kinges subiectes in all places throughe out this realme, to the greate

greate displeasure of almightye god, and of the kinges highnes, and to the greate impouerishing of the kinges subiectes.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion he or they be, other than suche person or persones, as nowe be, or hereafter shall bee marchant venterers to Iseland for the sayde fishe, or that be doggers, or ther wyse called doggermen, or suche as nowe, or hereafter shall be fishermen, that actually labour for the takinge of the sayde fishe in the sayde east sea side, or east sea coaste, shall bye any of the kindes of the sayde fyshe at or vpon the stone, or at the sayde east sea syde, or east sea costes, to sell the same fishe agayne, or any part therof, at any of the sayde fayre or fairs, called Sturbridge faire, saincte Iues faire, or Ely fayre, and that no maner of person or persons other then the sayde marchantes venterers, doggers, or fishermen, shall from hence forth sell any salt fishe, stockefishe, lynge, haburden, iobbefyshe, or suche other kinde of saltfyshe, at or wythin any of the sayd fayre or fayres, wherof the kinde of the sayde fish is vsually wont to be laide vpon lande, at the said east sea side.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no maner of person or persones, beynge owner or owners of any of the sayd shippe or shippes, ne yet any mayster or maysters of the sayde shippes, shall at any time hereafter, bie anye dole or doles of any of the mariners, of any of the sayde shippe or shippes, called the mariners dole fishe.

¶ And also it is further enacted by the auctoritie aboue said, that no maner of personne or persones from hence forthe, shall forstalle and bye anye of the saide fishe, in comyng to the saide fayre or fayres, to sell the same againe in any of the sayde faires, excepte it be for the necessarye victaylynge of the said fayre or fayres, to be there eaten and spente, duerynge the tyme of the saide fayres.

¶ It is also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons at anye tyme hereafter shall bye anye stockefishe, saltefishe, lynge, haburden, iobbefyshe, or any other kinde of saltefishe, within the said fayre or fayres, to sell the same againe within the said fayre or fayres, except it be for the necessarie victaylinge of the sayde fayre or fayres, to be eaten and spente within the same fayres, duringe the time of the sayde fayre and fayres. Vpon the peine to euerie person or persons, offendinge any of the sayde articles before rehersed, contrarye to the meaninge of this act, to forfayt the same fishe so bought, forstalled, or regrated, the one halfe therof to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to be to the partie that will sease or take his action or suite for the same, and that it be lawfull to all and singuler the kynges subiectes, to take the same fishe so forfayt by the waye of seiser, or to sue for the same by originall writte, bille, informacion in the kinges exchequire, or any other the kinges courtes of recorde, or in the same courte of the sayde fayre or fayres, called the courte of Pe-

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powders, at his or their pleasure, in whiche action or suite the defendant or defendauntes shall not wage their lawe, ne yet be aided by essoin or protection. And that the stewarde of euery of the said faires for the time being shall yerelye cause this presente estatute to be openly proclaymed and redde at three seueral dayes within the same fayre, that is to saye at twoo seueral dayes in the begynnynge of the same fayre, and at an other daye, in the middes of the same fayre, to the intent the kinges subiectes maye be throughly instructed of euery article conteined in this estatute, vppon the peyne of forfaiture of hys sayde office of Stewardshyppe, and to forfayte to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, for euerye suche defaute, that proclamacion is not made, as is aboue sayde.xl.s.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that none of the sayde marchauntes venterers, doggermen, or fishermen, shall at anye tyme here after bye anye fishe at the Stone, at the easte sea syde, or sea costes, to sell the same fishe againe in the saide fayre or fayres, by couin or fraude, to the vse of any other person or persones, other then for their onely vse or vses, vppon lyke peine as is aboue reherced. And that euerye of the kinges subiectes may haue lyke aduauntage by seisure of the same fishe, or by waye of action or suite, for the winninge or gayninge of the same, as is aforesayde.

And also that no maner of person or persons hereafter be reputed or taken to be a marchaunt venterer, to take aduauntage, or benefite of this acte, excepte his aduenture in the sayde shippe or shippes to Islande, shall amounte to the summe, of xx.li. without fraude or couin.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte nor any thinge therin conteined, shall be in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall vnto anye person or persons, beinge fishers dwellinge or inhabitinge in anye place or places benorthe the ryuer of Humbre, but that they and euerye of them maye vse their crafte and sellynge of all maner of fishe, by them or anye of them hereafter to be taken benorthe the sayde riuer of Humbre aforesayde, in like maner and fourme, as they or anye other their predecessours fishers haue vsed to doone heretofore. And that the byers of the same fishe maye lawfully sell the same in any of the sayde faires, in maner and fourme as in the aboue sayde acte is conteined, anye thinge in the sayde acte to the contraye made, or expressed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for callendring of worsted es. Ca. v.

Where as at the parliamente holden at westminster, the .xxiii. daye of Januarye in the .v. yere of oure soueraigne lordes reygne the kinge that now is, there was an acte and one estatute made, prouided, and established, for the auoidinge of deceites & falsnes, in worsted es, as well, by reason of dyre callendringe thereof with gummies, oyles, and presses, as also by weete cal-

lendynge, by persones hauinge no cunninge in orderinge of the same, whiche acte was made to endure but onely to the parliamente then nexte folowinge. And for as muche as it is evidently knowen, that the same acte and estatute aforesayde, is very good and necessarie for the common wealthe of this realme. Wherfore the kinge our soueraigne lorde by the aduise and consente of hys lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of thys presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same hath ordeyned, enacted, and established, that the sayde acte and estatute made in the .xx. yeare of his moste noble raygne aforesayde, and euery thyng therin conteyned, shall from the feaste of saincte Mychaell the archangell nexte comminge, continue and be good and effectuall in euerye poynte and article of the same for euer.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted and established, by the auctoritie aforesayde, for the common welthe of the citie of Norwiche and mayntenance, supportation, and vpholdyng of the houses, tenementes, and inhabitacions of the same, that no maner person vsinge the craft and misterye of dyeynge of worstedes, stamins, or sayes, or of anye of them, nother by them selues, or any seruaunte, factour, deputie, or any other by his commaundement or assignemente, from the feaste of Christmas nowe nexte ensuinge, shall vse to calender anye worstedes, stamins, or saies, or anye other commodities made of worstede yarne, duringe all suche times as the same persoune shall vse the misterie or crafte of dyinge aforesayde, vppon peine to forfayte for euery peece so died and calendred by collour, couyn, fraude, or contrarye to the true meaninge and intent of thys present acte .xl.s. to be deuided in three egal parties, the one parte therof to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and one other parte to the maire for the time beinge, and the thyrde parte to him or them that will sue for the same by bylle, action of dette, playnte, informacion, or otherwise, in anye of the kinges courte, wherin none essoine, delaie, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ An acte for the punishement of the vice of buggerie. Ca. bi.

FOr as muche as there is not yet sufficient and condigne punishment, appointed & limitted by the due course of the lawes of this realme, for ꝑ detestable & abhominable vice of buggeri cõmitted with mankind or beast. It may therfore please the kinges highnes, with the assent of his lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons of of this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of the same, that the same offence be from henceforth adiudged felony, & suche order and fourme of proces therin to be vsed againste the offendours, as in cases of felony at the common lawe. And that the offendours beinge hereof conuicte by verdicte, confession, or outlawrie, shall suffre suche peynes of deathe, and losses, and penalties of their goodes, cattel, dettes, landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as felons benne accustomed to

do accordinge to the order of the common lawes of this realme. And that no person offendinge in anye suche offence, shalbe admitted to his clergye. And that iustices of peace shall haue power and auctoritie within the lymittes of their commissions and iurisdiction, to here and determine the sayde offence, as they doe vse to do in cases of other felonies. This acte to endure tyll the laste day of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte againste killinge of yonge spaune or frie of yeles and Salmon. Cap. vii.

FOr as muche as greate hurte and dayely inconuenience haue and doe ensue vnto all the kinges subiectes of thys realme by the gredie apetites & insaciable desire, whiche sundrye of them occupienge fishinge, haue vsed, by takinge, killinge, and distroyinge the yonge spaune, frie, or broode of yeles and salmon, as welle in salte ryuers as in freshe ryuers, lakes, plashes, fennes, and marshes in manie parties of this realme, to the no littell hinderaunce and derogacion of the common weale of the same, as also in killinge of salmons, when they be vnseasonable and not holsome for mans bodye, called commonly hypper salmons. It is therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that from the firste daie of Februarye nexte comminge, vnto the laste daye of July then nexte ensuinge, and so yerely from henceforthe, duringe the space of tenne yeres, no maner of person or persones, of what estate, degree or condicyon, so euer they be, with anye maner of net, wheele, or with any deuise or engine made of heare, cannas, or wyth anye other cautelle shall willingly presume to take anye frie, spaune, or broode of yeles, called yelefares, or Ell bares, in any ryuers or waters salte or freshe, within thys realme of Englande, or wales, or in the marches of the same. And ouer this that duringe the sayde ten yeres, no maner of person or persones, from the first day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god M.D.XXXV. vnto the firste daye of September then nexte folowinge, & so yerely from thencefoorth during the saide .x. yeres, shall presume willingly to take or destroy in or by meanes of anye wele, butte, nette, berd net of heare, taining, lepe, hiue, creele, raw web, lister, sier, or by any other engine in fludgate, salmon pipe, or at the tayle of any mille or were, or in anye stretes, ryuers, ryues, or bankes, salte or freshe within the realme of Englande, Wales, Barwicke, and the marches of the same, the yonge frye, spaune, or broode of anye kinde of salmon, called lakspinkes, snowtes, or salmon pele. And that no maner of person or persones, of what degree or condicion he shalbe of, from the feaste of the exaltacion of the holye crosse, to the feaste of saincte Martyne in the winter, duringe the sayde tenne yeres, shall willingly by anye meanes

aforesayde, or other wise kill or destroye anye salmons, not in season, called kypper salmons, within anye freshe ryuer or salte riuer, or in places, where at that time suche salmons haue naturally their repayre, within thys realme of Englande, Wales, Barwicke, or within the marches of the same, And if anye person or persones, after anye of the sayde dayes limitted in this presente acte, offende in anye of the pointes before rehersed, contrarye to the tenoure, fourme, and purporte of anye parte of the same, then euerye suche persone or persones (so offendinge) shall lose and forfayte for euerye tyme of his or their suche offence, the summe of fyue pounides, and the fishe. And also the vnlawfull nettes, and other vnlawfull engines or deuises, what so euer they bee, made, kepte, or vsed for the kyllynge takynge, or destroiynge of the sayde kypper salmon, or of anie of the ponge broode, spaune, or frie of yeles or salmon before rehersed. The one halfe of the saide forfaiture shall bee to the kynges highnesse, his heires, and successours, and the other halfe shall be to him that will sue for the same by action of dette, bylle, playnte, or otherwise in anye courte of Recorde within this realme, Wales, or Barwicke, or the marches of the same.

And that the Justices of assise, and also the Justyces of peace in euerye assise and quarter sessions in all counties within this realme, and all lordes hauinge courtes royall in Englande, Wales, or Barwicke, and in the marches of the same, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this presente acte, not onely to enquire of and vppon the defaultes and offences, committed contrarye to the tenoure and effecte of this present acte, but also to se due punishement and reformacion therof, in forme aforesayde, from tyme to tyme, durynge the space of the sayde tenne yeres, as often as the case shall so require in euery behalfe.

An acte concerninge pavinge of Holburne, and other paumentes within the citie & suburbes of London. Ca. viii.

COmplaineth to your highnes, and to your highe courte of parliament, not all onely your subiectes, and inhabitantes within the streete of Holburne, but also all the poore carters and other your subiectes, beinge common trauaylers, repairynge wekely and monthely to your citie of London, that where the sayde streete being the common passage for all cariages, caried from weste and northweste parties of the realme, was of late tyme so well and substancially paued, that your subiectes hadde good and sure passage throughe the sayde streete, tyll nowe of late, for lacke of renewinge of the sayde pauynge by the landlordes, whiche dwell not within the citie, the waye is so noious and so full of sloughes and other incumbraunces, that oftentymes many of your subiectes, ridinge through the sayd streete and waye, be in ieoperdie of hurte, and haue almoste perished. Pleaseth it your highnes, and the lordes spiritual

ſpirituall & temporall, & the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled, to enact, by the auctho̅itie of the ſame, that all and ſinguler perſones, their heires, & ſucceſſours, whiche now haue, o̅ hereafter ſhall haue anye landes, tenementes, o̅ hereditamentes be twene the bridge, called Holburne bridge, and the barres at the weſt ende of the ſayde ſtreete, be it on the one ſide of the ſtrete and other, in fee ſimple, fee taile, o̅ for terme of life, ſhall before the feaſte of ſaincte Michael, whiche ſhall be in the yere of our lo̅rde god 1534. ſufficiently paue o̅ cauſe to be paued withe pauinge ſtone, alonge from his o̅ their landes o̅ tenementes, adioyninge to the highe waye, all ſuch quantitie of the ſayde ſtreete, and in ſuch places as the ſaid ſtreete at any time before the making of this acte, hath bene paued, upon peine to forfayt to your highnes your heires & ſucceſſours, for euery yarde ſquare not ſufficiently pauid by the ſaid day limitted & aſſigned in forme before expreſſed. vi. d.

¶ And be it alſo enacted, by the auctho̅itie afore ſaide, that all and euerye perſon and perſones, hauinge anye of the ſayde landes and tenementes in poſſeſſion o̅ in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, o̅ for terme of lyfe, adioyninge to the ſayde highe waie and ſtrete, their heires and ſucceſſours ſhall from & after the ſayde feaſte of ſainct Michael, the which ſhall be in the ſaid yere of our lo̅rde god. 1534. ſufficiently mainte̅in the pauement of the ſayd way & ſtrete, againſte euery their ſaid landes and tenementes, in ſuche & like forme as is aboue declared, upon peine to forfaite to your highnes, for euery yarde ſquare of the ſayd pauement, not ſufficiently paued, repaired, & amended, as often as anye ſuche default of any perſon ſhall be preſented before the maire and the aldermen of the ſame citie. vi. d. And that it be further enacted, by the auctho̅itie afore ſaid, the ſaid maire & the aldermen, for their time beinge maie haue full power & auctho̅itie to enquire in euery quarter of the yere after the ſaide feaſt of ſainct Michaell, the whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lo̅rd god. 1534. by the othe of. xii. men of the ſaide citie, aſwel of them that haue not paued acco̅rdinge to the proviſion afore ſayd, as alſo of them that remiſſ ly o̅ inſufficiently ſhal hereafter mainteine the ſame pauement, o̅ any other pauement within the ſaide citie & the ſuburbes of the ſame. And that the ſaide maire and the aldermen maye haue power and auctho̅itie, after euerie ſuche default before them preſented, to ſeſſe fines by their diſcreations, and the ſaide fines to be certified into the kinges eſchequire, and the barons therof to make proces by diſtreſſe to be taken vppon the ſayd landes and tenementes, o̅ otherwiſe by their diſcreation, as well for the ſaide fynes aſſeſſed, as for their penalties before limitted.

¶ Prouided alwaye that if the leſſees of the ſayde landes, o̅ of other landes within the citie, o̅ ſuburbes of the ſame, do ſufficiently paue o̅ repaire before their manſions o̅ dwellinge places, the ſtretes, whiche haue vſed to be paued, that then they and euery of them ſhall defalke, abate, and reteine in his o̅ their owne handes, as muche of the rentes de̅we to the leſſours, as they can proue, to haue expended on the ſame pauinge, and the leſſor, for ſo muche as that ſumme do the amounte to, to haue no action nor

receiuer for the none payment of the same, Except it be otherwyse agreed betweene them.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that lyke order bee obserued for paueinge of the streetes in the boroughe of Southwarke, as is before mencioned to be done in the citie of London. So alwayes that the reformacion and punishement of the offences ther, shall reste in the maire of the citie of London, as farre onely as is within the iurisdiction of the sayde citie, and the residue in the Justices of peace of the countye, where the same streetes be. And that the same Justices of peace shall by vertue hereof, haue power to make inquierie vpon the premisses, and heare, determin, and punishe the defaultes in maner and forme aforesaide.

¶ An acte concerninge Pewterers. Cap. ix.

IN their moste lamentable wise shewen, and pytteously complayning vnto the kinges moste royall maiestie, and to thys his moste highe courte of parliamente, the kynges moste humble, poore, and obediente subiectes, the maister wardens and poore felowshipe of the crafte and misterye of pewterers, as well of the citie of London, as of all other places within this realme of Englande, that wher the said craft or misterie before this time hath bene one of the best handy craftes within this realme, which hath onely growen and continued by meane of diuers good actes and statutes made for the true exercise of the same, wherof one was made in the xix yere of the reygne of the kinges moste renowned father, whose soule god pardon, and one other was made in the fourth yere of the kinges most victorious reigne, concerning the craftes of pewterers & brasiers, of and for the true makinge myxing and sellinge of good and true pewter and brasen vessels, and also for exercisinge and vsinge of true weightes and beames to be occupied by the sellers of anye suche pewter or brasen vessels within this realme, so that none of the kinges subiectes, nor anye other persone shoulde bye anye sale of anye false mixed brasen or pewter vessell, or anye vntrue weightes be deceiued, as by the sayde estatutes more playnely dothe apere whyche good estatutes duely put in execution, hath caused the sayde craft to encrese and multiplye, to the greate profite and vtilitie of a great numbre of the kinges subiectes, and the commoditie of pewter vessell muche to be hadde in reputacion in all straunge regions and countryes. vntill nowe of late dyuers euill disposed personnes, beinge the kynges subiectes borne, whiche haue bene apprentises and brought vp in the exercise of the sayde crafte of pewterers, haue nowe of late for their singuler lucre repaired into straunge regions and countries, and ther do exercise the sayde crafte of pewterers, teachinge straungiers not onely the cunninge of mixinge and forgeinge of all maner of pewter vessell, but also doe teache all thinges belonginge to

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the ſaid craſte of pewterers, by meane wherof there is not onely brought dayly into this realme out of ſtraunge regions to be ſolde a greate numbre of thinges made of pewter, but cruelly mixed and made of tynne, where with the kynges ſubiectes be dayely deceiued, and the people of ſtraunge countreys greatly inſtructed in the cunnyng of the ſayde craſte of Pewterers, ſo that thereby not onely a great nounbre and quantitie of pewter veſſell and other thinges of pewter, made in dyuers ſortes and facions amountinge to a greate value, whiche was dayely and continually wonte to be caried and conueyed out of thys realme by marchauntes into ſtraunge regyons and countries, there to be ſolde and vended. Wherby the commoditye of tinne made into pewter veſſell, whiche hath bene hadde in greate eſtimacion, as thinges verye neceſſarye and commodious, and the kynges cuſtomes therby muche aduaunced, is now like vtterly to ceaſe & to decay, and not to be eſteemed, as heretofore hathe bene, but alſo the ſayde craſte of pewterers, whiche at thys daye ſtandeth and depeth in worke and occupacion, a greate numbre of people, ſhall be vtterly vndone, and a greate multytude of the kinges naturalle ſubiectes therby fall into idlenes, to the greate impoueriſhment of thys realme, if ſpedye remedye for the redreſſe of the premyſſes be not prouided. In tender conſideracion whereof, and for reformacion of the premiſſes, it maye pleaſe the kinges highnes, by the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by auctho{r}itie of the ſame to ordeyne and enacte, that no perſon or perſons hereafter at anye time nowe inhabitynge, or whiche hereafter ſhall inhabite within thys realme, ſhall bye, or otherwyſe take by exchaunge for other wares anye maner wares made, or herafter to be made out of this realme, of tynne or mixte with tinne, as platers, dyſhes, ſaucers, pottes, baſons, ewers, flagons, gobiettes, ſaltes, ſaltſellers, ſpones, or anye other thyng made of tinne or pewter, as is afore ſayd, what ſo euer it be, vppon peyne of forfayture of the ſame ware, in whoſe handes ſo euer it maye be founde or taken, and alſo lawfull money currant in thys realme, to the full value therof. The one halfe of the ſame forfaiture to be to the vſe of the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to be to the vſe of the fynders of the ſame.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that it ſhall be lawfull to the mayſter and wardens of the ſayde craſte of pewterers, as well within the citie of London, as within euery other citie, boroughe, and towne of thys realme, wher ſuche wardens be, and where no ſuche wardens be, to the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernours of the ſame cytie, borough or towne for the tyme beinge, to appoynte diuers perſones moſte expert in knowledge of the ſame, to make ſerche and ſeiſure, and to take into their handes and poſſeſſyons all ſuche wares, as hereafter ſhall be broughte contrarye to the true entent and effecte of thys preſente acte, in whoſe ſo euer handes or poſſeſſion any ſuche ſhall be founde.

¶ And alſo be it enacted, by auctho{r}itie aboue ſayde, that no perſone nor perſons,

persons, occupienge the sayde craft or occupacion of pewteters within this realme, shall set on worke or retaine in his or their seruice anye person or persons to be his or their apprentice or iourneyman being straunger borne out of this realme, vpon peyne to forfaite for euerie suche apprentice and iourneyman x.li. sterlinge. And that no straunger, borne out of this realme shall occupie, exercise, or vse from the feaste of Pentecost nexte commynge, the sayde craft of pewterers, ne worke any maner of vessell or other ware afore sayde, to be made of tinne or pewter, within any place or places of thys realme, vppon peine of forfaiture of tenne pounde sterlinge, and also vppon payne of forfayture of the same pewter or tinne so wroughte, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken.

¶ And also be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that no person nor persons beinge borne within this realme, occupiynge or exercisinge the sayde crafte of pewterers, shall at any tyme hereafter resort into anye straunge regions or countryes, there to vse, teache, or exercise the sayde crafte of pewterers, vpon peine to lose the priuilege and benefitte of an Englishe man. And if in case anye of the kinges subiectes, at this presente time being dwellinge in anye straunge countrye or region, and there occupienge the sayde craft of pewterers, do not repayre into this realme within three monethes nexte after requeste and warninge to him to be giuen, by writinge sealed with the common seale of the wardens of the sayde crafte within the sayde citie of London, & here in this realme continually from henceforthe dwell and inhabit, that then and from thencefoorth he shalbe reputed and taken as no Englishe man, but shall stande and be from thencefoorthe out of the kinges protection.

¶ And for as muche as sundrie euil disposed persons, whiche commonlye bene called haukers, by auctoritie of the kinges letters patentes or placardes, doe not onely goe aboute from place to place within this realme, bringe byinge & sellynge of brasse and pewter, and by colour & pretence of the same licences or placardes, vse vnlawfull and deceiuable weightes and beames, but also do vse to sell bothe brasse and pewter, whiche is not good nor truly, nor lawfully mixte nor wroughte, to the greate decepte of the kinges true liege people, contraye to the forme and effecte of the sayde good act & statute made in the sayde .iiii. yere of the kinges moste noble reyne, be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all suche licences and placardes, here to fore hadde, made, or graunted to anye suche persone or persones, contrary to the true meaninge, forme and effecte of this estatute, shall be from henceforth by auctoritie of this presence parliament, clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayd act of parliament, concerning the craft of pewterers and brasiers, made in the sayde .iiii. yere for diuers causes and consideracions in the same acte conteined, amongest other thinges it is expressed, that no person or persons, vsynge the sayde crafte of pewterers or brasiers, shoulde from thencefoorthe sell or chaunge any pewter or brasse, newe or olde, at any place or places within thys realme

alme, but onely in open faires or markets, or in their owne dwellinge houses, but if they were desired by the biers of suche wares, vppon peine of forfaiture for euery such defaulte.x.li.

¶ For as muche as the same forfayture is to the onely vse of the kynges highnes, and that any partye serchinge or findinge the same, is not intytled to haue anye benefite therby, it hath not bene knowen, that anye person or persons haue taken any peine to enserch or make anye inquierie therof, by reason wherof diuers and many euil disposed persones, vsynge buynge and sellynge bothe of brasse and of pewter, and not regardynge the saide good acte neither the sayde penaltie, dayely goe aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sell suche pewter and brasse. whiche is not good, and also vse deceiuable weightes and beames, as they did before the making of the sayde acte, to the greate hurte and deceite of the kinges true liege people and subiectes. wherfore be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aboue sayde, that as well the moytie of the sayd forfayture of.x.li. limitted in the sayde statute, made in the sayde fourthe yere, as also the moytie of all other forfaytures before expressed, and euerye of them be and shall be to the vse of the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other moytie of the sayde forfaytures, and euerye of them, to the vse of hym or them, that shall sease, finde, or p̃sente the sayde forfaytures or anye of them, or that shall sue for the same in any competent courte or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, bill, plaint, or informacion, wherin the defendant shall in no wise be admitted to wage his lawe, nor anye protection or essoine to anye person or persons, whiche shall be impeched to haue offended contrarye to the forme and effecte of this estatute, shalbe allowable. This act to endure to the last day of thenert parliament.

¶ An acte concerning the othe of commissioners of sewers. Ca.x.

BE it enacted by the auctho̅itie of this p̃sent parliament, that the acte laste made for sewers, and the commission therin recited, shalbe extended, vsed, and put in execution in the towne and marches of Calais, accordinge to the tenoure of the same commission in like effecte, as it is enacted to be put in execution within this realme, & that no persone shalbe compelled to be sworne, or otherwise bounde to sit or trauayle in execution, of anye commission of sewers within this realme, oneles that he be dwellinge within the countye, wherof he is or shalbe assigned to be a commissioner, and for Caleis, and the sayde marches therof, oneles that he be dwellinge within the same towne of Caleis or marches.

¶ And because that diuers persones heretofore assigned to be commissioners haue refused to be sworne, accordinge to the sayde former acte wherby diuers commissioners heretofore made, remayne hitherto without effectuall

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erecucion. Be it therfore enacted, that if anye person assigned or to be assigned, to be suche commissioner of sewers, beinge required hereafter by suche person or persons as haue or shall haue auctoritie by the kinges writte, or otherwise, to receiue or accepte the othe compiled in the sayde former acte, euery person that so refuseth to take the same othe, or vppon that requeste made, doe not receiue the same othe, and that refusall or contempte done in the chauncerye, or returne into the chauncerye with the sayde writte, shall lose and forfayte for the same contempte to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, fiue markes, and so to lose from tyme to time fiue markes for euerye suche contempte, as shall be done or returned to the sayde chauncerye against any suche persones, oneles that he in the same chauncerie do shew and alledge in the sayde terme, wherin suche returne shall be made agaynste him, sufficient and reasonable matter and cause to be allowed by the lorde Chauncellour for his excuse and discharge in that behalfe.

An acte to auoide the distruction of wildfowle. Ca. vi.

Where before this time ther hath bene within this realme greate plentye of wildefowle, as duckes, mallardes, wygeons, teales, wildegeese and diuers other kyndes of wildefowle, wherby not onely the kinges moste honourable householde, but also the houses of the noble men and prelates of this realme, haue bene furnished for the necessarie expences of the same houses at conuenient prices, but also al markets of the same realme were sufficiently furnished with wildfowle there to be solde in such wise, that such as were mete to make prouision of the same for their houses, might at reasonable prices, at the same markets, be therof prouided. Nevertheless diuers persons nerte inhabytinge in the countries and places within thys realme, wher the substaunce of the same wildefowle hath bene accustomed to brede, haue in the sommer season, at suche time as the sayde olde fowle be mouted and not replenyshed with fethers to flie, nor the ponge fowle fully fethered perfectly to flye, haue by certayne nettes & other ingins and policies vnrely taken greate numbre of the same fowle, in suche wise, that the broode of wildefowle is almoste therby wasted and consumed, and daily is like more and more to waste and consume, if remedy be not therfore prouided. Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shal not be lawfull to any person or persones hereafter betwene the laste day of Maye, and the laste daye of Auguste, to take or cause to be taken anye suche wildefowle, with nettes or anye other ingins, vpon peine of one yeres imprisonment, and to forfayt for euery fowle so taken. iiii. d. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by action of dette in

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anye of the kings courtes, and in the whiche action none essoyne nor protection shalbe allowed, nor wager of the lawe reteined.

¶ And be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that all Justices of peace within the limittes of their commission, shall haue power and auctho̅itie to enquire, here, and determine the offences aforesayde, lyke as they commonly vse and do in cases of trespas.

¶ Prouided alwayes that it shalbe lawfull to any gentleman, or any other that maye dispende .cl. by the yere, of freeholde to hunte and take suche wildefowle with their handes onely, without bringe anye net or other ingins for the same, except it be a longe bowe or long bowes.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the saide auctho̅itie, that from the firste daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god .M.D. xxxiiii. vnto the laste daye of June then nexte ensuinge, and so yerely from thencefo̅rthe, no maner of person or persones shall presume by daye or by nighte, willingly to withdrawe, pull doyne, take distroy̅e, or conuey anye maner of egges of any kinde of wildefowle, from or in anye neste, place, or places, where they shall chaunce to be layde by any kinde of the same wilde fowle, vpon peine of imprisonment for one yere, and to lese and forfayte for euery egge of anye crane or bustarde, so destroyed, purloyned, withdrawen conueyde, or taken from anye neste or place, .xx.d. and for euerye egge of euerye bittore, heronne, or shouelarde .viii.d. and for euerye egge of euerye malarde, teale, or other wilde fowle, one penye. The one moitie therof to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same, in forme aforesayde, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine or protection shall be allowed. And that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of their commission, shall haue full power and auctho̅itie to enquire, here, and determine the same, in forme before reherced.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte extende not, nor be hurtefull at anye time hereafter to anye person or persones, that will distroy anye crowes, choughes, rauens, and bolardes, or their egges, or to anye other fowle or their egges, not comestible, nor vsed to be eaten.

¶ An acte concerning the attainder of Elizabeth Barton, and others, which vnder colour of hipocrisie, dissimuled sanctite, and false feined miracles, traitorously intende to distroy our soueraine lorde the king, & to depriue him of his royalme and dignitie roiall. Ca. xii.

THe lordes and commons in this presente parliament assembled, moste humbly beseche the kinges highenes, that for the declaracion of his moste pure & sincere conscience, in the deuorce & seperacion lawfully had & done betwene his maiestie, & the righte excelente princes, the lady Katherine, and for due punishment to be hadde of such persones as maliciously maligning againste the same, haue traiterously at-

attempted manye notable acte, intendinge thereby the disturbaunce of the peace and tranquilitie of this realme, & for repression, example, and reformacion of the malices and malignities, whiche hereafter maye be falsely conspired and compassed by such euell doers, to make diuision within this realme, that it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say.

Whereas our sayde soueraigne lorde, like a good and a vertuous prince beinge afflicted and sore incombred in his conscience withe the mariage, whiche was solempnised betweene his maiestie, and the sayde righte excellente princes the lady Katherine, late wife of the righte excellente prince Arthur, naturalle brother to our sayde soueraigne lorde, to the whiche prince Arthur, the saide lady Katherine was lawfully maried, and by him carnallie knowen, for the onely discharge of his conscience againste almighty god, by all true wayes and meanes inserched, studied, deuised, and consulted, as well withe sondrye vniuersities of christendome, as withe a greate numbre of excellente clerkes learned in diuinitee, of the validitie and invalidities of the sayde mariage solempnised betweene his highnes, and the sayde lady Katherine beinge before the sayde mariage his sayde brothers wife, and by him carnally knowen. And after the determinate and playne iudgementes of the sayde sundrye vniuersites and well learned men, by reason of inserches in the holy scriptures of god, by a great aduise and deliberacion, it was declared and signified vnto our sayde soueraigne lorde, that the saide mariage solempnised betweene his highnes, and the sayde lady Katherine, was prohibited and detested by the lawes of almightye god, our sayde soueraigne lorde there vpon pursued for a iuste and lawfull seperation and deuorse to be hadde, betweene his highenes and the sayde lady Katherine from the bondes of the sayde vnlawfull & detestable mariage, as to a good catholike prince beseemeth to doe in that behalfe, to the intente that his maiestye, vnder the bondes of a lawful mariage, consonant and agreable vnto the lawes of almightie god, might haue issue and procreacion for the wealthe, peace, reste, tranquilitie, and suretie of this his realme and subiectes of the same, whiche deuorse and seperation, is nowe lawfully hadde, and our sayde soueraigne lorde iustly and lawfully maried to his moste deere and entierly beloued wife queene Anne, and by her hath hadde issue, and is lyke. god beinge pleased, to haue moo, to the greate comforte, reioyce, and suretye of all his subiectes of this realme. And albeit that our sayde soueraigne lorde, like a good catholike kinge, for the onely discharge of his conscience, and for the welthe and suretie of this his realme, moste prudentely, moste deliberately, moste gentilly, moste meekely, and moste charitablye proceded in the inserchinge and knowinge of the validitie and inualiditie of the sayde detested and vnlawfull mariage, and therin painfully trauayled by many yeres, not onely to the greate inquietnes & trouble of his minde, but also to his inestimable costes and expenses, yet neuertheles diuers & sundry wilfull and inobedient subiectes of this realme, whose names and offences shall apere and be declared hereafter, beinge maliciously fixed in a contrary

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opinion against the pure iudgment of the kinges owne conscience, and also the determinacions of the saide sundrie vniuersities and well learned mē wel perceiuinge that they, beinge but a fewe in nombre, coulde not by their saide wilfull and peruerse opinions, grounded of malice, corruption, and affection, hinder ne interrupte the saide deuorse and seperacion by any lawfull meanes, did therfore, by false feined hipocrisye, dissembled sanctitye, and cloked holynes, not onely set forth and put in the handes of a great nū bre of the subiectes of thys realme, as well nobles as other spirituall and temporall persons, that they had knowledge by reuelacion from almighty god & holy sainctes, that god should be displeased with our sayd soueraigne lorde, for his said proceedings in the sayd deuorse & seperacion of the sayde detested & vnlawfull mariage, but also surmised emonges other thinges, that god had reueled to an holy woman, whose name hereafter shalbe mēcioned in this acte, that in case his highnes proceded to the accomplishment of the sayd deuorse, & maried an other, that then his maiestie should not be king of this realme, by the space of one moneth after, and in the reputacion of god should not be king one day, no nor one houre, with many other false feined & dissimulate fables, tales, and lies by them vnlawfully and traterously practised, deuised, imagined, and conspired as well to the blasphemy of almightie god, as againste our sayde soueraygne lorde, as by the particulers therof, hereafter more at large in this present acte, shalbe expressed. that is to saye.

¶ Fyrste one Elizabeth Barton (nowe beinge Nonne professed in the house and priory of saint Sepulcres of Canturbury) whyche longe afore she was professed nonne, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the paroche of Aldington in the countye of Kent, and happed to be visited with sickenes, and by occasion therof brought in suche debilitee and weakenes of her bodye, because she coulde not eate ne drinke by a longe space, that in the vyolence of her infirmitee, she semed to be in traunses, and spake and vttered many foolishe & ydel wordes. And one Rychard mayster clerke, being person of the said paroche of Aldington, in the sayde countye of Kent, after that he hadde made to the late archbyshop of Canturbury a far larger report, concerning the hipocrisie, traunses, & speches of the sayd Elizabeth, than he could iustifie & abide by, & after that he was commaunded by the sayde archbishop to geue good attendaunce vppon her, yf she should fortune to haue any mo suche traunses and speches, & to send him knowledge therof, to the intent to maintein, vpholde, & verefie suche report as he had made, as well to the archbyshope aforesayde, as to other, of the wonderfull traunses and speches of the sayde nonne: falsely & craftely informed the sayde Elizabeth, that the meruaylous wordes, whyche she spake in hyr traunses, afore his ridinge to tharchbyshop aforesayde, proceded of the inspiracion of the holy goste: & that she was greatly to be blamed, if she would hide or dissemble the wonderful workes of god shewed in her. For afore this his sayde informacion & instruction, she sayd constantly, that she coulde not remembre, that she spake any suche notable wordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her by the

laide Richarde Master. wh̄iche Elizabeth,beyng in this maner of wise of-
ten times persuaded,procured,& informed by the said pson of Aldingtō, toke
boldnes & corage to forge,feine,& cōterfeit such maner of traunses & crafty
speches as the laide person of Aldington told hir that she vsed in hir sickness
afore he went to the sayde Archbishop, And whan the sayde Elizabeth had
vsed this maner of false & fained cōterfeting for a season,and was perfecte
therin (so that the fame therof was greatly spred abrode in those parties of
Kēt) thē the said persō,to thintēt aforesaid,& to thintēt the people should giue
more fayth & credence vnto hir,& because he would haue increased ỹ deuotiō
of the people in coming on pilgrimage to a chapell set in court at strete afore
sayd,within his said paroch dedicate in the honour of our lady,for his owne
lucre & aduauntage imagined,deuised,compassed, & declared with the ayde,
helpe,and cōsaile of one Edward Bocking monke professed in the mona-
sterye in Chrystes church in canturbury,& doctore in diuinite,that the said E
liza.beinge in the extasy & extremitie of hir sickness, in a maner distract in a
trāse,should say amōges other wōderful wordes,that she should neuer take
helth of hir body,tyll suche tyme as she had visited the image of our lady,be
ing in the sayd chapel at court at strete aforesaid: and that our ladye hadde
appeared vnto hir, and shewed hir, that if she came to the saide chapel at the
daye to hir appoynted, she shoulde bee restored to hir healthe by myracle,
where in verye deede she was restored to hir perfite health by diete and phi-
sicke, and by the course of nature, whiche expelled the matter beinge cause
of her sickenes,in the meane tyme whyles the sayde personne of Aldyngton
was with the sayde archbishop, as is afore rehersed. And all be it the sayde
Elizabeth was thus naturally restored to hir healthe, yet she beinge accu-
stomed and acquainted with the maner and facion of her distract traunses,
by the counsayle, conspiracy,and confederacy of the sayde Edward bocking
and Richarde Master, did falsly practise, vse, and shewe vnto the people,
dyuers and marualous sodeyne alterations of hir sensibe partes of her
bodye,craftely vtterynge in her sayde fayned and false traunses, diuers and
many vertuous and holy wordes, tendynge to the rebuke of sinne, and in
reprouinge of suche newe opinions,as then beganne to springe in this re-
alme,whiche she called herises,as she was inducted and taught by the saide
Edwarde Bockynge, and Rycharde Master, blynge all the wayes of
false hipocrisye,to the intent the people shoulde geue beleife and credence vn-
to hyr, wherby they mighte be the sooner brought into the detestable cry-
mes of blasphemye and idolatrye againste almyghtie god. And the sayde
Edwarde Bockynge, beinge maliciously fixed in hys opinion agaynste
the kynges highnes in the sayde detested matrimonye, and intendynge in
hys minde afterwardes for hys parte, falsely and tratorously to vse
the sayde Elizabeth, as a diabolyke instrumente, to stirre, moue, and pro-
uoke the people of thys realme, as well nobles as other, to mourmour and
grudge againste the maiestie of our souerayne lorde, and all his iuste and
lawfull procedinges,in the sayde deuorse and seperacion,as hereafter he did

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in verye deede, for thaccomplishing of his sayde false malicious & traitrous intentes falsely deuised and conspired with the saide Richarde that the sayde Elizabeth should shewe and manyfest her self to the people, to be an excellēt vertuous and an holy womā, and that all her wordes and dedes should appeare to the worlde, to procede of a meruailous holynes, rebukynge the cōmon sinnes and vices of the worlde, as thoughe she were taught and inspired of the holy spyryte of god. And not onely moued and counsayled the sayde Elizabeth thus to vse hir selfe, surmisinge to hir that she spake suche thinges in the extasye of her sickenes, that came by the inspiracion of god, but also counsayled and procured the sayde Elizabeth to be brought & conueyed to the sayde chapel of our lady, and she therein openly in the presence of the people (that ther should be assembled by their procurementes) should vse and experiment suche like traunses and alteracions of hir face, and other the outward sensible partes of hir body, as she vsed in the extremitie and extasye of hir said sickenes. To whose counsailes and aduertisementes the sayd Elizabeth agreed. Wherupon at a daye by them appointed & agreed, the sayde Edwarde and Richarde, labored, solicited, and procured aboue the numbre of ii. thousand persons, to repaire to the said chapel, surmisinge that the said Elizabeth (whiche as they saide) had inarticulous & many visions & reuelacions of god, shoulde be broughte thither, & there receiue hir helth by miracle of our lady, whose image was in the sayd chapell. By reason of which fals feined & detestable coulpyracie and hipocrisie at the day by them appoynted there assembled to the sayd chapell aboue the numbre of. ii. thousand people. At whiche daye also, the sayd Edward Bocking & Rychard Master procured and caused the sayde Elizabeth to repaire to the sayd chapell, wher the sayd Elizabeth, albeit she at that time, & longe afore was restored to helth of hir body, & discharged of her tormentes & afflictions, which she had in the extasye of hir sickenes: yet neuertheles by the procurement & craftye counsell of the sayd Edward Bocking, & Richard Master, did falsely feine & shewe vnto the people in the same chapell many alteracions of hir face and other outwarde sencible partes of her bodye, and falsely feined & shewed hir self in traunses, vttering wondrous wordes, as she was afore subtilly & craftely induced and taught by the sayd Richard and Edward to do. And amonges other thinges, she vttered, that it was the pleasure of god that the saide Edward Bocking shoulde be hir goostly father, & that she shoulde be a religious womanne, as she was taughte by the sayde Edwarde Bockinge, and Rycharde Master. And within awhile after the demonstracion of such fals feined and dissimuled traunses, she apeared to the people to bee sodeinly reuiued from hir sickenes and afflictions: by the intercession and meanes of the image of our lady beinge in the same chapell. By meanes of whiche false feined hypocrisie, dissimuled and cloked sanctitie, so conspyred and craftely imagined by the sayd Edward Bocking and Rychard Master the said Elizabeth was brought into a meruailous fame, credite, and good opinion of a greate multitude of the people of thys realme. And to increase the

fame of the fayde fals feined hipocrifie, the fayd Elizabeth afterwardes, by the counfaile and procurement of the faide Edwarde Bockinge, entered in to the religion, & became a nonne profeffed in the faid priori of faimt Sepulcres, to whom the fayd Edwarde Bocking had commonly his refoute, not without probable, behement, and violente fufpicion of incontinencie, pretending to be hir ghoftly father by goddes appointment. And by confpiracie betweene hyr and him caufed hir ftill to perfifte and abide in the prattyfyuge of hir faid fals hipocrifye and diffimbling traunfes and raptes. And that fhe fhould furmit to the people, that whan fhe was in fuch fimnley alienacion of hir fenfible parties of hir body, that fhe was than rapt by almyghtie god from the affections of this worlde, and told by the holy fpirite of god, manye thinges that fhoulde folowe to the world for punifhmente of finnes of the princes and the people. And that fhe fhoulde faye, that fhe was much prouoked and tempted as well to the finne of the flefhe, as otherwyfe, by hir goftly enemye the deuill at diuers and fundry tymes, and in diuers & fundry wayes and facions, And yet neuertheles, that fhe by the grace of god was preferued, and ftedfaftlye refifted fuch temptacions. By occafion of whiche counfayle & procurement of the, faid Edward bocking, the fayd Elizabeth, by continuaunce of time toke fuche a courage vppon hir, that fhe falfelie feined & fayde, that fhe had many reuelacions of almighty god, and his holy fayncles, with heuenly lyghtes: heuenly voyces, heuenly melodies and ioyes, and fpecially in a chapell of fayne Giles in the fayde nonnerie, to the whiche chapell fhe oftentymes reforted to receiue vifions & reuelacions, as cõmaunded by god, as fhe falfely reported, and fpecially by night, fayeng that the dorture doore was made open vnto hir by godes power, vttering the fame alwel to the fayde Edwarde bockinge, as to diuers other perfons, By the which her falfe feined reuelacions & cloked hipocrifye, fhe was reputed amonges many people of this realme, to be a very holy woman infpired with god, where in very dede, fhe had neuer vifion or reuelacion from god, as fhe hath plainly and openly confeffed hir felfe. And therfore hir ftealynge forthe of the dorture in the nighte (whiche was once or twife weekely) was not for fpirituall bufines: nor to receiue reuelacions of god, but rather for bodily cõmunicacion & pleafure with her frindes, whiche coulde not haue fo good leifure & opportunitie with hir by daye. And for reformacion of hir fals feined reuelacions, the fayd Edward by cõfpiracy betwene him & the faid Elizab reueiled the fame to the moft reuerend farher in god, williã late archbifhop of canturbury, who by fals & vntru furmifes, tales & lyes of the faid Edwarde & Eliza. was allured, brought & induced to a credit therin, and made no diligẽt ferches for triall of their faid falfhodes & cõfederacions, but fuffred & admitted the fame to the blafphemy of almighty god, & to the great diffeit of the prince & people of this realme. And for a perpetuall memory of ỹ faid fayned & diffimuled hipocrifie & falfe reuelacions of the fayd Elizab. the faid Edwarde Bocking, Richarde Maller & one John Deryng, a monke in the faid monaftery of Chriftes church aforfayd, made writ, & caufed to be wrytten

ten sundrye bokes bothe greate and small, bothe prynted and written, concerninge the particularites of the sayd false & feined hipocrisie and reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth, or the defence or great praise of the same: Surmountinge and puttinge forthe the same false and feyned practyses and reuelacions of the sayd Elizabeth to be iust and true miracles, shewed by almygtye god in the fauour of the sanctitie of the said Elizabeth, where in dede they bene and were falsely deuised, compassed, conspired, written, and maynteined by the sayde Elizabeth, Edwarde Bocking, Richarde Master, and John Deringe, to the onely intent to bringe the sayde Elizabeth in the fame and credite of the people of thys realme, whereby the people should be the more apte and disposed by her false cloked hipocrisye and sanctitie, to committe the crimes of blasphemye and Idolatrie agaynste god, & also the sonner induced by the false reuelacions of the sayd Elizabeth to murmur, grudg, & be of euill opinio against the maiestie of our said souerayne lorde, to the great perill & daunger of his most royall person. And one Edward Thwaites gent. trāslated and wrote diuers quaires and sheetes of paper, concerning the sayd fals feined reuelacions & miracles of the said Elizabeth. And also one Thomas Laurence of Cāturbury, beinge regester to the archedeacon of Canturbury, at the instance and desire of the said Edward Bocking, wrote a great boke of the saide fals and feined miracles & reuelacions of the sayde Elizabeth in a faire hande, redy to be a copie to the printer, when the sayd boke should be put to stampe.

¶ Amōges which fals & feined reuelacions surmised by the said Elizabeth and put in writinges in diuers bokes by the fals conspiracye, meanes, and procuremēt of the sayd Edward Bocking, Richard Master, John Dering and other their complices, there is expressed, that the diuel should appeare to the sayde Elizabeth, in diuers facions, somtimes like a man wantōly apparailed, somtime like a birde deformed, and somtime otherwyse. And that Mary Magdalene should often apere to the said Elizabeth, & reueled to hir many reuelacions. And at one time should deliuer to hir a letter written in heauen, parte wherof was limned with golden letters, where in dede the same letters were written with the hande of a monke of sainct Augustins in Canturbury named Haukherst. ¶ There was also written and conteined emonges the said fals & feined miracles & reuelacions, that whē the kinges highnes was at Caleis in the enteruewe betwene his maiestie & the french king, & hering masse in the churche of our ladye at Caleis, that god was so displeased with the kinges highnes, that his grace saw not the time at the masse the blessed sacrament, in fourme of breede: for it was taken away from the preist (being at masse) by an angell, & ministred vnto the saide Elizabeth, then being there present & inuisible, & sodenly conueyed & rapt thens again by the power of god into the sayd nunnery, wher she is professed, with many other fals feined fables & tales deuised, conspired and defended by the sayde Elizabeth, Edwarde Bocking, and John Deringe, written as miracles in the sayde bokes for a memoriall to set forthe the fals

& feined hipocrisie and cloked sanctitte of the sayde Elizabeth to the people of this realme, as by the sayde sundrye bokes and writinges therof made, seene, and examined by the kinges most honourable counsaile more plainlie appereth. In whiche bokes be written suche termes and sentences of reproch & sclaunder agaynst the kinges highnes, & the queene whiche were to shamefull to be written against the most vyle and vngracious persons living, whych to heare, it would abhorre euery treue subiecte of this realme. ¶ And after the sayde Elizabeth, by suche hir false and feyned hypocrisye and dissimuled sanctitie was brought in a great brute and fame of the people in sundrye parties of this realme, then the sayde Edwarde Bockinge, by procuremēt and secrete conspiracie of diuers persons vnknowen, which maligned agaynste the procedinges of the kinges highnes, for the seperacion and deuorse in the sayde detested and vnlawfull mariage, traiterously intending to put the kinges highnes in a murmur and euill opinion of hys people, for the same counsailed & stirred the sayd Elizabeth, that she should aske a petition of almightye god, to knowe whether god was displeased with the kinges highnes, for procedinge in the sayde deuorse and seperacio of the mariage betwene his highnes, & the saide lady Katharine, declaringe to her many times, that he and diuers other notable lerned men of this realme, and many of the common people of the same, were in firme opinions, that the kinges procedinges in the sayde deuorse, was against the lawes of god. Where vpon the sayd Elizabeth subtilly and craftely conceiuyng thopinion and minde of the sayd Edward, willing to please hym, reueled and shewed vnto the said Edward that she had knowledge by reuelacio from god, that god was highly displeased with our sayd soueraine lorde for the same matter. And in case he desisted not from his procedinges in the saide deuorse and seperacion, but pursued the same, and maried againe, that then within one moneth after suche mariage, he should no lenger be king of this realme: and in the reputacion of almightye god, should not be a kinge one day nor one houre, and that he shoulde die a villyanes death. Saiynge farther, that ther was a roote with .iii. branches, and tyll they were plucked vp, it shoulde neuer be mery in Englande, enterpretynge the roote, to bee the late lorde Cardinall, & the firste branche to be the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the seconde the Duke of Norff. and the thyrde the Duke of Suff. which false feined reuelacions, by the mischeuous and malicious counsaile and conspiracie of the sayd Edwarde Bockinge with the sayd Elizabeth, were written and expressed in the sayd bokes and volumes, conteining the falle & feyned reuelacions & myracles of the said Elizabeth, for a perpetuall memory therof, to thutter reproche & perill of distruction of the kinges person, his honour, fame, and name, and priuily and secretely set forth by the sayde Elizabeth, Edwarde Bocking, John Deringe, and Richard Maister generally to diuers and many of the kinges subiectes, and specially as to electe persons, and to the reuerende father, John bysshop of Rochester, and John Idelon clerke, chapleine to the same bysshop, & to one Henry Goldepriest,

preist, bacheler of diuinitie, to Hugh Riche fryere obseruant, and late wardeyne of the fryers obseruantes of Canturbury, whiche beare malyce and malignitie to all the kinges procedinges in the sayd deuorse and seperacion because it was contrarye to their peruerse and frowarde opinyons, intending by colour of the sayd faise and feyned hipocrisy and reuelacions of the sayde Elizabeth, not onely to let the sayde deuorce and seperacion, but also to bringe and set forthe secretely in the heads of the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, that all the kinges actes and procedinges in the same, were against holy scriptures and the pleasure of almighty god: wher by the kinges highnes shoulde be broughte in a grudge and euill opinyon of hys people. And the sayde John bishoppe of Rochester, Henry Golde: Hugh Riche, Richarde Risby, Richarde Master, John Deringe, at sondrye and seuerall times and places spake with the sayde Elizabeth, & tooke relacion of her of the sayde faise and feined reuelacions, whiche she feyned that she had of almightye god, as well concerninge the kinges highnes as other, after the fourme and termes aboue specified. And hauinge knowledge therof, the sayd Hugh Riche, Richarde Risby, and Henry golde clerke gaue suche firme and constant credit therunto, that they traiterously concelled it from the kinges highnes, and traytorously beleeued in theyr hartes, that the kinge our soueraygne lord, after his late mariage solemnised betweene his highnes and his sayde moste deare and entierly beloued wife queene Anne, was no longer rightfull king of this realme, in the reputacion of almightye god, wherby in their hartes and willes they traytrously withdrewe from his highnes their naturall duetyes of obedience: And secretely taught and moued other persons (to whom they reueled the saide faise and feyned reuelacions) that they ought and myght lawfully do in the same wise: and practised the sayde matters againste the kinges maiestye, falsely, maliciously, and traiterously at sondry places and times with the fathers and nonnes of Syon, and diuers monkes of the Charter house of London and Shene, and with diuers freres obseruantes of the places of Richemont and, Grenwiche and Canturbury, and to diuers others both spirituall and temporall persons in great numbre, to the intent to sow a secrete murmur and grudge in the hartes of the kinges subiectes, agaynste the maiestie of our sayd soueraigne lorde, & all his procedinges in the sayde deuorse and seperacion, intendyng therby to make suche a diuision and rebellyng in this realme, amonges the kinges subiectes, wherby the kynges highnes should not onely haue bene put to perill of his lyfe, but also in icoperdy to be depriued from his crowne and dignitie royall.

¶ And for a more playne and perticuler declaracion of the malicious and traitrous intentes of the sayd Elizabeth, Edward Bocking, John Dering Hugh Riche, Richard Risby, and Henry Golde, they concluded by a confederacie amonge them selues, eche with other, to set forthe in sermons & preachinges the sayd reuelacions to the people of thys realme, against the kinges maiestie, what so euer it should please the sayde Elizabeth to appoynt them

them the time, when they ſhould ſo do: and agreed with eche other ſecretly and ſet forthe the ſayde falſe and feined reuelacions to their acqueintaunce and frendes in this realme, intendyng to make a great multitude of people of this realme, by their ſecrete conſpiracies, in an aptnes to receiue & take ſuch their ſermons and preachinges, whiche they intended to make, as is a foreſayd, cõcerning the premiſſes, treaterouſly intending therby to put our ſaid ſoueraygne lorde not onely in the peril of his life, but alſo in the ieopardie of loſſe and depriuacion of his crowne and dignitie royall of this realme from him and hys lawfull ſucceſſion for euer. And in accompliſhinge theyr falſe traiterous and malicious intentes agaynſt our ſaide ſoueraigne lorde they cauſed the ſayd Elizabeth, at two tymes ſecretely to declare the ſayde falſe and feined reuelacions to, ii of the popes oratours and ambaſſadours at the cities of Canturbury and London. At whiche time the ſayde Henry Golde toke vpon him to be interpretatour therof, betwene the ſayde Elizabeth, and one of the ſayde oratours named Antony Pulleon: and thinterpretatour to thother oratour named Siluester, was the forſaid Laurence of Canturbury, to the intente the kinges highnes, and all his procedinges in the ſayd deuorſe and ſeperacion ſhould be brought into an euyll opinyon wyth the pope and other outwarde princes and potentates: and the ſayde Hugh Ryche actually trauayled to ſundry places in thys realme, and made ſecrete relacion of the premiſſes concerninge the kinges highnes, to diuers lordes bothe ſpiritual and temporall, and diuers other perſons lay and lerned, ſecular and religious. And the ſayde Henry Golde ouer thys, actually trauayled and made relacion therof to the ſayde ladye Katharine princes dowager, to animate her to make commotion in this realme, agaynſt our ſayd ſoueraygne lorde, ſurmiſynge that the ſayd Elizabeth ſhould haue by reuelacyon of god, that the ſayd lady Katharine ſhould proſper and do wel and that her iſſue the lady Mary the kynges daughter, ſhould proſper and reygne in thys realme, and haue manye frendes to ſuſteine and mainteine her: and the ſayde Elyzabeth and Edwarde Bockinge, John Deringe & Rycharde Maſter likewyſe actually trauayled to diuers places in this realme, and made ſecrete relacyons of the ſayd falſe feyned hipocriſye and reuelacyons of the ſayd Elyzabeth, & gaue knowledge herof to dyuers other ſondrye perſons of thys realme.

All whyche conſpyracyes & confederacyes of the ſayde Elyzabeth. and other her complyces, aboue mencioned, was traterouſly and malicyouſely deuyſed & practiſed by the ſayd Elyzabeth, Edwarde Bockinge, John Deryng, Rycharde Maſter, Henry Golde, Hughe Ryche, & Rychatde Riſby, to the intent traiterouſly to diſtroy our ſayd ſoueraigne lord, and to depriue him and his lawfull ſucceſſion from the crowne and dignitie royall of thys realme, whiche matter hath bene practiſed and imagined amonges them for the ſpace of many yeres: wherof the whole circumſtance wer very long to be writ ten in this acte. And the ſayde John Fiſher byſhop of Rocheſter and one Thomas Golde gentyman, and the ſayde Thomas Laurence,

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Edwarde Thwaites, and John Adeson chaplein to the sayd John bishop of Rochester, hauinge knowledge of the false feined and dissymuled reuelacions, traterously conspired agaynste our sayde soueraygne lorde (as is aforesayde) dyd neuer the les make concelmente thereof, and vttered not the same to our sayde soueraygne, nor anye hys honourable counsel, againste their duties and allegeance in that behalfe.

¶ And furthermore the sayde Thomas Golde, for the accomplyshemente of his saide moste traiterous intente, hath of late bene a messenger from the said Elyzabeth, whyle she was in warde in the towre of London for the saide moste false and traitrous offences, by her and her sayd complyces committed and done (he then beynge at lybertie) by hys message hath comforted diuers others to stande stiffely by her reuelacions, that they were of god: not withstandyng that she had confessed al her sayd falshood before diuers of the kynges counsaillours, and that they were manyfestly proued, founde, and tryed moste false and vntrue: whiche thynge he did onely to raise and put sedicion and murmur in the people againste the kinges highenes, his crowne and dignitie royall. And one Thomas Abel clerke, being of the confederacye aforesayd, and takyng suche firme and constante credit to the sayd fals and feyned reuelacions and miracles of the said nunne, not onely caused to be prynted and sette forthe, in this realme diuers bookes agaynste the saide deuorce and seperation: to the disclaunder of our sayde soueraygne lorde, but also animated the sayd ladye Katherine obstinately to persiste in her wilfull opinion againste the same deuorce and seperation: and after the sayde deuorse lawfully had, to vsurpe and take vpon her styll to be queene, and procured dyuers writinges to be made by her, by the name of queene: and also procured and abbetted the seruantes of the saide ladye Katharine against the kynges expresse commaundement and proclamacion to name, call, accepte, and repute the sayde ladye Katharine for queene of this realme: to the intent to make a common diuision and rebellion in this realme, to the great perill and daunger of our sayd soueraygne lorde.

¶ In consideracion of all whiche premisses, and for as muche as the sayde false feyned and dissimuled hipocrysye, cloked sanctitie, reuelacions, and feyned miracles, of the sayde Elizabethe is playnely confessed before the kinges moste honourable counsayle by the sayd offendours, and hath bene set forth in thys realme, not onely to the blasphemy of almyghty god whereby a greate multitude of people of this realme, were not onely induced to idolatrye, but also broughte in a mutmur and grudge amonges them selues, to the great perill of the distruction of our sayd soueraygne lorde & hys succession, and to the ieoperdie of a greate common rebellion, and insurrection in this realme, to the vtter dissolacion thereof, yf by the goodnes of almightye god, and by the greate trauayle of the kinges highnes, and hys nobles and counsaylours, by greate serchis and examinacions, it had not bene reueled and knowen.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritie of thys presente parlyamente, that

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the sayde Elizabeth Barton, Rycharde Master, Edwarde Bockynge, John Deringe, Hugh Ryche, Richarde Risby, and Henry Golde, for theyr seuerall offences aboue reherced, by them recognised and confessed, shall be conuicte and attainted of high treason, and shall suffre suche execution and paines of deathe as in cases of highe treason hath bene accustomed, and shall lose and forfayte to our sayde soueraygne lorde, and his heyres and successours for euer, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as they or anye of them had of estate of inheritaunce, in vse or possession at the xx. daye of October last past, or anye tyme sithen: & also all suche their goodes and cattalles as they or anye other to their vse had the .xvi. daye of Januarye laste paste, or anye tyme sithen. And that also all suche benefyces and spirituall promocion, whiche the sayde Rycharde Master, & Henry Golde or anye of them had at the .xvi. day of Januarye, or anye tyme sithen, shall from the sayde .xvi. daye of Januarie be voyde, as though the same Rycharde and Henry were dead of their naturall deathes. And that the sayde Jhon Bishoppe of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaites, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, for their sayde seuerall offences shalbe conuicte and attainted of mesprysion and concelymente of treason, as persons that haue geuen suche credit, counsaile, and constant beliefe to the sayde principall offendours: wherby they haue taken courage and boldnes to committe their sayde detestable treasons and offences: and that the sayde John bishop of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaites, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell for theyr sayde seuerall offences by them committed, shall suffre imprisonmente of their bodyes at the kinges will, and lose and forfayte to the kinges highnes all their goodes, cattalles, and dettes, whyche they or any persons to their vses, or by their deliuery had the sayde .xvi. daye of January, or any time sithen the sayde day. And that suche benefices and spirituall promocions as the sayde John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, or anye of them had the sayde xvi. daye of Januarye, shall from the twentye daye of Marche, the yere of our lorde. M.D.XXXIII. be voyde in the lawe, by auctho̅rytye of this acte, as yf the sayde John Adeson and Thomas Abell were dead of theyr naturall deathes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctho̅rytie aforesayde, that proclamacion shalbe made vnder the kinges greate seale in all shyres, cities, boroughes, & townes corporate in this realme, as well within libertie as without, conteininge the tenoure of this acte, to the entente that the cloked, false, and dissimulate offences of the offendours may be knowen, & the people therby to take an example of dede to offende in lyke cases hereafter, and that in euerye of the sayde proclamacions shall also be added and conteyned, that enery suche person and persones, whiche hath in their custody and kepinge any bokes, scrolles, or writinges conteyninge any the false feyned reuelacions and dissimuled miracles of the sayde Elizabeth, or anye of them, shall within .xl. dayes nexte after suche proclamacions bringe or cause to be

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brought the sayd bookes, scrolles, and writynges vnto the lord Chauncellour of Englande, lorde treasourer, lorde presydente of the kinges moste honorable counsayle, and lorde pryvye seale, or to one of them, vppon paine of imprysonment, and fyne makinge to the kyng our soueraigne lord. And yf anye person or persones after suche proclamacions hadde and made actordynge as is aboue sayd, knowingly and willingly doe reteine and kepe any suche bookes, estrolles or writynges, and cause them not to be delyuered accordynge to the tenour of the sayde proclamacion aboue rehersed: that then any person offendynge the same, and beinge therof by due examinacion conuicte before anye of the kinges counsayle, shall suffre imprisonmente, and make fyne to the kynge, by the dyscreasion of the kinges counsayle, accordyng to the merytes of hys offence.

¶ And that albeit a greate numbre & multitude of other the kinges subiectes of this realme, as well spirituall as temporall, whose names be not aboue specially mencioned, by their greate negligences and folyes, inclyned to newe fangilnes, haue spoken wyth the same Elizabeth, and other her cõplyces and conspiratours aboue specified, and haue had relacion and knowledge to them geuen in and vppon the feined and false reuelations and myracles aboue rehersed, as well concernynge our sayde soueraygne lorde as other wyse: and haue made concelyment therof, not vtterynge the same vnto the kinges maiestie, nor to anye hys honourable counsayle, as to the dueties of true liege men appertaynyth in that behalfe, whereby they worthely haue deserued to suffre suche punishmente, paines, and losses as persones conceilynge treasons and other highe offences, touchynge the honour and suretye of our saide soueraygne lorde owen of good reason equitie and lawe to do. ¶ Yet neuer the lesse the kynges royall maiestie, at the humble suite and contemplacion of his moste deere, entiere, and well beloued wife queene Anne, of hys moste gratious benignitye is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by authoritye of this present parlyament, that all and euery other his subiectes not aboue conuicted and atteinted by thys acte, shall be released, acquited, and clerely pardoned agaynste his hyghenesse, hys heyres, and successours for euer, of and for all maner of conceilmentes, offences, trespaces, communicacions, mesprisions, contemptes, & misdemeanours, whiche they or anye of them before the twentye daye of October laste paste committed or did conternynge the sayde false and feyned miracles and reuelations of the sayde Elizabeth, or anye parte therof and of all circumstances, and demeanours touchinge the same, so that non of hys saide subiectes, other then be aboue conuicted by this acte, shall hereafter by any meanes be impeached, challenged, or troubled by our sayde soueraygne lorde, his heires, or successours concernynge the premisses or any parte or circumstaunce therof: but shall be by this presente acte pardoned & released therof for euer.

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¶ An acte limitting what nombre of shepe men shall kepe, occupie, and haue in their owne possession at one time. cap. xiii.

FOr as muche as diuers and sundrie persons of the kinges subiectes of this realme, to whom god of his goodnes hath disposed great plenty of mouable substance, now of late within fewe yeres haue daily studied, practised, & inuented wayes and meanes how they might accumilate and gather together into fewe handes as well great multitude of fermes, as greate plentie of cattall, and in especiall shepe, puttinge suche landes as they can get, to pasture, and not to tyllage: wherby they haue not onely pulled downe churches & townes and inhansed the olde rates of the rentes of the possessyons of thys realme, or els brought it to suche excessiue fynes, that no poore man is able to medel with it, but also haue raysed and enhaunsed the prices of all maner of corne, cattell, wulle, pygges, geese, hennes, chekins, egges, and suche other almoste double aboue the prices, whiche haue bene accustomed: By reason wherof a maruaylous multitude and numbre of the people of this realme be not able to prouide meate, drinke, and clothes necessarie for them selues their wifes and children, but be so discouraged with miserye, and pouertye, that they fall dayly to theste, robberye, and other inconuenience, or pitifully die for hunger & colde. And as it is thought by the kinges most humble and louynge subiectes, one of the greatest occasions, that moueth and prouoketh those gredy and couetous people so to accumulate & kepe in their handes suche greate portions and parties of the groundes and landes of thys realme from the occupienge of the poore husband men, and so to vse it in pasture and not in tyllage, is onely the greate profyt that cometh of shepe, whyche nowe be come into a fewe persons handes of thys realme, in respect of the whole numbre of the kynges subiectes, that somme haue xxiiii. thousande, some .xx. thousande, some .x. thousande, some .vi. thousande, some .v. thousande, and some more and some lesse, by the whyche, a good shepe for vitaile, that was accustomed to be solde for .ii. s, iiii. d. or iii. s. at the moste, is nowe solde for .vi. s. or .v. or .iiii. s. at the leaste: And a stone of clothinge wulle, that in some shire of thys realme was accustomed to be solde for .xviii. d. or .xx. d. is nowe solde for iiii. s. or .iii. s. iiii. d. at the leste: & in some countryes wher it hath ben sold for .ii. s. iiii. d. or .ii. s. viii. d or .iii. s. at the most: it is nowe sold for .v. s. or .iiii. s. viii. d. at the leaste. And so arrayed in euery parte of thys realme. Whiche thinges thus vsed, be principally to the highe displeasure of almighty god, to the decay of the hospitalite of this realme, to the diminishinge of the kinges people, and to the let of the clothmakinge, wherby many poore people hath bene accustomed to be set on worke: and in conclusion, yf remedye be not founde, it may turne to the vtter distruction and dissolacion of thys realme, whyche god defende. It may therfore please the kynges highnes, of hys moste gracious & godly disposicion, and the lordes spirituall and temporall of theyr goodnes and charitie

chattels, with the assent of the commons in this present parliament assembled, to diuide and enacte, by auctoritie of the same, that no persone nor persones from the feaste of saincte Michaell the archangell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god .1535. shall kepe, occuppe, or haue in his possession in his owne proper landes, nor in the possession, landes, nor grounndes of anye other, whiche he shall haue or occuppe in farme, nor otherwyse, haue of his owne proper cattell, in his possession, or propertie by anye maner of meanes, fraude, craffte, or couyn, aboue the numbre of two thousande shepe at one time, within anye parte of this realme, of all sortes and kindes, vppon peyne to lose and forfaye, for euerye shepe that anye persone or persones shall haue or kepe aboue the numbre ymitted by thys acte .xl.s.viii.d. The one halfe to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, & the other halfe to suche person, as will sue for the same, by originall writte of dette, bill, playnte, or informacion in anye courte of record, in whiche sute the defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor haue anye essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that lambes shall not be accompted of the numbre of shepe prohibited by thys acte, so longe as they be vnder the age of a yeare and not aboue.

¶ Prouided also, that yf any person, hauinge shepe of hys owne, happen to be made executor, or to be administratour to any person, which had shepe at his death, or happen to be maried to any person, whiche shall happen to haue shepe at the tyme of the mariage, by reason wherof the persone, so beinge executour or administratour, or beinge so maried, shall happen by suche meanes to be aduanced, and haue aboue the sayde numbre of two thousande, that then in euery such case, the person so aduaunced to lose no penaltie, for hauinge aboue the numbre of two thousande shepe by suche meanes, so that within one yere next after such aduauncement, the person so aduaunced from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shall happen, doe put to sale, or otherwise dispose so many of the sayde shepe, so to hym aduanced, or els of hys owne shepe, that he had before, so that aboue one yeare he shall not kepe, haue, or occuppe by anye suche meanes, or otherwyse by anye fraude or couin, any more numbre of them, then is before limytted by this acte, vpon the peyne before rehersed.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person by hys laste will and testament, gette to any childe within age, any numbre of shepe, and appoynte them by his sayde will, to be kepte by hys executours, or by anye other persone, vnto suche tyme as the sayde childe shall come to a certaine age limitted by hys will, that then in euery suche case, after the death of the testatour, the said shepe so beinge in the possession and occupacion of the executours, or of any other persone, to the vse of anye suche childe within age, for that tyme or ely that the sayd childe shalbe within the age, that he shalbe limitted to haue the sayde shepe, by the wille of the testatour, shall not be accompted against the sayde executours, nor anye person so hauynge the sayde shepe,

for the intent aforesayd any of the noumbre of the shepe prohibited by this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the Justices of the peace of euerye shyre, shall haue power and authoritie to enquire of the offendours of this acte, as well by the othes of twelue men, as by informacion of anye of the kinges subiectes, and to make suche lyke proceisse vppon euery such presentment or informacion concerninge this acte as they vsen commonly to doe vpon presentmentes before them of trespas: And that no person being convict by confession or otherwise that he hath done or attempted contrary to this acte, shall be put to any lesse fine than after the rates of the forfaitures afore limitted by this acte.

¶ Prouided alwayes that no person shall be put to any answere or losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this acte, at the sute of any the kinges subiects, by any originall writt of dette, bill, playnt, or informacion, except the sute be commenced within one yere next after the offence done or committed contrary to this act. Nor that any person shall be put to answer, nor to any losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this acte, by reason of any presentment, action, or informacion at the kinges sute, excepte the sayde presentmente, action, or informacion be had & made for the king within three yeres nexte after the offence done or committed.

¶ Prouided alwaye that all and euerye personne or personnes, beynge the kinges trewe liege subiectes of this realme, & borne vnder his obeysance, which at this present tyme, or at any time hereafter shall haue and be seased of inheritaunce in possession or in vse, or that nowe hath, or hereafter shall haue iuncture in vse or in possession, or be or shalbe tenant in dower, or by the curtesye of Englande, of or in anye manours, landes, tenementes, pastures, fedinges, or liberties of foldage within any parte of this realme of Englande, wales or the marches of the same, that euery suche person and persons, hauinge anye such possession to his owne vse, and euery such person and persons, to whose vse anye other person or persons now is, or be, or hereafter shalbe seised of any suche estate, as is before reherced, may at all times hereafter haue, enioy, kepe, & maintaine vpon the same their owne demein landes, & all other their pastures, fedinges, & foldcourses, which they so haue, ad many their owne shepe and lambes in numbre to their proper vse, profite, & behoue as they or any of them of right had, or lawfully might haue hadde and kepte vppon the same, or vppon anye parte therof, at anye time before the makinge of this present acte, This acte, or any thinge therin contained or specified to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that in case any suche person or persons, hauinge any suche estate in vse or in possession of or in any maner landes, tenements, pastures, fedinges, or liberties of foldcourses as is before expressed, haue or doe kepe vpon the same their possessions the numbre of two thousande shepe or aboue, the same person or persons so hauing the numbre of two thousand shepe or aboue, shal not in any

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wise kepe, susteine, or haue any sheepe aboue or besyde the sayde numbre of two thousande, vpon any landes, pastures, or sedinges, whiche the same persone or persones haue, or hereafter shall haue, or take one ferme, or otherwise, vppon suche lyke peynes and forfaytures for the same, as be ymitted in the sayde acte, that is to saye, for euery shepe ouer and aboue the sayde numbre of two thousand, thre shillinges foure pence. And in case the sayde demeine landes, tenementes, pastures sedinges, and lybertyes of foldecourses, of any person or persons before rehersed, suffice not for the sedinge, pasturinge, and kepinge of two thousande shepe, as is beforesaide, that then euery suche person shall or may haue, susteine, or feede vppon his sayd demeine landes, and vpon hys ferme holdes, whiche he lawfully may haue, to the sayde numbre of two thousande shepe, and not aboue, vppon peine of forfayture for euery shepe, aboue that numbre. iii s. iiii. d.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that it shalbe laufull to euery person or persones within this realme, kepinge a housholde, to haue from time to tyme suche conuenient numbre of shepe, ouer and aboue the numbre expressed in this acte, as shalbe necessarye for the onely expenses of his householde, to be prouided, kepte, and sedde in and vppon his owne landes or other landes, such as he laufully can and may haue, or prouide for, on ferme or otherwise: Any thinge in this present acte conteined to the contrarye not withstaudinge. So that the same houlholder at no one time shall haue or kepe for the expences of hys household, or by colour of the same, ouer and aboue the noumbre to hym limitted by thys acte, any numbre of shepe mo then shall suffice for the onely expenses of his householde for one yeare, without fraude or couin, anye thinge in this present acte mencioned or expressed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Be it also further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that no maner person or persõs, of what degre so euer he or they be, being lord or lords, owner or owners, fermer or fermers, of or in ani libertie of foldcourses, within any towne, tithinge, vyllage, or hamlette within anye of the counties of Norfolke and Suffolke from and after the feaste of the natiuitye of our lorde god nexte cumminge, shall take in ferme for terme of yeares, or otherwyse any quillettes of landes or pastures, that is to saye, any numbre of acres of lande or pasture, appertaynynge to anye other persone or persones, lienge and beinge within the lymytte, extente, or precincte of the sayd lybertye of the sayde fouldecourses: but that they shall permitte and suffre the sayde persones, hauinge or beinge for the time owner or owners, lesse or lessees of the sayde quillettes, to manure and pasture the sayde quillettes. And also to suffre the shepe of the sayde owner or owners, fermer or fermers of the sayde quillettes, after the rate of the same quillettes to go with the flocke of the owner, fermer, or occupyer of the sayde lybertye or libertyes of the sayde fouldecourses, payenge the customarye charges for the kepinge and sedinge of the same, after the rate and vse of the countreye there commonly vsed, without anye interrupcion therein to be made by the sayde ow-

ner or owners, fermer or fermers, or occupiers of the sayde liberties, vpon peine of forfayture for euerie tyme that anye such personne, haunynge any suche quillet that shalbe so letted or disturbed of fedinge, keeppynge, or pasturinge anye of hys sheepe so to be fedde and kepte after the rate of hys sayde quyllet, for euery such shepe thre shillinges.iiii.d.

¶ Prouided alway that this act or bracth cõcernyng quilletes, or any thing therin conteined, shall not in any wise be anayable to any tenant, owner or occupier of any suche quyllett or quillettis, to clayme, haue, or vse hereafter anye suche pasture or fedinge of hys shepe, or wyth anye suche foldecourses, but onely where the tenantes, owners, and occuppyers of any such quillettes haue had or mought haue had here to fore of ryghte and dutye vsed to haue pasture and fedinge in the sayde foldecourses, by reason of their tenures and occupations of the same quillett and quillettes, and none other wise. And where they haue not vsed, nor oughte to haue anye shepe fedde or kept within any suche foldecourses, by reason of the sayde tenures that the owners or occuppyers of such foldcourses, may take such quyllettes, lyinge within their foludecourses, in ferme agreeinge with the owners or occupiers of the sayde quilletes for the same.

¶ And for as muche as the numbre of the .C. of shepe in euerye countrey be not lyke, in some countrey to the great .C. where .vi. score is accompted for the .C. and some countrey but onely .v. score, it is efte declared by thys presente acte, that the numbre of two thousande sheepe, lymitted to euery person by thys acte, shalbe accompted .x c. for euerye thousande, after the numbre of the great hundred, and not after the lesse c. so that euery thousande shall conteine.xii.c. after the lesse numbre of the hundred.

¶ It is also further prouided by the auctho[r]itie aforesayd that lambes vnder the age of one hole yere, and as muche as shall be from the time of the fallinge of them vnto the feaste of the natiuitie of sayncte John Baptiste in any yere to come, shall not be adiudged, ne taken for shepe prohibyted by this estatute: any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ It is also further enacted by auctho[r]itie aforesaid, that no maner person after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of our lord, shal receiue and take in ferme for terme of lyfe, yeres, or will by endenture, coppe of courte rolle, or other wise, any mo houses & tenementes of husbandrye, wherunto anye landes are belonginge, in towne, village, hamlet, or tithinge within this realme, aboue the numbre of two suche holdes or tenementes. And that no maner perso[n] shall haue or occupie any such holdes, so newely taken to the numbre of two, as is before expressed, except he or they be dwellinge wythin the same parishes, where such holdes be, vpon the peyne of forfaiture for euerye weke, that he or they shall haue occupie, or take any profites of such holdes contrarye to this acte.iii.s iiii.d. The one moitie of whiche forfaiture to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moitie to the partye that wille sue for the same in anye of the kinges courtes, by bill, playnte, informacion, or other wyse within one yere next after suche contempte and offence

fenee committed and done, in the whiche none essoin, protection, ne wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ It is also further enacted by auctholitie afore sayde, that the statutes made the fourthe yere of the noble prince kinge Henry the. viii, And in the xii. yere of the reigne of our soueraygne lorde the kinge that nowe is, concernynge the decaye of townes, and mayntenaunce of tyllage and husbandrye, shall be good and effectuall in euery thynge accordinge to the true purport and intent of the same, any thing in this present acte to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that it may be lawfull to all spirituall persones and euery of them, to kepe suche and as many shepe vppon their owne landes, and after suche forme and maner and none other wise, as they moughte haue done afore the makinge of this acte: anye thynge mencioned in the same to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for punishment of Heresie. Ca. xiiii.

IN moste humble wise lamentablye sheweth vnto your highnes your moste humble louing & obedient subiectes, the comons of this your realme, that where the clergy of the same, of the seconde yeare of kinge Henry the. iiii. one of your moste noble progenitours, vppon their suggestion did impetrate and obteine by auctholitie of parliament, holden in the sayd seconde yeare: that it shoulde be lefull for euery ordenarye to conuent, areste, and imprison any person or persons, whom they thought defamed or suspecte of herisye, and them to kepe in their prisons tyll they were purged therof, or abiured, or commytted to laye power to be burned, after the determinacion of the holy churche & canonicall sanctions, as in an acte made at the parliament holden in the sayde seconde yeare of kinge Henry the. iiii. amonges other thinges more at large dothe appere: For as muche as the sayde acte dothe not in any parte therof declare anye certayne cases of heresie, contrary to the determynacion of holy scripture, or the canonicall sanctions them expressed, whereby your moste louing & obedient subiectes moughte be learned to eschewe the daungers and peines in the sayd acte comprised, and to abhorre and detest that foule & detestable crime of heresie. And also bicause those wordes Canonicall sanctions, and suche other lyke conteined in the said act, are so general, that vneth the most expert & best learned man of this your realme, diligently lieng in wayte vpon him selfe, can eschewe and auoyde the penaltye & daungers of the same acte & canonicall sanctions, if he should be examined vpon such captious interrogatories, as is & hath bene accustomed to be ministred by the ordinaries of this realme, in cases where they will suspect any person or persons of heresie. And ouer this for as much as it standeth not with the right order of Justice nor good equitie, that any person should be

conuicte, and put to the losse of his lyfe, good name, or goodes, onles it were by due accusacion and witnesse, or by presentment, verdict, confession or proces of outlawrye: and also by the lawes of your realme, for treasons committed to the peril of your most royal maiestie, vpon whose suretie dependeth the hole welthe of thys realme, no personne can ne maye be putte to death but by presentment, verdict, confession or proces of outlawrye, as is aforesayd. Wherfore it is not reasonable, that any ordinarie by any suspection conceiued of hys own fantasie, without due accusacion or presentment, shoulde put anye subiecte of this realme in the infamie and sclaunder of heresie, to the peril of lyfe, losse of name and goodes. And that alsothers be many heresies & peines, & punishment for heresies declared, & ordeyned in & by the saide canonical sanctions, & by the lawes and ordinaunces made by the popes or byshops of Rome, and by their auctorities, for holdynge, doynge, preachinge, or speakinge of thinges contrarye to the sayde canonical Sanctions, lawes, and ordynaunces, which be but humaine, beyng mere repugnante and contrarious to the prerogatiue of your imperiall crowne, regall iurisdiction, lawes, statutes, and ordenances of thys your realme: By reason wherof your people of the same, obseruynge, maynteynynge, defendinge, and due executinge of your sayde lawes, statutes, and prerogatiue royalle, by authoritie of that acte, made in the sayd second yere of kinge Henry the .iiii. may be brought into sclaunder of heresye, to their great infamie and daunger, and peril of their liues.

¶ In consideracion wherof it may please your highnes, by the assente of your lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, to adnulle, abrogate, frustrate, and make voide the sayd acte, made in the sayd second yere of kinge Henry the .iiii. and euery thinge therin conteyned. And neuertheles for as muche as the moste foule and detestable crime of heresie, shoulde not hereafter growe and increase, but vtterly be abhorred, detested, and eradicate, ne that any heretikes shuld be fauored, but that they should haue condign & sufficient punishment. And for the represse of heretikes, and such erronious opinions in time commynge be it established, ordeined, and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliamente, that the statute made in the fifthe yere of your noble progenitour kinge Richarde the seconde, and the statute made int the seconde yere of kinge Henry the .v. concernynge punishement and reformacion of heretikes and lollardes, and euery prouision therin conteined, not beinge repugnant to this acte: shalbe and stande in their force, strength, and effect. ¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted for spedy presentment to be had of heresies, that suche person & persones, as haue in vse or in possession to their own vse, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of their owne liues. or of any other persons lyfe, landes & tenementes, to the clere yerely value of xl.s. shalbe enpaneled, and haue power and auctoritie to inquire and present heresies. And that euery presentment made by such persons shalbe as good and effectuall and be put in execucion to all intentens,

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in like maner and fourme as if euery the presentours had had landes and tenementes, to the yerely value of a hundred shillinges, accordynge to the tenour of this acte of kinge Henry the.v. any thinge in the sayde acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that shrieffes in their turnes, and all other hauinge turnes, and stewardes in theyr leetes. rapes, and wapentakes, shall haue power and auctoritie to inquire of heretikes like as they inquire of common anoyfances, and that euerye presentment made in anye turne, leete, rape, or wapentake concerninge heresies, shall be certified to the ordinarye in suche maner and fourme as presentmentes afore any Justice assygned by the sayde acte of kynge Henrie the.v. are limytted and appoynted by the same act to be certified: And like proces shall be had, made, and executed, vppon euery suche presentment to be made in anye turne, lete, rape, or wapentake as is limitted in the sayde acte of king Henry the v vppon presentmentes taken afore the Justices assigned by the same acte to inquire of heresies.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that no maner of licence or auctoritie, or other thinge or thinges be hereafter had or obteyned of the bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, to preache in any parte of this realme, or to do any thing in the same contrarie to the lawes and statutes of thys realme, or the kinges prerogatiue royall, vppon the peynes limitted in the sayd lawes and statutes of thys realme: any thing conteined in the preamble of the sayd estatute of king Richarde the second, or in any the statutes before reherfed, or in any statutes of thys realme to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery person and persons being prsented or indited of any heresie, or duly accused or detected therof by two lawfull witnesses at the leaste, to anye ordinarye of thys realme, hauinge power to examine heresies, shall and may after euery such accusacio or presentment, & non otherwise, nor by any other meanes be cited, conuẽted, arrested, taken, or apprehended by any the sayde ordinaries or any other the kinges ministers and subiectes who so euer. And after they shalbe so taken and apprehended, shalbe committed to the ordinarye to aunswer in open courte and in an open place to their suche accusation and presentmentes. And if they shall happen to be lawfully conuicte of the heresie, wherof they are so accused or presented: that then they shall abiure if they will refuse and renounce their sayde heresies, wherof they shal be so accused or presented, as is aforesayde, and doe suche reasonable penaunce for their offences, as shall be limitted by the discrecion of the sayde ordinaries And if they after their lawfull conuiction, refuse to abiure, or after abiuracion fall in relapse, and be duely accused or presented, and conuicte therof, as is aforesayde: that then in suche cases they shalbe committed to laye power, to be burned in open places for example of other, as hath bene accustomed, the kinges writte, de heretico comburendo, firste had and obteyned

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¶ And where the great numbre of the kinges subiectes hauinge lyttell or no lerninge nor knowledge of letters, haue bene put in opinion, that by diuers lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, and constitucions heretofore made by the bishop of Rome, called the pope, and his predecessours, or by their aucthoutes for the aduauncement of their worldlie glory and ambicion, euery man, that in any thing speketh or doth against the sayde pretensed power, or auctho'itie of the same bishop of Rome, or any the said lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, and constitucions standeth in danger, and is impeachable of heresie whiche effect or matter, nor any such lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, or constitucions, not approued & confirmed by holy scripture, was neuer commonly accepted or confirmed to be any law of god or man within thys realme. Wherfore be it enacted and ordeyned by auctho'itie of this presente parliament, that no maner speaking, doing, communicacion, or holdynge agaynst the sayde bishop of Rome, or his pretenced power or auctho'itye, made or giuen by humayne lawes or policies, and not by holy scrypture: nor any speakinge doinge communicacion or holdinge against any lawes, called spirituall lawes, made by auctho'itie of the see of Rome, by the policie of men, whiche be repugnant, or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kinges prerogatiue roial shalbe demed, reputed, accepted, or taken to be heresie. Nor that any subiect or resyant of this realme shalbe for any suche speakinge, doing, communicacion, or holdynge, impeched, vexed, or troubled for anye poynte or matter of the sayde detestable crime of heresie: anye what so euer canon lawes, decrees, ordinances, constitucions, or other thing here to fore made, or being, or hereafter to be made to the contrarie thereof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway that suche person and persones, as shall happen to be accused, presented, or indited of heresie, as is afore lympted by thys acte shall and may be letten to baile by the ordinaries by their discrecions, or els in their defaulte, if they refuse so to do, then by the discrecion of two iustices of peace of that shire, where suche persons so accused or presented, shall inhabit, by .iiii. sufficient sureties to be bounden to the kynges vse by obligacions or recognisance to appere before the ordinaries at such daies, times, and places, as shalbe limytted in the sayde bondes by the sayde ordynaryes, or in their defaultes, by the sayd two iustices, except the ordinarye can and doe declare vnto the kinges highnes, & to his counsayle, a reasonable cause, that the sayde persone or persons so accused or presented of heresie, shoulde not be lett to bayle, as is afore limitted.

¶ An acte concerning printers and binders of bookes. Ca rb.

Where as by the prouision of a statute made in the fyfte yeare of the reygne of kynge Rycharde the thyrde, it was prouided in the same acte, that all straungers repayrynge into

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this realme, might lawfully bringe into the sayd realme printed and writ-ten bookes to sell at their libertye and pleasure, By force of whiche prou-ision there hathe comen into this realme sithen the makinge of the same, a-maruaylous numbre of printed bookes and dayly doth. And the cause of the makinge of the same prouision semeth to be, for that there were but fewe bookes and fewe printers within this realme at that time, whythe coulde well exercise and occuppe the sayde science and craste of printinge: Neuertheless, sithen the makinge of the sayde prouision, many of thys re-alme, beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, haue giuen them so diligently to learne and exercise the sayd craft of printynge, that at this day there be within this realme a great numbre conning and expert in the sayde science or craste of printinge, as able to exercise the sayde craste in all poyntes, as any straunger in any other realme or countrey. And furthermore where there be a great numbre of the kinges subiectes within thys realme, why-che liue by the craste and misterie of bindinge of bookes, and that there be a great multitude well expette in the same: yet all this not withstandinge there are diuers persones, that bringe from beyonde the sea greate plentye of printed bookes, not onely in the latin tongue, but also in our maternall englishe tongue, some bounde in bordes, some in lether, and some in par-chemente, and them sell by retayle, wherby many of the kinges subiectes, beinge binders of bookes and hauinge none other faculitie wherwyth to get theyr liuing, be destitute of worke, and lyke to be vndone: except some reformacion herein be had, Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soue-raygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that the saide prouiso, made the first yere of the sayde king Richarde the thirde, from the feaste of the natiuitie of our lorde god nert comminge, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, resiant or inhabytant within this realme, after the sayde feaste of Christmas nert coming, shal bie to sell againe any printed bookes brought from anye partes out of the kinges obeysance, redye bounden in bourdes, lether, or parchement, vpon peine to lose and forfaite for euery booke boūd out of the sayde kinges obeysance, and brought into this realme, & bought by any person or persons within the same to sell agayne contrary to thys acte, fiue shilling eyght pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no person or persones inhabitant or resiant within this realme, after the sayde feaste of of Christmas, shall bie within this realme, of any straunger borne out of the kinges obedience other then of denizens, any manet of printed bookes brought from any the parties beyond the sea, except onely by engrose & not by retayle: vpon peine of forfayture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery boke so bought by retayle, contrary to the fourme & effecte of this estatute, the sayd forfai-tures, to be alwaies leuied of the biers of anye suche bookes, contrary to

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this acte: The one halfe of all the sayde forfaitures to be to the vse of our soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other moytie to be to the partie that wyll sease or sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, be it by bill, playnt, or informacion, wherin the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his law nor no protection, ne essoin shalbe vnto him allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if any of the sayde printers, or sellers of printed bokes, inhabited within this realme at any time hereafter happen in suche wyse to enhance and encrease the prices of any suche printed bokes in sale or binding, at to highe and vnreasonable prices, in suche wise as complaynt be made therof vnto the kinges highnes, or vnto the lorde chauncellour, lorde tresurer, or any of the cheife Justices of the one benche or of the other: that then the same lorde chauncellour, lorde Tresorer, & ii. cheife Justices, or twoo of any of them, shall haue power and authoritie to enquire therof as well by the othes of xii honest and discrete persons, as other wise by due exampynacion by their discrecions. And after the same enhansinge and encreasinge of the sayde prices of the sayde bookes and bynding shall so be founde by the said twelue men, or otherwyse by examinacion of the sayde chauncellour, lorde tresorer, and Justices, or two of them: that then the same lorde chauncellour, lorde treasourer, and Justices, or two of them at the leaste, from time to time, shall haue power and authoritie to reforme and redresse suche enhansinge of the prices of printed bookes, from time to time by theyr discrecions, and to limit prices as well of the bookes as for the bindinge of them: and ouer that the offender or offenders therof, beyng conuict by the examinacion of the same lorde chauncellour, lorde tresourer, and two iustices, or two of them, or otherwise, shall lose and forfayte, for euery booke by them solde, wherof the price shall be enhanced, for the booke or bindynge therof .iii.s. iiii.d. the one halfe therof shall be to the kinges highnes, and the other halfe vnto the parties greeued, that wyll complayne vppon the same, in maner and forme before rehersed.

¶ An acte that euery iudge of the highe courtes and certaine other, may haue one chaplaine benefic'd with cure. Cap. xvi.

Where in the parliamente holden at westminster in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lorde kinge Henrye the .viii. it was amonges other thynges ordeyned and prouided, that certayne honorable persons, as well spirituall as temporall, shall haue chaplaynes benefyced with the cure, to serue them in their honorable houses whyche chaplaynes shall not incurre the daunger of any penaltie or forfayture, made or declared in the same parliamente for none residence vpon their sayde benefices, or for obteyning licences or dispensacions

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tions of pluralites. In the whiche acte no prouision was made for anye of the kinges iudges of his highe courtes, commonly called the kynges benches and the common place, except only for the cheife iudge of the kinges kenche, not for the chauncelour, nor the cheife baron of the kinges exchecker, nor for any other inferiour persons, beinge of the kinges moste honorable counsaile, as by the sayd acte may appere. Wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctholitie of this present parliament, that as well euerye iudge of the sayde highe courtes and euery of the chauncellour and cheife baron of the sayde eschequire, the kinges generall attorney, and generall solicitour, whiche for the time is, be, or shalbe, shall and may from henceforthe at his libertye reteyne and haue singularly to euerye of them in his house, for attendant to his persone, one chaplain, hauinge one benefice with cure of soules, which may be absent from his sayde benefice and not resident upon the same. The sayde statute made in the sayde xxi. yere, or any other statute, acte, or ordenaunce made to the contrary, in anye wyse not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerning shoting in crosbowes and handgunnes. Ca xviii.



Here before this time diuers and sundry good statutes and prouisions haue bene made and ordeined for the auoydinge and eschewinge of shotinge in crosbowes and handgonnes whiche sayde holsome statutes and prouisions not withstandinge many wilfull and lyghte disposed persons from tyme to tyme haue attempted the breche or violation of the same statutes. In consideracion whereof be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by the auctholitie of this present parliament that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be except he or they be in their owne right, or in the right of his or their wifes, to his or their owne vse, or any other to the vse of any suche person or persones, haue landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, or offices to the yerely value of an hundred poundes, from the first day of June next coming, shall shote in any handgunne or crossebowe, or vse or kepe in his or their houses, or els where, any crossebowe or handgunne, upon peine to forfayte for euery tyme that he or they offende contrary to this acte x.li. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery person, that may vse and keepe any crossebowe or handgunne, or that may shote in the same (not withstanding this acte) to seise and take euery such crossebowe and handgunne or anye of them, from the kepinge or possession of euerye such offender, and the same to kepe or reteine to his or their owne vse.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that no lordes or owners of anye leetes, beate or maintaine anye of their tenantes, or seruantes within the precincte or iurisdiction of their leetes, to doe or offende contrary to this acte, upon peine to forfayte for euery time so offending

doinge .x. li. The one moitye of all the same forfaytures to be to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, and the other moytie to the partye that wyll pursue for the same, by bill, playnt, action of det, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche suite no essoin or protection shall be allowed, nor the defendant receiued to wage his lawe.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that it shal be lefull to the Justices of peace in their sessions, and to all stewardes and bayllies in their seuerall leetes, to enquire, here, and determine euery suche offence hereafter to be committed or done contrarye to the fourme of thys estatute: so that alwaye no lesse fyne then .x. li. be assessed vppon euery suche presentment and conuiction accordinge to the due course of the lawe. The same fine so by the Justices of peace, vppon euery presentment or confession made before them, to be paide and leuied onely to the kinges vse. And the moitie of euery fine to be assessed by the stewardes or bayllifes of euery leete, vppon euery presentment and conuiction before them to be made, to be payed and leuied to the vse of the owner of the same leete by distres or action of dette: and the other moytie of the same fine to be to the partye, that wyll pursue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bill, playnt, informacion, or action of dette, in whiche no essoin or protection shall be allowed, nor the defendant shalbe receiued to the wager of his lawe,

¶ Prouided alwaye, yf that any offender contrary to the fourme of thys estatute by any maner of processe or meane fyll agaynst hym conuicted or presented, shalbe compelled or constrayned to paye or content any such forfayture or penaltye, as is aforesayde, for his sayd offence contrary to thys acte: that then euerye suche offendour, after payment or satisfaction made therof, shalbe clerely acquited and discharged agaynst euery other person for the same forfayture or penaltye in euery suite, processe or presentments agaynst him to be pursued for the recouerie of the sayd penaltie.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all licences, letters, placardes, giuen or graunted, or here after, before the sayde firste day of June nexte comminge to be giuen, had, or graunted to anye person or persons by the kinges highnes: for the shotinge in crosse bowes or handgunnes, or for the vsinge or keepinge of the same, contrarye to the fourme of this acte, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all former statutes made & prouided of and for the auoyding and restraint of shotinge in crossebowes or handegunnes, or of and for anye of them, or for the vsinge & keepinge of the same, be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that euery proces, suite, or informacion, conceyued, commenced, and nowe dependinge for anye offence done contrarye to the fourme of anye estatute made or prouided for the shotinge in crosse bowes & handgunnes not repealed, and for the keepinge of the same, shall be good and effectuall to the parties that haue cõmenced the same, in suche fourme, effecte, degree, or condition, as if this acte had neuer bene made.

¶ Prouided alwaie that this acte or anye thinge therin conteined be not in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any person or persons now being, or that hereafter shalbe appoynted by the kinges highnes to kepe, receiue, or take any crossebowes or handgunnes, that shal be forfayt, or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kinges forestes, parkes, or chases: but he or they may lawfully kepe and reteine the same crossebowes or handgunnes from time to time, vnto suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act extēd not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes: but that they may lawfully kepe crossebowes and handgunnes in their houses, and shote in crossebowes or handgunnes onely for proouing and assayng of them. ¶ Prouided alwaies that in al walled townes within seuen myles of the sea, and other townes or holdes standynge vpon the sea costes, or vpon any of the englishe marches or against Scotlande, it shalbe lefull to euery man dwelling in suche townes or holdes to kepe in their houses, being within the same townes or holdes, crossebowes and handgunnes, for the only defence of the said townes, holdes, & houses, & as well to exercise & vse them in & for the defence of the said townes & houses, beyng in the sayde townes, as for to carie them to their shyppes, there to kepe & exercise them for defence of their shippes, and for their goodes in the same shippes, and for none other cause, anye thynge comprysed or expressed in this present acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person or persons hereafter in anye parte doe offende, or do contrary to the purview & remedie of this act, wherupō there is cause of action for the same geuen to the kinge, his heyres or successours or to any other person or persons that will sue by vertue of this acte, for the punishment of the sayd offence or forfaites, that if the king our souerayngne lord, his heires or successours, within one yere next immediatly after suche offences and forfaytes had and made, do not pursue their action or actions so geuen by the sayd act or cause of examinacion vpon suche defaultes and offences to be had & made before their counsell, or other presentments therof to be had according to the meaning of the same act. And euery other person, which hereafter may haue action or actions, vpon this statute within halfe a yere next and immediatly after suche offences and forfaites had & made, do not cōmence their suites, informacion, or presentmentes, of & vpon the sayd forfaites, by action or other wise, as of & vpon suche forfaytes as be declared and expressed in this present acte, that then as well the kinge our souerayne lord, his heires & successours, after one yere next after suche offences and forfaites had & made, if none suite in his or their name be take by action or other wise, as is before expressed, before the same yere ended & determined, as euery other persō after half a yere next after like offences & forfaites had & made in forme aforesayd. if none suite therupon be take by none of thē in forme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded and barred of their sayd suites, actions, & examinacions to thē giuen by vertue of this said act.

And the parties and euerye of them so offendinge, be of all suche offences and forfaytes clerely discharged and quite, any thyng in this acte compryssed to the contrarie not wythstandyng, and as thoughe thys acte had neuer bene had nor made.

¶ Prouided also that thys acte or anye thinge therin conteyned, extende not or be preiudiciall to anye marchauntes, the whyche haue or shall haue anye crosse bowes or handgunnes to selle within this realme, and to none other vse. Prouided alwaie, that no maner of person renne in any danger or take hurte by reason of any penaltie or forfaiture conteined in this acte, tyll suche tyme as proclamacion be made of the same acte: nor by the space of.xx. dayes nexte after the sayde proclamacion be made within the countie, where the partye that shal or may offend contray to this act dwelleth.

¶ Prouided also that if any maner of person bringe or cause to be brought with him in to his lodgeing, or in any other mans house, any crossebowe or handgunne: that then the penaltie and forfayture, if anye suche be or hereafter shalbe forfayted by reason of this acte, to renne & be onely vppon the bringer of the sayde crosbow and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the sayd lodging cause the bringer therof to take and recarye awaye the saide crossebowe or handgunne ageine with him at his departinge, anye thynge in thys acte made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that thys acte concerninge crossebowes and handgunnes, ne anye thinge therin conteined, extende or anye wyse be hurtefull to anye person or persones, to whom it shall please the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires, or successours to gyue lycence by hys letters patentes vnder hys greate seale to shote in crossebowes or handgunnes, or in euery of them: or to haue and kepe the same crosbowes and handgunnes in his or their houses for the defence of the same.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auethoritie of this present parliament, that yf any person or persons here after from the first day of June nexte cõming, se or finde any person or persons offendinge or doing contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull for euery suche persone or persones, perceiuinge, findynge, or seynge any suche person or persones so offendinge contrarye to the forme of this acte, to arrest and attache euery suche offender or offenders, and to bringe or conueye the same offender or offendoues, to the nexte Justice of the peace of the same countie, where the sayde offendour or offendours shall be founde so offendinge. And that the saune Justice of peace vppon a due examinacion and profe thereof before him hadde or made by hys discrecion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to send or cõmit the same offender or offenders, to the nexte gaole, there to remayne tyll suche time as the sayde penaltie or forfaiture shalbe truely contented & paide by the sayde offender. The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paide to the kinges highnes, & the other moytye therof to the first bringer or conueyer of the saide offender to the same Justice of peace.

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¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or anye thinge therin conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to any seruant or person, that hereafter from the sayd first day of June, shall bende, beare, vse, or assaye anye crossebowe or handgunne, by the commaundemente of his lorde or mayster, so that the sayde seruant or persone do not shote at any fowle, deere, or other game, what kinde or nature so euer they be, nor also to any suche seruant, persone or persons, that shall after the sayde firste daye of June, beare, or conueye anye crossebowe or handgunne, to anye place or places by the commaundement of his lord or maister, that may shote by the auctoritie of this acte, so that the said seruāt or other person, so bringing or conueying the sayd crossbowe or handgunne, haue redye to shewe to euery person, requiringe the sight therof, one licence in writinge sealed or subscribed by his sayde lorde or maisters hande, to carye and conueye the same crossebowe or handgunne, to thintent to be amended, repaired, or assaied, as is afore sayd.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteyned, be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any gunners beynge in the kinges wages, onely for shotinge in handgunnes, bearinge or kepinge of the same handgunnes in their houses. So alwayes that they with the same doe not shote vnto any beaste or fowle vpon the peynes before expressed.

¶ Prouided alway that it shalbe laufull for the inhabitauntes of the cōtreis of Northumberlande, Dureſme, Westmerlande, and Comberlande to kepe in their houses, crosbowes, and handgunnes, & shote in the same for defence of their persons, goodes, and houses agaynste theues, scottes, and other the kinges enemies, and for clensing and scourynge of the same onely, and for none other purpose, this acte or any thinge compriſed within the same not withstanding.

¶ An acte concerning clothiars, or makers of wollen clothes within the shire of Worcester. Ca. xviii.

Be with vnto the kinge our soueragne lorde, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall and to the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, the citizens, burgeſes, & inhabitauntes of the citie of worceter and of the townes of Euesham, Droitwiche, Kederminster, & Bromisgroue within the countie of worceſter, that where the sayd citie, boroughes, and townes haue bene in times paste well & substancially inhabited, occupied, maintened, and vpholden by reason of makinge of wollen clothes, called longe clothes, short clothes, & other clothes as well whites, blewes, and browne blewes, and the poore people of the same citie, boroughes, and townes, and of the countrey adioyning to them dayely sette a worke, as in spinninge cardinge, breakinge, and fortinge, of woolles, & the handy craftes there inhabitinge, as weauers, fullers, sheremen, & diers, haue ben well set a worke, & had sufficient liuing by the same: but all now within fewe yeres passed, that diuers persons inhabiting & dwellinge in the hamlettes, thropes, & villages, adioyning to the said citie, bo-

towes, and townes, within the said shire for their priuate welthes, singuler aduantages, and commodities, nothinge regardinge the maynteynance and vpholdinge of the sayde citie, boroughes, and townes, ne the common welth of the sayde handy craftes, inhabitinge & dwelling within the sayde citie, boroughes, and townes, ne the poore people which had liuing by the same, haue not onely engrossed and taken into their handes diuers & sundry ferines, & become fermers, graziers and husbandmen, but also doe exercise, vse and occuppye the misterie of clothmaking, weauing, fullinge, & shearinge within their sayde houses, and do make al maner of clothes, as well broode clothes, whites, and playne clothes within their sayd houses, in the countreis abroode, to the great decay, depopulacion, and ruine of the sayde cite, townes, & boroughes. For remedy wherof, & for the amendmēt, good aduancement of the said cite, boroughes and townes, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that after the last day of Septēber, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. 1536. no maner person ne persons, of what degree or condicions so euer he or they be of, shall make or cause to be made within the sayd shire of Worcester any maner of wollen clothes to be sold, excepte onely suche person or persons, as after the saide laste daye of September, shal be dwellinge & inhabitinge within the said citie of Worcester the boroughes, and townes of Euesham, Droitwiche, Kederminster, and Bromsgroue within the sayd countie of Worceter, or in any one of them, vpon peine of forfayture, for euery such broode cloth made after the said day by anye person or persons, contrarie to the true meaninge of this acte. xl.s.

¶ And further it is prouided by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordes & owners of the meses, tenementes, or cotages within the sayd citie, or anie of the townes and boroughes aforesaide, shal at no time hereafter dimitte, sette, or let anye mese, tenement, or cotage sufficiently repaired within the saide citie, boroughes, or townes before limitted to anye person or persons, that hereafter shall inhabite in the saide citie, boroughes, or townes and exercisinge any of the sayde misteries or craftes, at anye higher rent, imposicion, or charge, then was geuen for the same at anye time within .xx. yeres next before the makinge of this acte onely except.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte be not hurtefull ne preiudiciall to anye person or persons for makinge any clothes for their owne wearinge, theyr children, or seruantes wearinge.

¶ Also prouided, that in the sayde citie and euery towne & boroughe aforesayd, that there shalbe due serch made of euery suche clothe beforesaid ther made, and that they be meated both length and breede, being wette frō the mill, & before they be set vpon the racke and dried: and that they shalbe sealed with the seale of the serchers of the same citie, towne, or boroughe, which seale shall haue a stampe conteininge the true numbers for the length and diedeth of the same clothe beinge wette, in peyne of forfaiting for euery clothe put to sale, not hauinge the sayde seale of the serchers. And the sealer to forfayte for euerye clothe, by him serched and sealed contrarye to

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the true meaning of this act. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of the sayd forfaites to be to the king our soueraign lord, & the other halfe to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by writ of bette, bylle, plaint, or informacion, in whiche action or actions, the defendantes or defendant shall not wage their law, ne any essoin or protectiō shalbe allowed: And the sercher shall haue for ꝑ serching & sealing of euery cloth a penye, & not aboue

An acte concerninge the submission of the clergie to the kinges maiestie. Ca. xix.

Where the kinges humble and obediente subiectes, the clergye of this realme of England, haue not onely knowledged according to the truth, that the conuocacions of the same clergie, wherunto hath bene & ought to be assembled onely by the kinges writ, but also submitting thēselues to the kinges maiestie, haue promised in the sacerdotall ꝑ they wil neuer from hencefoth ꝑsume to attempt, alledge, clayme, or put in vre, or enact, promulge, or execute any newe canons, constitucions, or ordinaunces prouincial, or other, or by what name or names they shalbe called in the Conuocacion, onles the kinges most royal assent & licence may to them be had, to make, promulge, & execute the same: and that his maiestie doe geue his moste royall assent and authoritie in that behalfe. And where dyuers constitucions, ordenaunces, and canons prouincial or Synodall, which heretofore haue bene enacted and be thought not onely to be muche prejudiciall to the kinges prerogatiue royall, and repugnant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, but also otherwise muche onerous to his highnes and his subiectes: the sayde clergie hath moste humbly besought the kinges highnes, that the sayde constitucions and canons may be committed to the examinacion & iudgment of his highnes, and of xxxii. persons of the kinges subiectes, whereof xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parliamente, of the temporaltie, and other xvi. to be of the clergye of this realme. And all the sayde xxxii persons to be chosen and appointed by the kinges maiestie. And that suche of the sayde constitucions, and canons as shalbe thought and determined by the sayde xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them, worthy to be abrogated & abrulled, shalbe abolite and made of no value accordingly. And suche other of the same constitucions & canons, as by the sayd xxxii. or the more parte of them, shalbe appoynted to stande with the lawes of god, and conformable to the lawes of this realm, shall stande in their full strength and power, the kinges most royal assent first had and obteined to the same. Be it therfore now enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, according to the saide submission & petition of the saide clergie, that they ne any of them from henceforth shall presume to attempte, alledge, clayme, or put in vre any constitucions, or ordenances prouincial or Synodals, or any other canons. Nor shall enacte promulge, or execute any suche canons, constitucions, or ordinance prouincial, by what

to ener name or names they make be called in their conuocations in tyme
comynge, whych assoone shalbe assembled by auctoritie of the kinges writ,
Onles the same clergie may haue the kinges most royall assent and licence
to make, promulge, and execute such canons, constitucions and ordinances
prouincyall or synodall, vppon peyne of euery one of the sayde clergie, do-
ings contrary to this, and beynge therof conuicte, to suffre imprisonment,
and make fine at the kinges will.

¶ And for as muche as suche canons, constitucions, and ordinaunce, as
heretofore haue bene made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at
the session of this presente parliamente, by reason of shortenesse of tyme,
be veiwed, examined, and determined by the kinges highnes, and xxxii.
personnes to be chosen and appointed, accordynge to the peticyon of the
said clergie, in fourme above rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auc-
thoritie aforesaid that the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctoritie
to nominate and assigne, at his pleasure the sayde xxxii. personnes, of hys
subiectes, whereof, xvi. to be of the clergie, and xvi. to be of the temporal-
tie, of the vpper and nether house of the parliament. And yf anye of the
saide xxxii. persons so chosen, shall happen to dis before their full determy-
nacion: then his highnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme, of the
sayde ii houses of the parliament, to supplye the numbre of the saide xxxii.
And that the same xxxii. by hys highnes so to be named, shall haue power
and auctoritie to vieue, serche, and examine the sayd Canons, constituci-
ons, and ordinaunce prouincyall and synodall here tofore made, and suche
of them, as the kinges highnes, and the sayde xxxii. or the more parte of
them shall deme and adiudge wourthy to be continued, kepte and obeyed,
shall be, from thencefourthe kepte, obeyed, and executed within this realme,
so that the kynges moste royall assent, vnder his greate seale, be first had
to the same. And the residue of the said canons, constytucions, and ordi-
naunce prouincyall, whyche the kynges highnes, and the sayde xxxii. per-
sons, or the more parte of them, shall not approue, or deme and iudge wour-
thie to be abolite, abrogate, and made frustrate, shall from thencefourthe be
voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be putte in execucion within this re
alme. ¶ Prouided alway that no canons, constitucions or ordinance,
shall be made or put in execution within thys realme, by auctoritie of the
Conuocacions of the clergye, which shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the
kinges prerogatyue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of thys re-
alme. Any thynge conteined in thys acte to the contrary herof not with-
standinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that from the feast of
Easter, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god M.D.XXXIIII, no ma-
ner of appeales shalbe had, prouided, or made out of this realme, or out of
any the kinges dominions, to the byshop of Rome, nor to the see of Rome,
in any causes or matters happning to be in contencion, arising their com-
mensurent & beginning in any of the courtes within this realme, or with-

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in any the kinges dominions, of what nature, condition, or qualitie so euer they be of: but that all maner of appeles, of what nature or condition so euer they be of, or what cause or matter so euer they concerne, shall bee made and had by the parties greued, or hauinge cause of appele, after such maner, forme, and condition, as is limitted for appeles to be had and prosecuted within this realme in causes of matrimonie, tithes, oblacions, and obuentions, by a statute therof made and established sithen the begynninge of this present parliament, and accordinge to the fourme and effecte of the said estatute, any vsage, custome, prescription, or any thinge or thinges to the contrary herof not withstanding. And for lacke of Justice at or in anye the courtes of the archebishops of thys realme, or in anye the kynges dominions: it shall be lawfull to the parties greued, to appele to the kinges maiestie, in the kinges court of Chauncery. And that vpon euery suche appele, a commission shall be directed vnder the greate seale to suche persons as shall be named by the kinges highnes, hys heyres or successours like as in case of appele from the Admyral courte, to here, and diffinitiuely determine suche appeales, and the causes concerninge the same. Whyche commissioners so by the kinges highnes, his heyres, or successours, to be named or appoynted, shall haue full power and auctorite to here, and diffinitiuely determine euery suche appele, with the causes and all circumstãces concerninge the same: And that suche iudgement and sentence, as the saide commissioners shall make and decree, in and vpon any suche appele, shall be good and effectual, and also diffinityue: and no further appeles to be had or made from the said commissioners for the same.

¶ And yf anye person or personnes, at any tyme after the feaste of Easter, moneke or sue anye maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, to the saide bishop of Rome, or to the see of Rome, or do procure or execute anye maner of processe from the see of Rome, or by auctorite therof, to the derogacion or let of the dewe execucion of thys acte, or contrarye to the same: that then euerye suche person or personnes (so doynge) their aydours, counsaylours, and abbettours, shall incurre and runne into the daungers, paynes and penalties conteyned and lymitted in the acte of Prouision and Premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the kinges most noble progenitour, king Richard the seconde, agaynst such as sewe to the courte of Rome, againe the kinges crowne and prerogatiue royall.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that all maner of prouocacions and appeles hereafter to be had, made, or taken from the iurisdiction of anye abbottes, priours, or other heds and gouernours of monasteries, abeyes, priores and other houses & places exempt, in suche cases as they were wont or mought afore the makynge of this acte, by reason of graunte or liberties of suche places exempt, to haue or make immediately any appele or prouocacion to the bysshop of Rome, otherwise called the Pope, or the see of Rome, that in all thase cases euerye person and persons, hauinge cause of appeale or prouocacion, shall & may take and make their appeles, and prouocacions immediatly

mediately to the kinges maieſtie of this realme into the courte of Chaun-cery in like maner and fourme as they vſed afore to do to the ſee of Rome: whiche appeles and prouocations ſo made, ſhall be diffinitiuely determi-ned by auctoritie of the kinges cõmiſſion: in ſuche maner and forme as in this acte is aboue mencioned. So that no archebiſhop nor biſhop of this realme, ſhall entermitte or meddell with anye ſuche appeles, otherwiſe, or in anye other maner, then they mought haue done afore the makinge of this acte: any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alſo that ſuche canons, conſtitutions, ordinances, and ſyno-dals prouinciall, beinge all redye made, whiche be not contrayant nor re-pugnante to the lawes, ſtatutes, and cuſtomes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kinges prerogatiue roayll, ſhall nowe ſtill be vſed and executed as they were afore the makinge of thys acte, tyll ſuche tyme as they be viewed, ſerched, or otherwiſe ordered and determined by the ſaide .xxxii. perſones, or the more parte of them, accordinge to the tenoure, fourme, and effecte of this preſent acte.

¶ An acte reſtrainyng the paiment of annates, or firſt frutes to the biſhop of Rome, and of the electing and conſecrating of archbiſhops and byſhoppes within this realme. Cap. xx.

Where ſithen the begininge of this preſente parliamente for repreſſe of the exactyon of annates and tythe frutes of ar-chebyſhoprykes and biſhoprykes of this realme, wrong-fully taken by the byſhoppe of Rome, otherwiſe called the pope, and the ſee of Rome, it is ordeyned & eſtabliſhed by an acte among other things, that the paymentes of the annates or firſt frutes, and all maner contributions for the ſame, for any ſuche archebiſhoprike or biſhoprike, or for anye bulles to be obteyned from the ſee of Rome, to or for the ſayd purpoſe or intent, ſhould vtterly ceſſe, and no ſuch to be payde for any archebiſhoprike or biſhoprike, within this realme otherwiſe then in the ſame acte is expreſſed. And that no maner of perſone or perſons to be named, elected, preſented, or poſtulated to anye archeby-ſhoprike or byſhoprike within this realme, ſhoold paye the ſayde annates or firſt frutes, nor any other maner of ſume or ſummes of money, penſions or annuites for the ſame, or for any other like exaction or cauſe, vppon peine to forfaite to our ſouerayne lorde the kinge, his heires, and ſucceſſours, all maner his goodes and cattelles for euer, and all the temporall landes and poſſeſſions of the ſayde archebiſhoprike or biſhoprike, duringe the tyme that he or they, that ſhould offende contrary to the ſayd acte, ſhoulde haue, poſſede, and enioy the ſaide archbiſhoprike or biſhoprike. And it was fur-ther enacted, that if anye perſone named, or preſented to the See of Rome by the kinges highnes or his heires or ſucceſſours, to be byſhop of anye ſee or diotes within this realme, ſhould happen to be letted delaied or deferred at the ſee of Rome from any ſuche biſhoprike, where vnto he ſhoulde be to

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presented, by meane of restaynt of bulles of the sayde bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, and other thinges requisite to the same, or shoulde be denied at the see of Rome, vppon conuenient suite made for anye bulles requisite for anye suche cause: that then euery person so presented mought or shoulde be consecrated in Englande by the archebishoppe, in whose prouince the sayde bishoppricke shall be: so alwayes that the same personne shoulde be named and presented by the kinge for the time being to the said archbishop. And if any person being named and presented (as is aforesaid) to any archbishoppick of this realme, makinge conuenient suite as is aforesaid, should happen to be letted, delaid, deferred, or otherwise disturbed from the sayde archebishoppicke, for lacke of pall, bulles, or other thinges to hym requisite to be obteined at the see of Rome: that then euery suche person so named and presented to be archbishop, mought & should be cõsecrated & inuested after presentacion made as is aforesaid, by anye other .ii. bysshoppes within this realme, whome the kinges highnes, or any his heires or successours, kinges of englande, woulde appoint & assigne for the same accordinge & after like maner, as diuers archebishops & bishops haue bene heretofore in auncient tyme by sundrye the kinges moste noble progenytours made, consecrated, and inuested within this realme. And it was further enacted by the said act, that euery archbishop & bishop, being named & presented by the kinges highnes, his heires & successours kinges of England, & being consecrated & inuested, as is aforesaid, shalbe installed accordyngly, & should be accepted, taken, & reputed, vsed & obeied, as an archbishop or bishop of the dignitie, see, or place, whereunto he shalbe so named presented & consecrated, & as other like prelates of that prouince see or dioces haue bene vsed accepted, taken, & obeird, which haue had & obteyned completly their bulles & other thinges requisite in that behalfe from the see of Rome; & also shoulde fully & intierly haue & enioy all the spiritualties and temporalties, of the saide archebishoppricke or bishoppricke in as large ample and beneficiall maner, as anye of his or their predecessours had or enioyed in the sayde archebishoppricke or bishoppricke, satisfiynge and peldynge vnto the kinges highnes, and to hys heires, and successours, all suche duties, rightes, and inuesties, as before time hath bene accustomed to be paied for any suche archebishoppricke or bishoppricke, accordynge to the aunciente lawes and customes of this realme, and the kinges prerogatiue royall, as in the sayde acte amonges other thinges is more at large mencioned.

¶ And all be it the saide bishop of Rome, otherwyse called the pope, hath bene enformed and certified of the effectual contentes of the said act, to the entente that by some gentill waies the sayde exactions mighte haue beene redressed and reformed: yet neuertheles the sayde bishop of Rome hitherto hath made none answere of his minde therin to the kinges highnes, nor deuised or required any reasonable waies to and with our sayde souerayne lorde for the same. Wherfore his moste royall maiestie, of his moste excellent goodnes, for the welth and profitte of this his realme and subiectes

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of the same, hath not onely put his most gracious and royall assent to the forsayde acte, but also hath ratified and confirmed the same, and euerye clause and article therin conteined, as by his letters patentes vnder his great seale enrolled in the parliament rolle of this present parliament more at large is conteined.

¶ And for as muche as in the saide acte it is not plainely and certaynely expressed, in what maner and facion archebishoppes and bishoppes shall be elected, presented, inuested, and consecrated within this realme, and in all other the kinges dominions: Be it now therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraine lorde, by thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporall & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that the sayd acte, and euerye thinge therin conteined, shal be and stande in strength vertue and effecte, except onely that no person or persons hereafter shalbe presented nominated or commended to the said bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, or to the see of Rome, to or for the dignitie or office of anye archebishop or bishop within this realme, or in anye other the kinges dominions, nor shall sende nor procure there for anye maner of bulles, breues, palles, or other thinges requisite for an archebishop or bishop, nor shall pay any summes of money for annates, first fruites, or otherwise for erpedicion of any such bulles, breues, or palles: but that by the auctoritie of this acte, such presenting, nominating, or commending to the sayde bishop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, and suche bulles, breues, palles, annates, first fruites, and euery other summes of money heretofore limitted, accustomed or vsed to be payde at the said see of Rome, for procuracion or erpedicion of any suche bulles, breues, or palles, or other thinge concerning the same, shall vtterly ceasse and no lenger be vsed within this realme or within any the kinges dominions, any thing conteined in the said acte afore mencioned, or any vse, custome, or prescription to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it ordeined & established by the auctoritie aforesaid that at euery auoydance of any archbishoppricke or bishoppricke within this realme, or in anye other the kinges dominions: the kinge our soueraygne lorde, his heires, and successours may graunt to the prior and conuent, or the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churches or monasteries, where the see of such archbishoppick or bishoppick shall happen to be voyd, a lycence vnder the greate seale, as of olde time hath bene accustomed, to procede to election of an archebishop or bishop of the see so beinge voyde, with a letter missiue, conteininge the name of the personne, whyche they shall elette and chose. By vertue of which licence the saide deane and chapiter, or prior and conuent, to whom any such licence and letters missiues shalbe directed shal with al spede & celeritie, in due forme electe & chose the said person named in the sayd letters missiues to the dignitie & office of the archbishoppricke or bishoppricke, so beinge voyde, and none other. And if they do or differe or delay their election aboue .xii. daies next after such licence and letters missiues

to them deliuered, that then for euery such defaulte the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, at their libertie and pleasure, shall nominate and present by their letters patentes vnder their greate seale, suche a person to the sayd office and dignitie, so being voyde, as they shall thinke able & conuenient for the same. And that euery suche nominacion and presentmente to be made by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, if it be to the office and dignitie of a bishop, shalbe made to the archebyshop and metropolitane of the prouince, where the see of the same bishoprick is voide, yf the see of the said archbishop be then full & not voide: & if it be voide, then to be made to suche archebishop or metropolitane within this realme, or in any the kinges dominions, as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours. And if anye suche nominacion or presentment shall happen to be made for defaulte of suche election to the dignitie or office of anye archebishop: then the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, by hys letters patentes vnder his great seale shall nominate and present suche person as they wil dispose to haue the sayde office and dignitie of archebishopricke being voide, to one suche archebishop, and .ii. suche bishops, or els .iiii. suche bishoppes in this realme, or in anye the kinges dominions, as shall be assigned by our sayd soueraygne lorde his heires or successours.

¶ And be it enacted by thauethoritie aforesaid, that when so euer any such presentmente or nominacion shal be made by the kinges highnes, hys heires or successours, by vertue and auethoritie of this acte, and accordinge to the tenour of the same: that then euery archebishop and byshop to, whose handes any, suche presentment and nominacion shalbe directed, shall with all speede & celeritie inuest and consecrate the person nominate & presented by the kinges highnes, his heires, or successours to the office and dignitie that such person shalbe so presented vnto, and giue and vse to him pall and all other benedictions, ceremonies, and thinges requisite for the same with out suing, procuring, or obteining hereafter any bulles or other thinges at the see of Rome for any such office or dignitie in any behalfe. And if the sayde deane and chapiter, or prpour and conuente, after suche lycence and letters missiues to them directed within the sayde .xii. dayes, do electe and chose the sayde person mencioned in the sayde letters missiues, accordynge to the request of the kinges highnes, hys heires or successours, therof to be made by the sayde letters missiues in that behalfe: than their election shall stande good and effectuall to all intentes, and that the personne so elected, after certificacion made of the same election, vnder the comen and couent seale of the electours to the kinges highnes, his heires, or successours, shall be reputed and taken by the name of lorde elected of the said dignitie and office, that he shalbe elected vnto: And then makynge such othe & feaultie onely to the kinges maiestie hys heires and successours, as shall be appoynted for the same, the kinges highnes by hys letters patentes vnder his greate seale, shall signifie the sayde election, if it be to the dignitie of a bishop, to the archebishop and metropolitane of the prouynce

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where the see of the sayde bishoppicke was voide, if the see of the saide archbishop be full & not voyde. And if it be voyde, than to any other archebyshop within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, requirynge and commaundynge suche archebishop, to whom any suche signification shalbe made, to confirme the sayde election, and to invest and consecrate the sayde person so elected to the office and dignitie that he is elected vnto, and to giue and vse to him all suche benedictions, ceremonies, and other thinges requisite for the same, without anye suinge, procurynge, or obteinyge anye bulles, letters, or other thinges from the sea of Rome for the same in anye behalfe. And if the person be elected to the office and dignitie of an archebishop, accordinge to the tenoure of this acte, then after suche election certified to the kinges highnes in fourme aforesayde, the same person so elected to the office and dignitie of an archebishop, shall be reputed and taken lorde electe of the sayde office and dignitie of archebishop, wherunto he shall be so elected: And then after he hath made suche othe and fealtie onely to the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, as shall be limitted for the same, the kinges highnes, by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale, shall signifie the saide election to one archebishop and .ii. other bishops, or els to .iiii. bishops within this realme, or within any other the kinges dominions, to be assigned by the kinges highnes, his heirs, or successours, requiringe and commaundinge the sayde archebishop and bishops with all speede and celeritie, to confirme the sayde election, and to inuest and consecrate the sayde person, so elected to the office and dignitie, that he is elected vnto, and to giue and vse to him such palle, benedictions, ceremonies, and all other thinges requisite for the same, without suynge, procuringe, or obteininge any bulles, breifes, or other thinges at the sayde see of Rome, or by authoritie therof in any behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie aforsaid, that euery person and persones beinge hereafter chosen, elected, nominate, presented, inuested, and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any archebishop or bishop within this realme, or within any other the kinges dominions, accordynge to the fourme, tenure, and effecte of this present acte, and suinge their temporalities out of the kinges handes, his heires or successours, as hath bene accustomed, makynge a corporall othe to the kinges highnes, and to none other, in fourme as is afore rehersed, shall and may from henceforth be tronontsed or installed, as the case shall require, and shall haue and take their only restitucion, out of the kinges handes, of all the possessions & profites spirituall & temporall belonging to the saide archbishoppick or bishoppyck wherunto they shalbe so elected or presented, and shall be obeyed in all maner of thinges, accordinge to the name, title degree, and dignytye that they shalbe so chosen or presented vnto, and doe and execute in euery thinge and thinges, touchinge the same, as anye archebishop or byshop of thys realme, without offendinge of the prerogatiue royall of the crowne, and the lawes and customes of thys realme, mought at anye tyme heretofore doe.

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¶ And be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that if the prior and conent of anye monasterie, or deane & chaptre of any cathedrall churche, where the see of any archbishop or bishop is within any the kinges dominions, after suche licence, as is afore rehersed shalbe deliuered to them, procede not to election, and signifie the same accordinge to the tenoure of this acte, within the space of .xx. dayes nexte after suche licence, shall come to their handes, or els yf any archebishope or bishop within any the kinges dominions, after anye suche election nominacion or presentacion shall be signified vnto them by the kinges letters patentes, shall refuse and do not confirme, inuest, and consecrate, with all due circumstance as is aforsaide euery suche person as shalbe so elected, nominate or presented, and to them signified as is aboue mencioned, within xx. dayes nexte after the kinges letters patentes of suche signification, or presentacion shall come to theyr handes, or els yf any of them or any other person or persons, admit, maintaine, allowe, obey, doe, or execute any censures, excommunicacions, interdictions, inhibicions, or any other proces or acte, of what nature name or qualitie so euer it bee, to the contrarye or lette of dewe execucion of thys acte, that then euery Prior and particuler person of hys conuent, and euery deane and particuler person of the chapiter, and euery archebishoppe & bishop, and all other persons so offendinge and doinge contrarye to this acte, or any parte therof, and their aidours, counsaylours, and abbettours shall runne in the dangers, peynes, and penalties of the estatute of the prouision & premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the raygne of kinge Edwarde the thirde, and in the .xvi. yere of kinge Richarde the seconde.

¶ An acte concerninge the exoneracion of the kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions here to fore payde to the see of Rome, and for hauinge licences and dispensacions within this realme without suing further for the same. Cap. xxi.

MOst humbly beseche pour most royal maiestie your obedient & faithfull subiectes, the commens of this your present parliament assembled by your most dradde commaundement, That where your subiectes of this your realme, & of other countreis & domininons being vnder your obeisace, by many yeres past haue ben & yet be greatly decaied and impouerished by intollerable exactions of great summes of money, as haue bene claimed & taken, and yet continually be claymed to be taken out of this your realme, and other your sayd countreis & dominions by the bysshop of Rome, called the pope, & the see of Rome, as well in pencions, censes, peter pence, procuracions, fruites, suites for promocions & expedicions of buls for archbishoprickes, & bishoprickes, & for delegacies, and rescriptes

in causes of contencions and appeales, iurisdictions, legatine, and also for dispensacions, licences, faculties, grauntes, relaxacions, wrytes called Perinde valere, rehabilitacions, abolicions, and other infinite sortes of bulls, breues, & instrumentes of sundry natures names & kyndes in great numbres heretofore practysed and obteyned, otherwise than by the lawes, laudable vses, & customes of this realme shoulde be permitted, the specialites wherof bene ouer longe, large in numbre, and tedious here particulerly to be insterted. wherin the bysshop of Rome afore sayde, hath not bene onely to be blamed, for hys vsurpacion in the premises, but also for his abusynge and begulynge your subiectes, pretendynge and perswadynge to them, that he hath full power to dyspence wyth all humayne lawes, vses, and customes of all realmes, in all causes, whiche be called spyrytuall. Whyche matter hathe bene vsurped and practysed by him and hys predecessours by manye yeres, in great derogacion of your imperiall crowne and auctoritie royall, contrarye to ryght and conscience. For where thys your graces realme recognysynge no superiour vnder god but onely your grace, hath bene and is free from subiection to anye mans lawes, but onely to suche as haue bene deuised, made, and ordeined within this realme for the weithe of the same or to suche other, as by sufferaunce of your grace and your progenytours, the people of thys your realme haue taken at theyr free lybertie by theyr owne consente to be vsed amonges theym, and haue bounde theym selues by long vse and custome to the obseruaunce of the same, not as to the obseruaunce of the lawes of any forein prince, potentate, or prelate, but as to the customed & anciēt lawes of this realme, originally established, as lawes of the same, by the said sufferance, cōsentes, & custom, & none otherwise. It stādeth therfore with naturall equitie & good reason, that all & euery suche lawes humaine, made within this realm, or induced into this realme by the sayd sufferance, consentes, & custome, your royall maiestie, and your lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons representynge the whole state of your realme, in thys your moste high courte of parliamente, haue full power and auctoritie, not onely to dispence, but also to auctorise some electe person or persones, to dispence with those and all other humayne lawes of this your realme and wyth euerye one of them, as the qualitye of the persons and matter shall require. And also the sayde lawes and euery of them to abrogate, adnulle, amplifie, or diminishe, as it shalbe sene vnto your maiestie, and the nobles and commons of your realme, presente in your parlyament, mete & conuenyent for the weith of your realme, as by diuers good and holsome actes of parliamentes, made and established, as well in your tyme, as in the tyme of your moste noble progenitours, it maye playnelye and euidently appeare. And by cause that it is nowe in these dayes presente sene, that the state, dignitie, superioritie, reputacion, and auctoritie of the sayde imperiall crowne of this realme, by the longe sufferaunce of the sayde vnreasonable and vncharitable vsurpacions and exactions, practysed in the tymes of your moste noble progenitours, is muche and sore decayede,

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and diminished, and the people of this realme therby impouerished, and so or worse be like to continue, if remedie therof be not shortly prouided.

¶ It may therfore please your moste noble maiestie, for the honour of almyghty god, and for the tender loue, zele, and affection, that ye beare and alwayes haue borne to the welth of this your realme, and subiectes of the same, for as muche as your maiestie is supreme head of the churche of Englande, as the prelates and clergie of your realme, representinge the sayde churche in theyr Synodes and conuocations haue recognised: in whome consisteth full power & auctoritie vpon al such lawes as hath ben made & vsed within this realme, to ordeine and enact by the assent of your lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons of this your realme, or of any other your dominions, shall from henceforth pay any pensions, censes, porcions, peterpence, or any other impositions to the vse of the sayde bishop, or of the see of Rome, like as hertofore they haue vsed, by vsurpacion of the said byshop of Rome, & his predecessours, and sufferance of your highnes and your moste noble progenitours to do, but that all such pensions, censes, porcions, & peterpence, whiche the sayde byshop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, hath heretofore taken and perceiued, or caused to be taken and perceiued to his vse and hys chambres, whyche he calleth apostolyke, by vsurpacion and sufferance, as is aboue sayde, within thys your realme, or anye other your dominions, shall from henceforth clearly surcesse, and neuer more be leuied, taken perceiued, nor payde to anye person or persons in any maner of wise, any constitucion, vse, or prescription, or custome to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that neyther your highnes, your heires, nor successours kinges of this realme, nor anye your subiectes of this realme, nor of any other your dominions shall from henceforthe sewe to the sayde bysshoppe of Rome, called the pope, or to the see of Rome or to any person or persons, hauing or pretending any auctoritie by the same, for licences, dispensacions, compositions, faculties gratites, rescriptis, delegacies, or anye other instrumentes or writinges, of what kynde, name, nature, or qualitie so euer they be of, for any cause or matter: for the whiche anye licence, dispensacion, composicion, facultie, graunt, script, delegacie, instrument, or other writinge heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed to be had and obteined at the see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, or of any prelate of this realme: nor for any maner of other licences, dispensacions, compositions, faculties, graunts, rescriptes, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or writinges, that in causes of necessitie may lawfully be granted without offending of the holy scriptures and lawes of god: But that from henceforthe euerye suche licence, dispensacion, composicion, facultie, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, and other writinge afore named and mencioned, necessarye for your highnes, your heires and successours, and your and their people and subiectes, vpon

the due examynacions of the cauſes and qualities of the perſones procu-
ringe ſuche diſpenſacions, licences, compoſicions, faculties, grauntes,
reſcriptes, delegacies, inſtrumentes, or other wrytinges, ſhall be graunted
hadde, and obteined from tyme to time, within this your realme, and o-
ther your dominions, and not els where, in maner and fourme folowing
and none otherwiſe, that is to ſaye, the archebiſhop of Canturburye, for
the time beinge, and his ſucceſſours, ſhall haue power and aucthoritie from
tyme to time, by their diſcreacions, to geue, graunt, and diſpoſe by an in-
ſtrument, vnder the ſeale of the ſayde archebyſhoppe, vnto your maieſtie
and to your heires and ſucceſſours, kinges of this realme, as well all ma-
ner ſuche licences, diſpenſacions, compoſicions, faculties, grauntes, re-
ſcriptes, delegacies, inſtrumentes, and all other wrytinges for cauſes not
beinge contrarye or repugnant to the holy ſcryptures and lawes of god, as
heretofore hath bene vſed, and accuſtomed to be had and obteyned by your
highnes, or any your moſte noble progenitours, or anye of yours or theyr
ſubiectes, at the ſee of Rome: or any perſon or perſons by aucthoritie of the
ſame: and all other lycences, diſpenſacions, faculties, compoſicions, graun-
tes reſcriptes, delegacies, inſtrumentes, and other wrytinges, in, for, and
vpon all ſuche cales and matters, as ſhall be conuenient and neceſſarye to
be hadde, for the honour and ſuertie of your highnes, your heires, and ſuc-
ceſſours, and the welthe and profyt of thys your realme: So that the ſayde
archebiſhop, or any hys ſucceſſours, in no maner wiſe ſhall graunt any dyſ-
penſacion, licence, reſcript, or ani other wrytyng afore reherſed, for anie cauſe
or matter repugnant to the lawe of almightie god.

¶ Be it alſo enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayd, that the ſaid archbiſhop and
his ſucceſſours, after good & due examinacion by them had, of the cauſes
and qualities of the perſons procuringe for lycences, diſpenſacions, com-
poſicions, faculties, delegacies, reſcriptes, inſtrumentes, or other wrytin-
ges, ſhal haue full power and aucthoritie by them ſelfe, or by their ſufficiēt
and ſubſtanciall commiſſarie or deputie by ther diſcreacions from tyme to
tyme, to graunt and diſpoſe by an inſtrument vnder the name and ſeale of
the ſaid archebiſhop, as well to any of your ſubiectes, as to the ſubiectes of
your heires and ſucceſſours, all maner licences, diſpenſacions, faculties,
compoſicions, delegacies, reſcriptes, inſtrumentes, or other wrytinges for
anye ſuche cauſe or matter, wherof heretofore ſuch licences, diſpenſacions
compoſicions, faculties, delegacies, reſcriptes, inſtrumentes, or wrytinges
haue bene accuſtomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by aucthoritie ther
of, or of any prelate of this realme. And that the ſayd archebyſhop and hys
commiſſarie ſhall not graunte anye other licence, dyſpenſacion, compoſici-
on, facultie, writinge, or inſtrument in cauſes vnwonte, and not accuſto-
med to be had or obteyned at the courte of Rome, nor by aucthoritie therof,
nor by anye prelate of this realme, vntill your grace, your heires, or ſuc-
ceſſours, or your or their counſaile ſhall firſte be aduertiſed therof, and de-
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other writinges in suche cause vnwont and not accustomed to be dispensed withall, or obteyned, shall commonly passe as other dispensacions, faculties, or other writynges, shall or do, vpon peyne that the graunters of euerye suche licence, dispensacion, or wrytinge in suche causes vnwonte, contrary to this acte, shall make fine at the will and pleasure of your grace your heires & successours. And if it be thought & determined by your grace your heires or successours, or your or their counsaile, that dyspensacions, faculties, licences, or other writynges in any suche cause vnwonte, shall passe then the sayde archebishoppe or hys commissarie, hauynge licence of your highnes, your heires, or successours for the same, by your or their bylls assigned, shall dispence with them accordingly.

Prouided alwaies, that no maner of dispensacions, licences, faculties, or other rescriptes or writinges hereafter to be graunted to anye person or persones by vertue or authoritie of this acte by the sayde archebishoppe, or his commissarye, beinge of suche importance, that the tare for the expedicion therof at Rome, extended to the summe of foure poundes or aboue, shall in anye wise be put in execucion, tyll the same licence dispensacion, facultie, rescripte, or other writynge, of what name or nature so euer it be of, be fyrste confirmed by your highnes, your heires, or successours, kinges of this realme, vnder the greate seale, and inrolled in your Chaunceric in a rolle by a clerke to be appoynted for the same. And that thys acte shall be a sufficyente warrante to the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beinge, or to hym, whome your grace, your heyres or successours shall depute to be keper of the greatte Seale, to confyrme in your name your heires, or successours the foresaide writinges, passed vnder the sayde archebishoppes seale, by letters patentes in due forme therof to be made vnder your greate seale, remittinge as well the saide writinge, vnder the archebyshoppes seale, as the sayd confirmacion vnder the greate seale, to the parties, from time to time procuringe for the same. And that all suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, and other rescriptes and writinges, for the expedicion of the whiche the sayde tares to be payde at Rome, was vnder .iiii.li. whiche be matters of no great importance, shall passe only by the archbishops seale, & shall not of any neerssitie be confirmed by the great seale, oneles the procurers of suche licence, facultie, or dyspensacion, desire to haue them so confirmed, In whiche case they shall pay for the said great seale, to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours .v.s. sterlinges, and not aboue, ouer and beside suche tare as shall be hereafter lympted for the makinge, writynge, regestringe, confirminge, and enrollinge of suche licences confirmacions & wrytinges, vnder the sayd tare of.iiii.li. And that euery suche licence, dispensacion, compolicion, facultie, rescripte, and writinge, of what name or nature so euer it be, for suche causes as the tare was wonte to be.iiii.li. or aboue, so graunted by the archebyshope and confirmed vnder the greate seale, and all other licences, dyspensacions, faculties, rescriptes, & writinges hereafter to be graunted by the archbishop

by vertue and auctho̅ritie of this act, wherunto the great seale is not limitted of necessitie to be put to, by reason that the fees of them is vnder. iiii.li. shall be accepted, approued, allowed, & admitted good and effectuall in the lawe, in all places, courtes, and iurisdictions, as well spyrytuall as temporall within thys realme, as els where, wythin your dominions, and as benificial to the persons obteininge the same, as they should haue ben, if they hadde bene obteyned with all thinges requisite, of the See of Rome, o̅r of anye other person by auctho̅ritie therof, without any reuocacion o̅r repeale hereafter to be had of any suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, rescriptes o̅r writinges, of what nature so euer they be. And that all children procreated after solempnisacion of any mariages to be hadde o̅r done by vertue of suche licences o̅r dispensacions, shalbe admitted, reputed, and taken legitimate in all courtes, as well spiritual as tempo̅rall, and in all other places, & inherite the inheritance of their parents & auncestours within this your realme, and all other your dominions, accordyng to the lawes and customes of the same: and all actes to be done, had, o̅r executed accordyng to the tenour of suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, writynges, o̅r other instrumentes to be made o̅r graunted by auctho̅ritie of this act, shalbe firme, permanente, and remayne in force, anye forreine lawes, constitucions, decrees, canons, decretalles, inhibicions, vse, custome, prescripcion, o̅r anye other thinge hadde, o̅r hereafter to be made to the contrarye, not wythstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that the said archebishop and hys successours shall haue power and auctho̅ritie to ordeine, make and constitute a clerke, which shall write & registre euery such licence, dispēsacō, faculti̅e, writing, o̅r other instrument to be graunted by the sayd archbyshop, and shall fynde parchement, ware, and silken laces conuenient for the same, and shall take for his peynes suche summes of money as shall be hereafter in thys present acte to hym limitted in that behalfe for the same. And that likewyse your grace, your heires & successours, shall by your letters patentes, vnder your great seale, ordeyne depute and constitute one sufficient clerke, beynge lerned in the courte of the chauncerye, whiche alwayes shalbe attendant vpon the lorde Chancellour, o̅r the lorde keper of the greate seale, for the time beynge, and shal make write and enrolle the confirmacions of all such lycences, dispensacions, instrumentes, and other writynges, as shall be thither brought vnder the archebishops seale, there to be confirmed and enrolled: And shall also intitle in his bokes and enroll of record suche other writinges, as thither shalbe brought vnder the archebishops seale not to be confyrmed, takinge for his peynes suche reasonable summes of money, as hereafter by thys acte to him shalbe limitted for the same. And that aswell the sayde clerke appoynted by the sayd archebishoppe, as the sayde clerke to be appoynted by your highnes, your heyres, o̅r successours, shall subscrybe their names to euerye suche licence, dispensacion, faculty̅e o̅r other writinge, that shall come to their handes to be written, made, graunted, sealed, com-

confirmed, regestred, and entrolled by auctholitie of this acte, in fourme as is before rehersed.

¶ And for as muche as the charges of obteininge the sayde licences, dyspensacions, faculties, and other rescriptes or writinges afore named, at the courte of Rome, by the losses and exchaunges, & in conductinge of currours, and wageing solicitours, to sue for anye suche licences, dispensacions, faculties, instrumentes, and other rescriptes or writinges, haue be greuous & excessiue to your people, & many tymes greater summes haue bene demaunded for the spedye expedicion in the courte of Rome, then be expressed in the olde tare, limitted to be payde for the saide expedycyons, wherby your people haue ben brought to an incertentie vpon the paiment for expedicions of suche thinges, and by reason therof haue bene constreyned to pay more then they were wont to doe, to the great impouerishing of thys realme, as is aforesaide. And sometimes the spending of such dispensacion, faculties, licences, and other writinges at Rome, haue ben so longe differred, that the parties laboring for the same, haue suffred great incommodities and losse for lacke of quicke spede, whiche hereafter may be had within this your realme, to the greate commoditie of your people, wherby the charges of making exchanges conducting of currours and solicitours for the sayde dispensacions, shalbe abated, and your people so muche relceued and eased, to thentent that all ambiguitie and incertentie of paymentes for dispensacions, faculties, licences and other rescriptes & writinges may be taken away, that no fraude or exaction shalbe exercised vpon your people, by suche officers as shall be appointed by this acte, to take peynes in spendinge suche dispensacions, faculties, and licences, but that your people may be sure and certayne, what they bee appointed to paye for the same: Be it enacted by this present parliament, and by the auctholite of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawen & made of one tenour: in which shalbe contained the tares of all customable dispensacyons, faculties, licences, and other writinges, wonte to be spedde at Rome, which bookes and euery leafe of those bookes, and bothe sides of euery leafe, shalbe subscribed by the archebishop of Canturbury, the lorde chauncellour of Englande, the lorde Treasourer of England, and the two cheife Justices of both benches for the tyme beyng: to the which bokes all suters for dispensations, faculties, licences, and other writinges afore rehersed, shall haue recourse, if they require it. And one of the sayd bokes shall remayne in the handes of hym, whiche shalbe appointed to be regester and scribe of the said dispensacions, faculties and licences, vnder the said archbishop of Canturburie, in fourme as is before said. And the other booke shall remayne with the clarke of the Chauncerie, whiche by your grace, your heires, or successours shall be appointed, as is before rehersed. Whiche clarke of the Chauncerie shall also intitle and note particularly and dayely in his booke, ordeined for that purpose, the numbre and qualitie of the dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes and writinges, whiche shalbe sealed onely with the seale of

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the sayd archebishop: and also whiche shalbe sealed with the sayd seale, and confirmed wyth the great seale, in fourme as is before sayd, that all fraude and concelment in thys behalfe may be auoyded.

¶ And be it enacted, by this present parliament, and by thauctho͞rite of the same, that no man suing for dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes or wrytinges, which were wont to be sped at Rome, shall pay any more for their dispensacions licence or rescriptes, then shall be conteined, tared, and limitted in the sayde duplicate boke of tares: onely compositions excepted, of whiche beinge arbitrarie no tare can be made: wherfore the tare therof shalbe set & limitted by the discreacion of the said archbyshop of Canturbe͞rye, and the lorde chauncellour of England, or the lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge. And that suche as shall exacte or receiue of any suitter more for any dispensacion, faculti͞e, or licence then shall be conteined in the sayde bookes of tares, shall forfayte ten times so much as he shall so extorcionsly exacte and receiue: the one halfe of the whiche forfayture to be to the vse of your grace, your heires, or successours, and the other half therof to be to such of your subiectes as will sue for the same by action, bill, or playnt in any of your graces courtes, wherin the defendant shall haue none essoin nor protection allowed, neither shall be admitted to wage hys lawe.

¶ Be it also enacted by this parliament and auctho͞rite of the same, that the tare or summe appoynted to be payde for euerye suche dispensacion licence facultie, instrument, rescripte, or other wrytinge to be graunted by auctho͞rite of this acte, shalbe employed and ordered, as here after ensueth that is to say, if the tare extende to .iiii. li. or aboue, by reasone wherof the dispensacion, licence, faculti͞e, rescripte, or wrytinge, whiche shal passe by the saide archbishoppes seale, must be confirmed by thappension of the greate seale: then the sayde tare so extendynge to .iiii. li. or aboue, shall be deuided into .iii. partes, wherof two shall be perceiued by the sayde clerke of the chauncerie to be appoynted (as is aforesayde) to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours, and to the vse of the lorde chauncellour, or the keper of the greate seale, for the time beinge, and to the vse of the sayde clerke, in suche wyse as hereafter shall be declared. And the thirde parte shall be taken by the sayde clerke of the archebyshoppe, to the vse of the same archebishoppe and hys commissarye and his said clerke and regester, in suche wise as hereafter shall be ordered and symptted by thys acte: That is to sare, the sayde twoo partes shall bee deuyded in foure partes, of whiche three partes shall bee taken to the onely vse of your hyghenes, your heires, and successours: and the fourthe parte shall bee deuided in three partes, whereof the Chauncellour of Englande, or lorde keper of the greate seale, for the tyme beinge, shall haue twoo partes, and the sayde clerke of the chauncerie the thyrde parte for his peines, trauayle, and labours, that he is symptted to wrytte and doe by vertue of thys acte. And the sayde thyrde parte of the whole tare, appoynted to the

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saide archebishoppe and his officers (as is aforesayde) shall be deuided into three partes; wherof the archebishoppe shall haue to hys vse twoo partes, and his officers shall haue the thyrde parte therof: of whiche thyrde parte to be deuided into twoo partes, the sayde clerke or regester, whiche shall finde parchment, ware, and silke, and shall deuise and write the sayde dispensacions, licences, faculties, rescriptes, or other writinges, and regestre the same shall haue for hys sayde labour, and for receiuinge and repayenge of the summes of money, that shall come to his handes for dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes aforesayde, the one moitie thereof, and the commissarie of the sayde archebishop, appoynted to seale the sayde dispensacions, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes, shall haue the other parte. And if the tare be vnder foure.li. and not vnder.xl.s. then the sayde tare shall be deuided into three partes, as is aforesayde, wherof, the kynges highnes, hys heires & successours shall haue .ii. partes wherof abating iii.s.iiii.d. which shalbe to the sayd clerke of the Chauncery for subscribynge entitleynge and enrolleynge the sayde dispensacions, licences, faculties, rescriptes, and other writinges aforesayde, and receiuyng of the kynges money so tared: And the archebishop and his officers shall haue the third part whiche thirde parte shalbe deuided into twoo partes, whereof the archebishop shall haue the one entierely to hym selfe, his scribe and commissarye shall haue the other parte therof, egally to be deuided amonges them for their costes and peynes in that behalfe. And if the tare be vnder foutye shillinges, and not vnder .xxvi.shillynges eyght pence, the same tare shall be deuided into two partes, wherof the one parte shall be to your grace, your heyres, and successours, deductinge therof.ii.s. for the clerke of the chancerye, for his paynes, as is aforesayde. And the other parte shall be to the sayde archebyshop and hys officers, whiche other parte shall be deuyded into twoo partes, wherof the archebishop shall haue the one, and hys commissarie and scribe shall haue the other egally deuided amonges them. And yf the tare be vnder.xxvi.s.viii.d. and not vnder.xx.s. the same shalbe deuided into twoo partes, wherof your grace your heires, and successours shall haue the one parte entierlye, abatynge twoo shillynges therof to the sayde clerke of the chauncerye: and the archebishop and his officers shall haue the other parte, and the same other parte shall be deuyded into three partes, wherof the archbyshop shall haue one, hys commyssarye the seconde, and his scribe or regester the thyrde. And in case the tare be vnder xx.s. the same shalbe perceiued to the vse of the sayde commissarye, clarke of the sayde archebyshop, and clarke of the chauncerie, to be egally deuided amongest them for theyr paynes and labours by them to be susteined by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouided alwayes that thys acte shal not be preiudicial to the archbyshoppe of yorke or to any bishoppe or prelate of thys realme: but that they may lawfully (not withstandinge this acte) dispence in all cases, in whiche they were wont to dispence by the common lawe or custome of this realme afore

afore the makinge of this acte.

¶ Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctho*ri*tie afore*sai*de, that if it happen the sea of the archebi*sh*oprieke of Canturbury to be voyd, that then all suche maner licences, di*sp*en*sa*cions, faculties, in*st*rumentes, re*sc*ryptes, and other wri*t*inges, which may be graunted by vertue and auctho*ri*tie of this acte, shall (durynge the vacacion of the same see) be had, doone and graunted vnder the name and seale of the gardiane of the spirituallties of the sayde archebi*sh*oprieke for the tyme beinge, accordiug to tenoure and fourme of this acte, and shall be of like force, value, and effecte, as if they had bene graunted vnder the name and seale of the archebyshoppe for the time beinge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if the foresayde archebyshop of Canturburye (for the time beinge) or the saide gardiane of the spiritualties, for the time being, hereafter refuse or denie to graunt any licences, di*sp*en*sa*cions, faculties, in*st*rumentes, or other wri*t*inge, which they be auctho*ri*sed to doe by vertue and auctho*ri*te of this act, in such maner and forme as is afore remembred to any person or persons, that ought of a good, iuste, and reasonable cause to haue the same, by reason wherof this presente acte by their wilfulnes, negligence, or defaulte, shoulde take none effecte: than the chancellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greate seale, for the tyme being, vpon any complaynte therof made, shall directe the kynges writte to the sayd archebi*sh*op or gardian, denienge or refusinge to graunt suche licences, di*sp*en*sa*cions, faculties, or other wri*t*inges, inioynyng hym by the sayde writte, vpon a certayne peine therin to be limitted by the discretion of the sayde chauncellour, or keper of the greate seale, that he shall in due forme graunt suche licence, di*sp*en*sa*cion, faculte, or other wri*t*ing, accordinge to the requeste of the procurers of the same: or els signifie vnto your highnes, your heires or succe*ss*ours in the courte of Chauncerye, at a certayne daye, for what occasion or cause he refused and denied to graunt suche licences, faculties or di*sp*en*sa*cions. And if it shall appere to the sayde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the greate seale, vpon suche certificat, that the cause of refusall or denialI of grauntinge suche licences, faculte or di*sp*en*sa*cion was reasonable, iuste, and good: that then so beinge proued by due serche and examinacion of the sayde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the greate seale, to be admitted and allowed. And if it shall appere vpon the sayde certificatte, that the sayde archebyshoppe or gardyane of the spiritualitye*s*, for the tyme beynge, of wylfulnes, in contempnynge the dewe execucion of thys acte, wythout a iuste and reasonable cause, refused or denied to graunte suche licence, faculte, or dy*sp*en*sa*cion: that then your highnes, your heires and succe*ss*ours, beynge therof informed, after due examinacion had, that suche licences, faculties, or di*sp*en*sa*cions maye be graunted, without offendinge the holy scriptures, and lawes of god, shall haue power and auctho*ri*tie in euery suche case, for the default, negligence, and wilfulnes of the sayde archbyshop, or gardiane, to

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ſende your wrytte of Iniunction, vnder your great ſeale, out of your ſayde courte of Chauncerye, commaundynge the archebyſhop or gardian, that ſo ſhall denye or refuſe to graunt ſuch licence, facultie, or diſpenſacion, to make ſufficient graunt therof, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of thys acte, by a certayne daye, and vnder a certain peyne in the ſaide wrytte to be conteyned, and to be limitted by your highnes, your heires or ſucceſſours, kynges of thys realme. And if the ſayde archebiſhop or gardiane, after the receipte of the ſayde wrytte, refuſe or denye to graunt ſuche lycences, facultyes, or diſpenſacions, as ſhall bee inioyned hym by vertue of the ſayde wrytte, and ſhewe and proue before your maieſtie, your heires, or ſucceſſours, no iuſte or reaſonable cauſe, why he ſhoulde ſo dooe, then the ſayde archebiſhoppe or gardiane, that ſo ſhall refuſe to putte thys acte in execucion, accordinge to the ſayde wrytte of Iniunction, ſhall ſuffre, loſe, and forfayte to your highnes, your heires, and ſucceſſours, ſuche peyne and penaltie, as ſhall be limitted and expreſſed in the ſayde wrytte of Iniunction. And ouer that it ſhall be lawfull to your highnes, your heires, and ſucceſſours, for euery ſuche defaulte and wilfulnes of the ſaide archbiſhop or gardiane, for the tyme beynge, to geue power and auctoritie by commiſſion, vnder your greate ſeale to ſuche two ſpirituall prelates or perſones to bee named by your highnes, your heires, or ſucceſſours, as will do and graunt ſuch licences, facultyes, and diſpenſacions, refuſed or denied to be graunted by the ſayd archebiſhop, or gardian, in contempte of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde twoo ſpyrituall prelates or perſones, to whome in ſuche caſes, anye ſuche commiſſion ſhalbe directed, ſhall haue power and auctorite to graūt euery ſuch licence, facultie, diſpenſacion, inſtrument, and other wryttinges ſo refuſed to be graunted by the ſayde archebiſhop or gardian for the tyme beinge, by an inſtrumente vnder their ſeales, takinge like fees and charges for the ſame, as is before reherſed, and not aboue, vnder the peines afore remembred. And that euery ſuche licence, facultie, and diſpenſacion ſo graunted for any caſes or matters, wherunto any confirmacion vnder the kinges great ſeale is appoynted by this acte, to be had in maner and fourme aboue declared, ſhall be had and obteined accordingly. And ſuche licences and confirmacions ſhalbe had for like fees and charges, as they are aboue ſpecified, and not aboue, vnder the peynes aboue mencioned. And that euery ſuche licence, facultie, diſpenſacion, and other wryttinge to be graunted by the ſayde prelates or perſons to be aſſygned by the kinges highnes, hys heires, and ſucceſſours, as is aforeſayd, ſhall be of as good value, ſtrength and effecte, and as beneficiall and profitable to the perſones procurynge the ſame, as if they had bene made graunted and obteyne vnder the name and ſeale of the ſayde archebiſhop.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thinge or thinges therin conteined, ſhalbe hereafter interpreted or expounded, yf your grace your nobles & ſubiectes intend by the ſame to decline or vary from the congregacion of

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Chriſtes churche, in any thinges, concernynge the verie articles of the Catholyke faythe of chriſtendome, or in anye other thinges declared by holy ſcripture & the worde of god neceſſary for your & their ſaluacions, but only to make an ordenance by polices neceſſarie and conuenient to repreſſe vice, and for good conſeruation of this realme in peace, vnite, and tranquilite, from rauine and ſpoyle, inſuynge muche the olde auncient cuſtomes of this realme in that behalfe. Not mindynge to ſeeke for anye releefes, ſuccours, or remedies for any worldly thynges and humayne lawes, in anye cauſe of neceſſitie, but wythin thys realme at the handes of your highnes, your heyres, and ſucceſſours kynges of thys realme, whiche haue & ought to haue an imperial power and auctoritie in the ſame, and not obliged in any worldly cauſes to any other ſuperiour.

¶ Prouided alwaye that the ſayde archebyſhoppe of Canturburye, or anye other perſon or perſons, ſhall haue no power or auctoritie by reaſo of this acte, to viſite or bere any monaſteryes, abbeis, priores, colleges, hoſpytals, houſes, or other places religyous, whyche be or were exempte before the makynge of this acte, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary thereof not wythſtandynge, but that redreſſe, viſitacyon, and confirmacyon ſhalbe had by the kynges highenes, his heires and ſucceſſours by commyſſion vnder the greate ſeale to be directed to ſuche perſons, as ſhall bee appoynted requiſite for the ſame, in ſuche monaſteryes, colleges, hoſpitals, priories, houſes and places religions exempte. So that no viſitacion nor confyrmacion ſhall from henceforth be had or made, in or at anye ſuche monaſteries, colleges, hoſpitalles, priories, houſes and places religious exempte by the ſayde biſhop of Rome, nor by any of his auctorite, nor by any out of the kinges dominions. Nor that any perſon religious or other reſyant in any the kinges dominions, ſhall from henceforth departe out of the kynges dompynyons, to or for any viſitacion, congregacion, or aſſemble for religion, but that all ſuche viſitacions, congregations, and aſſemblies ſhall be wythin the kinges dominions.

¶ Prouided alſo, that this preſente acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned, or any licence or diſpenſacion hereafter to be made by vertue and auctorite therof, ſhall not extende to the repeale or derogacion of the late acte made ſith the beginnige of this preſent parliament, for the reformacion of pluralites of benefices, and for none reſydences of ſpirituall perſons vppon theyr dignities or benefices, nor to any thinges conteyned or mencioned in the ſayde acte. Nor that this acte, nor any thing to be done by auctoritie therof, ſhall not be taken, expounded, nor interpreted, to geue licence to anye perſon or perſons, to haue any more numbre of benefices, then is limitted in the ſayde acte. And that the ſame acte for pluralites and none reſidences of benefices, & euery thinge therin conteyned ſhall ſtande good & effectuall in all intentes, according to the true meanynge therof, any thinge in thys preſent acte, or any licence or diſpenſacion to be had by auctoritie therof in any wyſe not withſtanding.

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¶ And be it further enacted by auctho̅itie afore̅sayd, that if any perſon or perſons, ſubiecte or reſiante within this realme, or within anye of the kinges dominions, at any tyme hereafter ſue to the courte of Rome, or the ſea of Rome, or to any perſon, clayminge to haue hys auctho̅itie by the ſame, for anye licence, facultie, diſpenſacion, or other thinge or thinges contrarye to this acte, or put in execution any licence, facultie, or diſpenſacion, or anye other thinge or thinges hereafter to be obteyned from Rome or the ſee of Rome, or from anye clayming auctho̅itie by the ſame, for any of the cauſes aboue mencioned in this acte, or for any other cauſes that maye bee graunted by auctho̅itie of this act, or attempt or do any thing or thinges, contrarye to this acte, or maynteine, allowe, admitte, or obeye any maner of cenſures, excomunicacions, interdictions, or anye other proceſſe from Rome, of what name or nature ſo euer it bee, to the derogacion or lette of the execution of this acte, or of anye thinge or thinges to be done by reaſon of the ſayde acte, that then euery ſuche perſon or perſons ſo doinge, offendinge, and beinge therof conuicte, their aydours, counſaylours, and abbettours ſhall incurre and runne into the peyne, loſſe, and penaltie compriſed, and ſpecified in the acte of Proui ſion and Premunire, made in the ſixteene yeare of your moſte noble progenitour kinge Rycharde the ſeconde, agaynſte ſuche as ſue to the Courte of Rome, agaynſt your Crowne and dignitie royall.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or anye thinge therein conteyned ſhall not hereafter be taken nor expounded to the derogacion or takinge away of any grauntes or confirmacions of any liberties, priuileges, or iuriſdiccion of anye monaſteries, abbeies, priories, or other houſes or places exempte, whiche heretofore the makinge of this acte, hath bene obteined at the See of Rome, or by auctho̅itie therof, but that euery ſuch grant and confirmacion ſhalbe of the ſame value, force and effecte, as they were afore the makinge of this acte, and as yf this acte had neuer bene made. Prouided alwaies, that the abbotes, priours, and other cheife rulers and gouernours of ſuche monaſteries, abbeies, priories, and other houſes & places exempte ſhall not hereafter paye anye pencion, porcion or other cenſe to the See of Rome, nor admit or accept any viſitacion nor any confirmacion from or by the ſayd ſee of Rome, or by auctho̅itie therof, of or for any perſon to be elect named or preſented to be heades of anye ſuche monaſteries, abbeies, priories, places, or houſes exempte: nor ſhall make anye corporall othe to the biſhop of Rome, otherwiſe called the pope, vpon the peines limitted in thys acte. But that euery ſuche viſitacion and confirmacion of ſuche heades elected in any ſuche monaſteries, abbeies, priories, houſes, or places exempte, where after their election they were bounden to haue and obteine anye confirmacion of their election, or of the perſon named, preſented, or elected ſhalbe from henceforth had, made, and done within this realme, at & with in euery ſuche abbeies, monaſteries, priories, and other houſes and places exempte by ſuche perſon and perſons as ſhalbe appoynted by auctho̅itie of

the kinges commission from time to tyme, as the case shall require, and not by the See of Rome nor by auctoritie therof, any thinge in thys next proviso above specified to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Provided alwayes, that in suche monasteryes, abbeis, priories, and houses exempte, where after election, presentacion, or nominacion of theyr heades, no suche confirmacion is requisite to be had, nor hath bene used to be taken by reason of suche preveleges as they have concerninge the same, that in everye suche monasteries, abbeis, priories, and places exempt, they shall not be bounden to obteine have or take any confirmacion for the same within this realme by auctoritie of thys acte, but use their privileges therin, as they have done before the makinge of thys acte, anye thinge in thys acte, or any the provisos nexte above rehersed, to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

Provided also and be it enacted, that this acte or any thinge or thynges worde or wordes therin, or in the preamble therof mencioned or conteined is not intended or ment, nor shall be expounded nor interpret, that any dispensacions, licences, or confirmacions for mariages, graunted to anye the kinges subiectes, borne under his obeisance, at anye tyme before the .xii. daye of Marche, in the yere of our lorde god. 1533. shall be appeired or of anye lesse value, strengthe, force or effecte, then they were, at the sayde xii. daye of Marche. Nor that this acte, or any thinge therin conteyned, shall not extende to the derogacion, appayringe, or adnullacion of anye licences, dispensacions, confirmacions, faculties, or indulgences at anye tyme before the sayde .xii. daye of Marche, in the yeare of our lorde god. 1533. had or obteined at the See of Rome, or by auctoritie therof to or for anye subiectes borne in this realme, or in anye the kynges dominions, or to or for the hospital of the priour of saincte Johnes Jerusalem in Englande, or anye commandries or membres therof, or to or for anye other cathedrall churches, hospitals, monasteries, abbeis, priories, colledges, conuentuall churches, parochiall churches, chappelles, fraternyties, brotherheades, or bodies politike within thys realme, or in any other the kinges dominions: but that euery suche licence, dispensacion, confirmacyon, faculte, and indulgence, graunted before the saide .xii. daye of Marche to anye suche subiecte, or to the saide hospitall of the priour of saincte Johnes Jerusalem in Englande, and commandries or membres thereof, or to anye other cathedrall churche, hospitalle, monasterye, abbey, priorye, colledge, churche conuentuall, parochiall churche, chappell, fraternitie, brotherhead, or bodie politike, or to theyr predecessours, or auncetours wythin thys realme, or in anye other the kinges dominyons, shall bee of the same force, strengthe, value, and effecte, and may be from time to time put in execucion at all tymes hereafter by and to them that will use and have the same, as they mought have bene afore the making of this act, and as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, any thinge in the said act to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

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¶ Prouided alwayes, that suche licences, dispensacions, confyrmacyons, or faculties heretofore obteined at the sea of Rome, or by auctho-ritie therof, contrarye to the expresse prouisions of the lawes & statutes of this realme, heretofore made, shall not at any time hereafter be vsed or put in execution in any case, to the derogacion or contrarie to the saide lawes & statutes of this realme, and the prouisions of the same: any thinge in thys Prouiso to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it enacted by auctho-ritie of this presente parliamente, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde, by the aduise of his honourable counsaple shall haue power and auctho-ritie from time to time, for the ordering, redresse, & reformacion of all maner of Indulgences & priuileges therof within thys realme, or within anye the kinges dominions heretofore obteined at the see of Rome, or by auctho-ritie therof, and of the abuses of such indulgences and priuileges therof, as shall seme good, holsome, and reasonable for the honour of god and weale of his people: and that suche order and redresse, as shall be taken by his highnes in that behalfe, shall be obserued & firmely kepte vpon the paines limitted in this acte for the offendinge of the contentes of the same.

¶ An acte declaring the establishment of succession of the kinges most royal maiestie in the imperiall crowne of this realme. Ca. xxii.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your maiestie your moste humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, that since it is the naturall inclinacion of euerye man, gladly and willingly to prouide for the suertie of bothe his title & succession, although it touche his onely priuate cause. We therfore moste rightfull and dredfull soueraygne lorde, recken our selues much more bounden to beseche, and instant your highnes, although we doubt not of your princly harte and wisdome, mixed with a naturall affection to the same, to forese and prouide for the perfitte suertie of bothe you and of your moste lawfull succession and heires, vppon whiche dependeth all our ioye and welth: in whom also is vnited and knitte the only mere true inheritaunce and title of this realme, without any contradiction. Wherefore we your sayd most humble and obedient subiectes: in this present parliament assembled, callinge to our remembraunce the greate diuisions, whiche in tymes paste haue bene in this realme, by reason of seuerall titles pretended to the imperiall crowne of the same, whiche sometimes, and for the most part ensued by occasion of ambiguitie and doubtes, then not so perfectly declared, but that men mighte vppon frowarde intentes expounde them to euerye mans sinestre appetite, & affection, after their sense, contrary to the ryght

legalitie of the succession and posteritye of the lawfull kinges and emperours of this realme: whereof hath insued great effusion and distruction of mans bloud, as well of a greate numbre of the nobles as of other the subiectes, & specially inheritours in the same. And the greatest occasion therof hath bene because no perfecte and substanciall prouision by lawe hath bene made within this realme of it selfe, when doubtes and questions haue ben moued and proponed of the certaynte and legalitie of the succession and posteritie of the crowne. By reason wherof the bishop of Rome & see apostolike, contrarye to the greate and inuiolable grauntes of iurisdictions by god immediately to emperours, kinges, and princes in succession to theyr heires, hath presumed in tymes past to inuade, who shoulde please them to inherite in other mennes kingedomes and dominions: whiche thynge we your moste humble subiectes, bothe spirituall and temporall, doe most abhorre & detest. And somtimes other forayne princes & potentates of sundry degrees, minding rather dissension & discorde to continue in the realme, to the vtter dissolacion therof, then charitie, equitie, or vnitie, haue many tymes supported wronge titles, whereby they might the more easily & facily aspyre to the superiorite of the same. The continuance & sufferance wherof depely considered and pondered, were to daungerous and perilous to be suffered any lenger within this realme, and to muche contrarye to the vnitie, peace and tranquillitie of the same, beinge greately reprochable and dishonorable to the whole realme.

¶ In consideracion wherof your saide moste humble and obedyente subiectes, the nobles and the commons of this realme, calling further to their remembraunce, that the good vnitee, peace, and welthe of thys realme, and the succession of the subiectes of the same moste specially and principallye aboue all worldelye thynges, consysteth and resteth in the certaynte and suertie of the procreacion, and posteritie of your hyghnes, in whose moste royall personne at this present time is no maner of doubte nor question, doe therefore moste humblye beseche your highnes, wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the mariage heretofore solempnised betwene your hignes and the ladye Katharine, beinge before lawfull wife to prince Arthure, your elder brother, whyche by him was carnally knowen, as dothe duely appeare by sufficient proue in a lawfull processe had and made before Thomas, by the suffrance of God, nowe archebishop of Canturbury and Metropolitane and primate of all this realme, shall be by auctoritie of this present parliament, diffinitiuely, clerely, and absolutely declared, demed, and adiudged to be againste the lawes of almightye god, and also accepted, reputed, and taken of no value ne effecte: but vtterlye voyde and adnichiled: and the seperacyon thereof made, by the said archebishoppe shall be good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, any licence, dispensacion, or anye other acte or actes goinge afore

afore, or ensuing the same, or to the contrary therof, in any wise not with standinge. And that euery suche licence, dispensacion, acte or actes, thinge or thinges heretofore had, made, done or to be done to the contrarye therof shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that the sayde ladye Katherine shalbe from henceforth called and reputed only dowager to prynce Arthure, and not queene of this realme. And that the lawfull matrimony had and solempnised betweene your hyghnes, & your most deare and entierly beloued wyfe queene Anne shall be established, and taken for vndoubtefull, trewe, sincere, and perfecte euer hereafter, accordynge to the iuste iudgemente of the sayde Thomas archbishop of Canturbury, metropolitane and primate of all this realme, whose groundes of iudgement haue bene confirmed as well by the hole clergye of this realme, in bothe the conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleanes, Tolouse, Angiewe, and diuers others: And also by the priuate writinges of many right excellent well learned menne. Whiche groundes so confirmed, and iudgemente of the sayde archebyshoppe ensuynge the same, together with your mariage solempnised, betwene your highnesse, and your sayde lawfull wife Queene Anne, we your saide subiectes bothe spirituall and temporall, doe putelye, playnelye, constantlye, and firmely accepte, approue, and ratifie for good and consonante to the lawes of almightye god, without errour or defaulte: Moste humblie beseechynge your maiestie, that it maye be so establyshed for euer by your moste gracious and royall assent.

¶ And furthermore since many inconuenience haue fallen as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryenge within the degrees of mariage prohibite by goddes lawes, that is to saye, The sonne to marye the mother, or the stepmother, The brother the sister, The father, hys sonnes daughter, or hys Daughters daughter, or the sonne to marye the daughter of hys father, procreate and borne by hys stepmother, or the sonne to marie his aunte, being his father or mothers sister, or to marye his vncles wife, or the father to marie hys sonnes wyfe, or the brother to marie hys brothers wyfe, or anye man to marye his wyues daughter, or his wyues sonnes daughter, or his wiues daughters daughter, or his wiues sister. whiche mariages all be it they bee playnelie prohybited and detested by the lawes of almighty god, yet neuertheles at some times they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensacions by mans power, whiche is but vsurped, and of ryght ought not to be graunted, admitted ne allowed. For no man of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he be, hath power to dispence wyth goddes lawes, as all the clergye of this realme in the sayde Conuocacions, and the moste parte of all the famous vniuersities of Chrystendome, and we also doe affirme and thinke.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by auctholitie aforesayde, that no persone or persones, subiectes or resiantes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate, degree, or dignitie so euer they be, shall from henceforth mary

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within the saide degrees afore rehersed, what pretence so euer shalbe made to the contrary therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate dignitie, degree, or condition so euer they be, hath bene heretofore maried within this realme, or in anye the kinges dominions, within anye the degrees aboue expressed, and by anye the archebyshoppes, byshoppes, or ministers of the Churche of Englande, be seperate from the boundes of suche vnlawfull mariage, that then euery suche seperacion shall be good, lawfull, syrme, and permanent for euer: And not by any power auctho-ritie, or meanes to be revoked or vndone hereafter: And that the childzen proceedynge or procreate vnder suche vnlawfull maryage shall not bee lawfull ne legitimate, anye forayne lawes, licences, dyspensacions, or other thinge or thynges to the contrarye thereof not withstandinge.

¶ And in case there be any person or persons within this realme, or in anye the kinges dominions, already maried within any the said degrees aboue specified, & not yet seperat from the boundes of such vnlawful mariage: that the euery such persō so vnlawfully maried shalbe seperate by the diffinitye sentence and iudgementes of the archebishoppes, bishoppes, & other ministers of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions within the limittes of their iurisdictions & authorities, and by none other power or auctho-ritie. And that all sentences and iudgementes, geuen and to be geuen by any archebishoppe, byshoppe, or other minister of the church of Englande, or in other the kinges dominions, within the limittes of theyr iurisdictions and auctthoritie, shall be diffinitiue, syrme, good, and effectual to all intentes, and be obserued and obeyed without fuinge any prouocations appeles, prohibitions, or other processe from the courte of Rome, to the derogacion therof, or contrary to the actes made since the beginning of this present parliament for restrayntes of suche prouocations, appeles, prohibycions, and other processes.

¶ And also bee it enacted by auctthoritie afore sayd, that all the issue hadde and procreate, or hereafter to be had and procreate betweene your highnes, and your sayde moste dere and entierly beloued wife queene Anne, shall be your lawfull children, and be inheritable and inherite accordynge to the course of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the imperial crowne of the same, with all dignities, honours, preheminences, prerogatiues, auctho-rities, and iurisdictions to the same annexed or belonginge in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this present tyme hath the same, as king of this realme, the inheritance therof to be & remaine to your saide children & right heires, in maner and forme as hereafter shall be declared. That is to say, first the said imperial crowne and other the premises, shalbe to your maiestie, and to your heires of your body lawfully begotten, that is to say, to the first sonne of your bodie betweene your highnes, & your said lawfull wife, queene Anne, begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of the same first sonne lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of suche heyres, then to the

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seconde sonne of your body, and of the body of the sayde Queene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the body of the said seconde sonne lawfully begotten. And so to euery sonne of your bodie, and of the body of the saide queene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of euery suche sonne begotten, accordinge to the course of inheritaunce in that behalfe: and yf it shall happen your saide deere and entierly beloued wife queene Anne to decesse without issue male of the bodye of your highnes to be gotten (whiche god defende) then the same imperiall crowne, and all other the premysses to be to your maiestie as is aforesaide, and to the sonne and heire male of your body lawfully begotten, & to the heires of the body of the same sonne and heire male lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, then to your seconde sonne of your body lawfully begotten, & to the heires of the bodye of the same seconde sonne lawfully begotten: and so from sonne and heire male, to sonne and heire male, and to the heires of the seuerall bodies of euerry such sonne and heire male to begotten, according to the course of inheritance, in like maner and fourme as is aboue sayd. And for default of such sonnes of your bodies begotten, and of the heires of the seuerall bodyes of euery such sonnes lawfully begotten, that then the said imperial crowne & other the premisses, shalbe to the issue female betwene your maiestie & your said most dere and entierly beloued wife queen anne begotten. That is to saye, first to the eldest issue female, whiche is the lady Elizabeth now princes, and to the heires of her bodye lawfully begotten: and for default of suche issue, then to the seconde issue female, and to the heyres of her bodye lawfully begotten, and so from issue female to issue female, and to their heires of their bodies one after an other, by course of inheritaunce, accordinge to their ages, as the crowne of England hath bene accustomed and ought to goe in cases when there be heires females to the same. and for defaulte of suche issue: then the sayde imperiall crowne, and all other the premisses, be in the right heires of your highnes for euer.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that on this side the firste daye of Maye nexte commynge, proclamacions shall bee made in all shires within this realme of the tenour and contentes, of this acte: and yf anye person or persones, of what estate, dignitie, or condicyon so euer they be, subiecte or resiant within thys realme, or els where, within anye the kinges Dominions, after the saide firste daye of Maye, by wrytinge or imprintinge, or by anye exterior acte or deede, maliciously procure or dooe, or cause to be procured or done any thinge or thinges to the peril of your most royall person, or maliciously geue occasion by wrytinge, print, dede or acte, wherby your highnes might be disturbed or interrupted for the crowne of this realme, by wrytinge, prynte, dede, or acte, procure or doe, or cause to be procured or done anye thinge or thinges to the preiudice, sclaunder, disturbance, or derogacion of the saide lawfull matrimonie solempnysed betwene your maiestie and the sayd queene Anne: or to the peril, sclander or disherison of any the issues and heires of your highnes, beynge lymitted

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by this acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of thys realme, in suche fourme as is aforesayde: wherby any suche issues or heires of your highnes might be distroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or tytle of inheritance to the crowne of this realme, as to them is limitted in this acte, in forme aboue rehersed: that then euery suche person and persons of what estate, degree, or condition they be of, subiecte or resiant within this realm and their aidours, counsaylours, and mainteinours, and abbettours, and euery of them, for euery suche offence shall be adiudged high traytours, and euery suche offence shalbe adiudged highe treason, and the offendours and their aydours, counsaylours, mainteyners, and abbettours, and euerye of them beynge lawfully conuicte of suche offence by presentmente, verdicte, confession or processe, according to the customes and lawes of this realme shall suffre paynes of death, as in cases of highe treason. And that also euery suche offendour, beinge conuicte, as is aforesayde, shall loose and forfayte to your highnes, and to your heires kinges of this realme, all such manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and hereditamentes, whiche they had in possession, as owners, or were sole seased of, by or in any right, title, or meanes, or any other person or persons had to their vse, of any estate of enheritaunce, at the daye of suche treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shall also lose and forfaite to your highnes and to your saide heires, as well all maner suche estates of freeholde and interestes for yeares, of landes and rentes, and all their goodes, cattelles, and debtes, whiche they had at the time of conuiction or atteindye of anye suche offence. Sauinge alwaies to euery person and persons, and bodyes politicke to their heires, assignes, and successours, and euery of them, other then suche persons as shall be so conuicte, and their heires and successours, and all other claymynge to their vses, all suche right, title, vse, interest, possession, condition, rentes, fees, annuites, offices, and commons, whiche they or anye of them shall happen to haue in, to, or vpon any suche manours landes, tenementes, rentes, annuites, or hereditamentes, that so shall happen to be loste and forfayte by reason of atteindye, for any the treasons and offences aboue rehersed, at any time before the saide treasons and offences committed.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or persons, after the sayde first day of Maye by any wordes without writyng, or anye exterriour deede or acte, maliciously and obstinately publishe, diuulge, or vtter anye thinge or thynges, to the perill of your highnes, or the sclaunder or preiudice of the sayde mattrimony, solempnised betweene your highnes and the saide queene Anne, or to the sclaunder or dishersion of the issue and heires of your body begotten, and to be begotten of the sayde queene Anne, or any other your lawfull heires, which shalbe inheritable to the crowne of this realme, as is afore limitted by this acte: that then euerye such offence shalbe taken and adiudged for misprision of treason. And that euery person and persons of what estate, degree, or condition so euer they

they be, subiecte or resiant within this realme, or in anye the kinges domy-nions, so doinge and offendinge, and being therof lawfully conuict by pre-sentment, verdicte, proceſſe, or confeſſion, shall suffre imprisonment of their bodies at the kinges will, and shall lose as well all their goodes, cattailes, and debtes, as all suche interestes and estates of free holde, or for yeares, whiche any suche offendours shall haue of or in any landes, rentes, or here-ditamentes, what so euer at the time of conuiction and atteindre of suche offence.

¶ And be it also enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that no person nor per-sons offendyng in any the treasons or mesprisions conteined and lymitted by this acte, shall in any wise haue or inioy the priuilege, or immunytie of anye maner of sainctuaries within this realme, or eis where within anye the kinges dominions, but shall vtterlye lose and be excluded of the same: any vse, custome, graunt, prescripcion, confyrmacion, or anye other thinge or thinges, to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that yf your maiestie shoulde happen to discesse before anye suche your issue and heyre male, whiche shoulde inherite the crowne of this realme, shall be of his age of xviii. yeres, or before suche your issue & heire female, whiche shoulde inherit the crowne of this realme, shall be maried, or be of the age of. xvi. yeares, (whiche almightie god defende) that then your sayde issue & heire male to the crowne so being within the saide age of. xviii. yeres, or your said issue & heire female to the crowne, being vnmaried, or within the sayd age of. xvi yeres: shalbe & remaine vnto such time as such issues and heires shall come to their sayd seuerall ages afore limitted, at and in the gouernance of their naturall mother, she liuyng with such others counsailours of your realme as your maiestie in your life time shall depute and assigne by your will, or other wise for the same, without contradiction of anye person or persones to the contrarye therof. And if any person or persons by wryting or exteri-our deede or acte, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thinge or thinges to the let or disturbaunce of the same: that then euerye suche of-fence shalbe high treason, and the offendours, beinge therof conuicte, shall suffre suche paynes of death, and losses of inheritaunce, freeholdes, inte-restes of yeres, goodes, cattelles, and debtes in such maner and fourme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afore mencioned.

¶ And for the more sure establishmēt of the succession of your moste royall maiestie, accordinge to the tenour and fourme of this acte: Be it further enacted by auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that as well all the nobles of your re-alme spirituall and temporal, as all other your subiectes now liuinge and beynge, or that hereafter shalbe at their full ages, by the commaundement of your maiestie, or of your heires, at all times hereafter from time to time when it shall please your highnes, or your heires to appoynte, shall make a corporall othe in the presence of your highnes, or your heires: or before suche other, as your maiestie or your heires will depute for the same: that

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they shall truely, firmely, and constantly without fraude or guile obserue, fulfill, and mainteine, defende and kepe, to their cunninge, witte, and vttermost of their powers, the hole effectes and contentes, of this present acte. And that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall synge liueray, restitucions, or oter le main out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heires, or doinge anye fealtye to your highnes or to your heires, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall sweare a like corporal othe, that they and euery of them, without fraude or gyle, to their cunninge wytte, and vttermoste of their powers, shall truely, firmely, and constantly obserue, fulfyll, mainteine, defende, and kepe the effectes and contentes conteined and specified in this acte. or in any parte therof. And that they nor anye of them shall hereafter haue anye liueraies, oter le mayne, or restytucion out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heires, tyll they haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue reherced. And yf any person or persons, beinge commanded by authoritie of this acte, to make the saide othe afore limitted, obstinately refuse that to doe in contempt of this acte, that then euery such person (so doinge) to be taken and accepted for offendour in mesprision of highe treason: and that euerye suche refusall shall be deemed and adiudged mesprision of high treason: and the offendour therin to suffre such peines and imprisonment, losses and forfaitures and also lose pryuyleges of saintuaries, in like maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned for the mesprisions of treasons afore limitted by this acte. Prouyded alwayes, that the article in this acte conteyned concernynge prohibicions of mariages within the degrees afore mencioned in this acte, shall alwayes be taken, interpreted, and expounded of suche maryages, where mariages were solemnised, and carnall knowledge was had.

God saue the Kinge.

ANNO XXVI. HENRICI VIII.

ACtes made in the seſſion of this preſente Parliamente holden vppon prorogacion at weſtmin-ſter, the thyrde daye of Nouember in the xxvj. yeare of the reigne of our moſte dread ſoueraigne lord king Henry the viij. and there continued and kepte till the xviij. day of December nert enſuing. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profite of this Realme.

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ALbeit the kinges maiesty iustlye and rightfully is and ought to bee the supreme head of the church of Englād, and so is recognised by ỹ clergie of this realme in their Conuocations, yet neuertheles for corroboration and cōfyrmacion thereof, & for encrease of vertue in Christs religion within this realme of Englande, & to represse and extirpe all errours, heresyes, & other enormityes and abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Bee it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, kinges of this realme, shalbe taken accepted and reputed the one supreme head in erth of ỹ church of England, called Anglicana ecclesia. And shal haue and enioye annexed and vnited to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the title & stile thereof, as all honours, dignities, preeminēces, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, & commodityes to the sayd dignity of supreme head of the same church belōging & appertayning. And that our said soueraigne lord his heyres and successours kings of this realme, shal haue full power and auctoritye from time to time, to visite, represse, redresse, reforme, order, correct, restrayne & amende all suche errours heresyes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormityes, what soeuer they be, which by any maner spyritual auctority or iurisdiction ought or maye lawfully bee reformed, represſed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned, or amended, moste to the pleasure of almighty God, the encrease of vertue in Christes religion, & for the conseruation of the peace, vnity & tranquility of this realme, any vsage, custome, forreine lawes, forein auctority, prescriptiō or any thing or thinges, to the contrary hereof notwythstanding.

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WHere at the last session of this present parliament, in the act than made for the establishmente of the Succession of the heyres of the kings highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, it is contayned amonges other thinges, that all & singuler the kinges subiectes, as well the nobles spyrituall and temporall, as other, shoulde make and take a corporall othe, whansoeuer it should please the kinges maiesty, or hys heyres, to appoynt, that they should truly, fyrmely, and constantly, wythoute fraude or gyle,

gyle, obserue, fulfill, maynteine, defende and keepe to theyr cunninge wit & vttermost of theyr powers, the whole effectes & contentes of the sayd act, as in the same act amonges other thinges more plainly appeareth. And at the day of the last prorogacion of this present parliamente, aswel ỳ nobles spyrituall & temporall, as other the cõmons of this present parliamẽt thã assembled in ỳ high house of the parliament, most louingly accepted & toke such othe as then was deuised in wryting for maintenance and defence of the sayd act, & mente & intended at ỳ time, that euery other the kinges subiectes should be bound to accept and take the same, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayd acte. The tenour of which othe hereafter ensueth.

Ye shall swere to beare fayth, truth, & obedience all onely to the kinges maiesty, and to his heyres of his body of his moste dere and entierly beloued lawfull wyfe Queene Anne begottẽ & to be begotten. And further to the heyres of our sayd soueraigne lorde, accordinge to the limitacion in the statute made for surety of hys succession in the crowne of this realme mẽcioned and conteyned, & not to any other within this realme, nor forreine auctority or potẽtate. And in case any oth be made or hath bẽ made by you to any person or persons, that then ye to repute the same as vaine & adnichilate. And that to your cunning, wit, & vttermoste of your power, without gile, fraud, or other vndewe meane, ye shall obserue, keepe, mainteine, & defende the said act of succession, & al the whole effectes & contents therof, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmacion, or for execution of the same, or of any thing therin conteyned. And this ye shall do against all maner of persõs, of what estate, dignity degree or condicio so euer they be. And in no wyse do or attempte, nor to your power suffer to be done or attẽpted dyrectly or indirectlye any thinge or thinges priuely or apertlye, to ỳ let, hinderaunce, damage, or derogation therof, or of any part of the same, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you God, & all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes.

And for asmuch as it is conueniente for the sure mayntenaunce and defence of the same act, that the sayd oth should not only be auctorised by auctority of parliament, but also be interpret & expounded by ỳ whole assent of this present parliament, that it was mente and entended by the kinges maiesty, the lordes & commons of the parliamẽt, at the sayd day of the said last prorogation, that euery subiect should be bounden to take ỳ same othe accordyng to the tenour and effect thereof, vpon the paynes and penalties conteyned in the sayd acte: Therfore be it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, ỳ the sayd oth aboue rehersed, shalbe interprete expounded reputed, accepted, and adiudged the verye othe, that the kinges highnes, ỳ lords spyritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament mẽt and intended ỳ euery subiect of this realme should be obliged, and boundẽ to take and accept for mayntenaunce and defence of the same act, vpon the paynes contayned in the sayd acte. And that euery of the kinges subiects, vpon the sayd paynes shalbe obliged to accept and take the sayd othe.

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¶ And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the cõmissioners that hereafter shalbe appointed to receiue such othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of thẽ at the least, shall haue power and auctority to certify into the kinges bench by writting, vnder theyr seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persons cõminge afore them to take the same othe. And that euery such certificate to be made by such commissioners, as is aforesayde, shall be taken as stronge and as auailable in the lawe, as an inditemẽt of .xii. men lawfully founden of the sayde refusell. So that the person and persons, agaynst whom anye such certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to aunswere therunto, as yf they were indited. And that such proceesse, iudgement, execution & euery other thing shalbe had, vsed & ministred of and vpon euerye such certificate agaynst the offendours, as if they had bene lawfully indited of such offences by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ An act concerning the payment of first fruites of all dignities, benefices and promocions spirituall, and also concerning one annuall pẽcion of the .x. part of all the possessions of the church spirituall & temporall, graũted to the kinges highnes & his heires. Cap. iii.

FOr as muche as it is and of very duty ought to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke most faythfull, louinge, and obedient subiectes, sincerely and willingely to desyre to prouide, not only for the publyke wealth of their native countrey, but also for the supportacion, maintenaunce and defence of the royall estate of theyr moste dread benigne and gratious soueraigne lorde, vppon whom and in whom dependeth all their ioye and wealth: in whom also is vnited and knitte so princely a harte and courage, mixed with mercy wisedome and iustice. And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable & beneuolent argumentes therof beyng most bountifully, largely and many times shewed, ministred, & approued towardes his louing & obedient subiectes, hath well appered: which requireth a lyke correspondence of gratytude to be considered, accordynge to theyr moste bounden duties. wherefore his sayde humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parliament assembled, callyng to their remembraunce, not onely the manyfold and innumerable benefites, dayly administred by his highnesse of theym all, and to the residue to all other his subiectes of this realme: But also how longe time his maiestye hath moste victoriously, by his hyghe wysdome and policye, protected, defended, and gouerned thys hys realme, and mainteyned his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitye, peace, vnitye, quietnes & wealth. And also considerynge what greate excessiue and inestimable charges hys highnes hath heretofore beene at and susteyned by the space of fyue and twenty whole yeres, and also dayly susteyneth for the mayntenaunce tui-

cion and defence of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same, which cannot be sustayned and borne without some honourable prouision and remedy may be made founde, prouided and ordeined for maintenaūce therof: Do therfore desire and most humbly pray, that for the more suretye of continuance and augmentacion of his highnes royall estate, beyng not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in deede heretofore hath bene) the onely supreme head in earth next and immediately vnder god of the church of England, but also the most assured and vndoubted naturall soueraygne liege lorde and kynge, hauing the whole gouernaunce, tuition, defence and maintenaunce of this his realme and most louinge obedient subiectes of ỹ same. It may therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his highnes, and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, in maner and fourm folowing.

That is to say, that the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue and enioye from time to time to endure for euer, of euerye such person and persons, which at any tyme after the fyrst day of Januarye nert comminge shall be nominated, elected, prefected presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebishoprich, Bishoprich, Abbacye, Monasterye, Priorye, Colledge, Hospytall, Archedeaconry, Deanry, Prouostship, prebende, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauntry, Freechapell, or other dignity, benefice, office or promotion spyrituall within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualitye soeuer they be, or to whose foundaciō patronage or giftes soeuer they belong the fyrste fruicts, reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery such Archbishoprich, Bishoprich, Abbacy, Monastery, Priory, colledg, Hospital, Archdeaconry, Deanry, prouestship, Prebende, personage, Vicarage, Chauntry, Freechapell, or other dignity, benefice, Office or promotion spirituall afore named, wherunto any such person or persons shall after the sayd fyrst day of January be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery such person and persons, before any actuall or reall possession, or medling with the profites of any such Archbishoprich, Bishoprich, Abbacy, Monastery, Colledge, Hospitall, Deanry, Prouostship, Prebende, Personage, vicarage, chauntry, Freechaple, Priory or other dignity, Benefice, Office, or promocion spirituall, shall satisfye, content and pay, or compaunde or agree to pay to the kinges vse at reasonable dayes, vpon good suretyes, the sayde fyrst fruictes and profites for one yeare.

And be it also enacted by auctority afore sayde, that the Chauncellour of England and maister of the Rolles for the tyme beynge, iointly and seuerally, or such other person and persons, as shall please the kynges highnes hys heyres or successours from tyme to tyme, at hys or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greate seale, shall haue power and auctority as well to examine and searche for the iuste and true value of the sayd fyrst fruicts and profytes by all wayes and meanes

meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the sayde first fruictes and profites. as to stall and limite reasonable dayes of payment therof vpon good and sufficient surety or sureties, by writinges obligatory by theyr discretions. And if composicio or agremēt ben had or made for the sayd first fruicts before the sayd lord Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that then the writinges obligatorye or money taken for the same, shall rest remaine and abide in the hanaper of the kinges chauncerye, there saufely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of such writinges obligatorye, or to be receiued in hande by reason of anye such composicion, shall be payed in the sayde hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the time beinge. And that the sayd clerke of the hanaper shal make a trewe and a iust accompt therof like as he is bounde to do of the money receiued of the profites of the kinges great seale. And if composicion or agreemente be had or made for the sayde first fruicts, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours by commyssion vnder his greate seale, that then the writinges obligatorye and money taken for the same, shall be deliuered to the treasourer of the kinges most honourable chaumber for the time beynge, or elles where, to whom it shal please the kinges highnes his heires or successours, to giue auctority by cōmission vnder the great seale, to receiue the same.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery writinge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hand and name of the clerke of the hanaper, & treasourer of the chamber or other cōmissioners aforesayd or any of them, witnessinge the receipte of the sayde fyrste fruictes or anye parte therof, shalbe as good and effectuall against the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, to euery person and persons, hauinge the same for so much money as shall be mencioned to be receiued and conteyned in euery such acquitaunce, as if such acquitaunce were or had bene lawefully had and obteyned in the kynges name vnder the kynges greate seale, and so shalbe admitted, accepted and allowed and taken in euerye of the kynges courtes. And that all writinges oblygatory to be taken for payment of the sayde fyrst fruicts by and afore the sayd lord Chauncellour, or maister of the Rolles, or by and afore any other person or persons to bee deputed to compounde and agree for the sayde fyrst fruicts, as is aforesayde, shall be of the same strength, force, vertue, qualitie and effect to all intentes and purposes as writinges obligatorye heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritye of the statute of the Staple bene. And that vpon certificate hereafter to be made into the kinges chauncerye of any such writinges obligatorye to be taken for paymente of such fyrste fruictes, lyke processe and execution shall be therupon made and had against any person spirituall or temporall, as hath bene accustomed to be made against any lay person vpon certificat of writinges oblygatory of the sayd statute of the Staple. And that no persō shalbe compelled to pay for any writing obligatory to be made for the sayd paymente of the sayde fyrst fruictes above. viii. d. nor for any acquitaunce

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to be made for receipte of such first fruictes aboue.iiii.d. And that such person and persons as shalbe deputed by the kynges highnes by commyssion vnder the great seale, to compounde and agree for the sayde first fruictes, shall at the end of euery.vi.monethes next after the date of their commissiō and so from.vi.monethes to.vi.monethes, delyuer or cause to be deliuered vnto the treasourer of the chamber, for the time being, or els where, to such commissioners as shalbe appointed as is aforesayd, to receiue the same, as well all such money as all suche specialtyes and bondes, as they shall haue taken for the payment of the said fyrst fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the sayd treasourer, or other commissioners, as is aforesaide, contayning the certainty and nomber of the summes of money, and specialtyes and bondes by them taken and receiued. And if any person or personnes, to whom any deputacion shalbe made by commission, to compounde and agree for the payment of the said first fruites, their heires, executours, or administratours, concele or imbecill any of the saide specialties or bondes, taken for the sure paimente of the saide first fruites, and do not deliuer them accordyng to the tenour of this acte, that then euery such offēdour, shall forfaite that office of deputacion, and ouer that make fine and raunsome at the kinges owne pleasure and will.

And it was also enacted by auctority aforesaid, ỳ if any person or persōs which at any time after the sayd first day of January, shal be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promocions spyrituall before mencioned, doe enter into the actuall and reall possessions thereof, or meddle wyth the profites thereof, before they shall haue truly satisfyed and paide to the kinges vse the first fruites and profites therof for one yere, or els shall haue agreed or compoūded for paiment of the same at reasonable daies vppon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue especified, that than euery such person and personnes, so doing and offendinge, and being therof conuict by presentment, verdite, confession, or witnes before the said lord Chauncelour, or suche other as shall haue auctority by commission to compounde for the said first fruites and profites as is aforesaid, shalbe accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kings possession. And that they theyr executours or administratours, shal pay to the vse of the kinges highnes for euery such offence, so much summes of moneye, as shall amount to the double value of the saide first fruites and profittes of such dignities benefices or other spiritual promocions wherin they shal so entre and entrewde before the paiment of the said first fruites and profites for one yere therof, or before due agreement made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed.

And bee it further enacted by auctority aforesaide, that the first fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to bee paide to the bishop of Norwiche within the dioces, and to the archdeacon of Richmonde within his archedeanry, or to any other person or persons within this realme, or any other

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the kynges dominions, shal from the sayd first day of January ceasse & be extinct, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, in such fourme, as is aboue mencioned in this acte.

Prouided alwayes, that archbishoppes and bishoppes, and all other hauing iurisdiction ordinary, may geue and deliuer letters of institution and induction, as they might do before the makyng of this acte wythoute any offence of any article conteyned in this acte: any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that where there be diuers celles appertaynyng to monasteryes & priorys, & that the priours of such celles be named and removable from time to time, at the only willes & pleasures of theyr masters & soueraynes of the monasteryes and priories, wherunto such celles belong, & the priours of such celles, shal not be compelled to pay any fyrst fruites, by vertue or auctority of this acte, any thing in this act contained to the contrary therof not wythstãding: but that the fyrst fruites & profites of euery such cel shalbe payd to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours whãsoeuer & as often as any person shalbe nominated, elected, prefected, or collated to the monastery or priory, wherunto such celles belongen.

And ouer this be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the kinges maiesty, his heyres and successours kings of this realme, for more augmẽtacion and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne & dignity of supreame heade of the Church of Englande, shal verely haue take & enioy, and receiue vnited & knit to his imperiall crowne for euer, one verely rent or pension, amounting to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offeringes, emolumentes, & all other profites, as well called spyrituall as temporall, now appertayning or belonging, or that hereafter shall belonge to anye archbishoppricke, bishopricke, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archdeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, colledge, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall Church, collegiate Church, conuentuall Church, personage, vicarage, chauntry, free chappel, or other benefice or promocion spyrituall, of what name, nature, or quality soeuer they bee, wythin any dioces of this realme or in Wales, the sayde pension or annuel rente, to bee verely payde for euer to oure sayd soueraygne lorde, to his heyres & successours kinges of this realme, at the feaste of the natiuity of our lord God, and the fyrst payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Natiuity of oure lord God, which shalbe in the yeare of our lord God. M.D.xxxv. And to be paide verely by such as shalbe appointed to haue the collectiõ therof by this acte, in such maner and fourme as shal hereafter bee ymitted by this acte, before the fyrst day of Aprill verely next following, after the sayde feast of the Natiuity of our lord.

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And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesaide, that the saide verely rente and pension shalbe tared, rated, leuied, perceiued, and paide to the kinges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to saye, that the Chauncellour of Englande

lande for the tyme being, shall haue power & auctority to direct into euery dioces, in this realme & in Wales, seuerall cõmissions in the kynges name vnder hys great seale, as well to the archbishop or bishoppe of euery suche dioces, as to suche other person or personnes, as the kinges hyghnes shall name and appoint, commaunding and auctorysing ỳ sayd commissioners for to be named in euery such commission, or three of them at ỳ least, to examine search and enquyre by all the wayes & meanes that they can by theyr discretiõs, of and for the true and iust, hole and entier yerely values of all the manours, lands, tenementes, hereditaments, rentes, tithes, offringes, emolumentes, and al other profites, as well spyritual as temporall, appertayninge or belonginge to any archbishoprick, byshoprick, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospytall, colledge, house collegiat, prebende, cathedral church, collegiate Church, conuentuall Church, personage, vycarage, chauntry, free chappell, or to any other benefyce or promocion spyritual wythin ỳ limittes of theyr cõmission, wyth a clause to be cõteyned in euery such commission, ỳ the sayd commissioners, or three of them at the least, shall deduct and allow in the makyng and ratyng of the sayde yerely values of the premisses, these deductions followyng & none other: That is to say, the rentes resolute to the chyefe lordes, and al other annuel and perpetuall rentes and charges, whych any spyrituall person or persons ben bounden yerely to pay to any person or persons, to theyr heyres or successours for euer, or to gyue yerely in almes by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce, and all fees for stewardes, receyuers, bayliffes, and auditours and synodes, and pryories, wyth another clause to be also cõteyned in euery such commission, that the sayd commissioners, or three of them at the least, shal certify vnder theyr seales at such dayes, as shalbe ymitted by the sayd commissions, as wel the whole & entiere value, as the deductions aforesaid of euerye archbishoprick, bishoppricke, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeconry, deanry, hospital, colledge, house collegiate, prebend, cathedrall church collegiate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntery, free chappel, and al other benefites and promotions spyritual.

And it is ordayned and enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the said cõmissioners, that shalbe so appointed, or three of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctority to doe, accomplishe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their sayde commissions in euery behalfe. And that euery the said commissioners, before they shall execute theyr said commission, shall receiue & take a corporal othe before the lord Chaticellour, or before such other as shalbe appointed by the sayde Chauncellour, by the kinges writ of Dedimus potestatem, that they shal diligently & truly without fauoure affection fraude couine mede drede or corruption, do fulfil and execute the whole effectes and contents expressed in euery such commission within ỳ limittes thereof, to theyr cunning wittes and vttermost of theyr powers.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that after such Certificate made by the sayd commissioners, the sayd yerely rent and pen-

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sion of the tenthe parte shalbe sette tared rated and taken iustly and truly and indifferently by the Treasourer, Chauncellour, Chamberlain and Barons of the kinges Eschequire, of and out of the cleare yearely value of the premisses, that shal be aboue the deductions afore mencioned, and none otherwyse. And that euery archbishoprieke, bishoprieke, abbatie, monasterye, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospytal, colledge, house collegiate, prebende, cathedral Churche, collegiate Church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntry, free chappel, or other benefice or promocion spyrituall, shalbe seuerally and distinctly tared charged and chargeable in the proper dioces where they bene, for the payment of such portion of the said tenth part, as shalbe tared and set vppon them by auctority of this acte. That is to say, euery of them by and for themselues, shalbe tared, charged, and chargeable in the proper dioces, where they bene. for the tenth parte of the yerely value of theyr possessions and profites to them belonging, wher soeuer theyr sayde possessions and profites shall happen to bee or lye in any parte of this realme, or els where, in any the kinges dominions, and that none of them shalbe charged or chargeable for the paymente of the others charge or portion.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that after such certificat made into the kinges Eschequere, and tare set of the tenth parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archbishop and bishoppe now beinge, and that hereafter shalbe charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, & receiue within their proper dioces, as wel in places exempte, as not exempte, all such summes of money, where with the dignityes, benefices, and other promocions spirituall afore mencioned within theyr dioces, chargeably by this act, shal be set tared and charged towards the payment of the layd yerely pension, and shal pay and content the sayd summes of money yerely, before the said first daye of Apryll, to the Treasurer of the kinges chamber, for the time being, or to any other person or persons, whom it shal please the kings highnes to appoint to receiue ehe same. And that euery of the sayd archbishops and bishops, theyr executours and administratours, and the possessions of theyr dignities and Churches, shall stande charged and chargeable for the sure and true payment of such summes of money, as they shal collecte and receiue of the sayd yerely rent and pension.

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And that the Treasurer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine and Barons of ye kinges eschequire, shal yerely cause proces to be made by theyr discretions for none payment of the sayd pension or yerely rent, or any parcell thereof, against euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, that is to saye, against euery archbishop and bishop, for so much part and portion of the sayde pension and yerely rent, wher with the dignityes, benefices, and other promocions spyrituall afore mencioned within the dioces, shalbe tared and charged, so that euery of the said archbishops and bishops, shalbe charged and chargeable for the rate and portion of the sayde yerely rent and pension, set and tared within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwyse.

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And be it also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that euerye archbishoppe and bishoppe, shall haue power and auctority to leuie take and perceiue by auctority of censures of the Church, or by distres or otherwyse by their discretion, all suche summes of moneye as shalbe rated tared & set to go oute of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes profites & emoluments of any dignity, office, benefice, or other place or promocion spirituall within theyr dioces, to wards the payment of the said yerely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibicion nor Supersedeas vpon any excommunicatiō, nor any other writte or impediment shalbe sued allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of paiment of such parte & porcion, as they shalbe rated and tared vnto by auctority of this acte, till such time as they haue truly satisfyed theyr sayd part and porcion to them allotted of the said yerely rent and pension.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that when so euer and as often as any of ẏ archbishoprickes or bishoprickes happen to be voyd, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall Church, or the priour and conuente or chapiter, or conuent of the monastery or cathedrall Church, where the See of suche archbishopricke or bishoprycke, beinge voyde, shal happen to be, duringe the tyme of the vacation thereof, and theyr executours administratours and possessions shalbe charged and chargeable to doe and cause to be done all and euery thing and thinges for the due executions of this acte, wythin the dioces of suche archbishoprycke or bishoprycke beinge voyde, as the same archbishop or bishop of the See beinge voyde, shoulde haue done accordinge as it is limitted and appoynted by this act, or by any thyng therin conteyned.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayd, ẏ if any summe of money being once due by any incumbent of any of the dignityes, benefices, or promocions spirituall afore especifyed, charged to ẏ payment of the sayd yerely pension and annual rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any time after the sayd feast of the Natuity of our lorde, at theyr dignityes, monasteries, priorye, hospitals, colledges, churches, chanteryes, or houses by the archbishop, or byshoppe, or such as shalbe charged wyth the collection of any parte of the sayd pension, or by any other theyr ministers seruauntes, or officers, to pay such porcion of the sayde pension and yerelye rent, as they shalbe tared and assessed, be not truly contented and payd vnto such archbishop or bishoppe, or their ministers and officers, or to such other person or persons, or their mynisters, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yearly at the tyme of such requeste & demaunde thereof, or els within forty dayes nexte after euery such requeste at the furthest, that then euery incumbente, makinge such defaulte of payment, after such default therof certifyed into the kinges eschequire in writing vnder the seales of any archbishop or bishop, or of such as be limitted and charged to the collection of the sayd pension by this act, shalbe adiudged depriued Ipso facto, of all such dignities, benefices, pensions, and promo-

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cions ſpirituall, as any ſuch incumbent making ſuch default, ſhal haue at ẏ time of ſuch certificate to be made, or at any time after. So that all ſuch dignitȳes, benefices, penſion, and promocions ſpirituall, which any incumbent making ſuch default of payment, ſhall haue at ẏ time of any ſuch certificate to be made, or at any time after, ſhalbe clerely voyde & deſtitute of incumbente in the lawe to all intentes and purpoſes, as if ſuch incumbent making ſuch default of payment, were dead in dede.

And it is ordayned and enacted, by auctority afore ſaid, that if any archbiſhop or biſhop, or any other limitted and charged by this act, to the collection and payment of the ſayd penſion and annuel rente, do make a certificat into the kinges eſchequer, before the ſayde fyrſt daye of Apryl, or at any time wythin foure & twenty dayes next after the ſayd fyrſt day of Aprill ẏ they accordyng to this acte, haue reaſonable required and demaunded any incumbent of any dignity, benefice, or promocion ſpyrituall, chargeable by this act to pay ſuch parte and porcion of the ſayd penſion and annuel rent, as they ſhall happen to be aſſeſſed vnto, and that ſuch incumbent, ſo being requyred, hath not payde his ſaid part and porcion, accordyng to the forme and effect of this acte, that then euery ſuch archbiſhoppe and biſhoppe and euery other perſon, hauinge the charge by this acte, for collection and paymente of the ſayd penſion and annuell rente, vppon euery ſuche certificat, ſhalbe diſcharged and acquited for euer againſt the kinge, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, of and for all ſuch ſummes of money, as any ſuche incumbent, againſt whom ſuch certificate ſhalbe made, ſhould or ought to haue paide by this act: And that then in euery ſuch caſe the Treaſurer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, and Barons of the kinges Eſchequere, ſhall deuiſe and dyrecte vppon euery ſuche certificate, ſuche proceſſe oute of the kinges Eſchequire, againſt euery ſuch incumbent, agaynſte whom any ſuche certificate ſhalbe made and their executours and adminiſtratours, or for inſufficiency of them, agaynſt the ſucceſſours of euery ſuch incumbent, whereby the kynges highnes, his heyres and ſucceſſours ſhall and maye bee truly aunſwered, payde, and contented of ſuch porcion and parte as the incumbente, againſt whom any ſuche certificate ſhalbe made, was tared, and aſſeſſed for his dignitȳes, benefyces, or promocions ſpirituall, chargeably by this acte.

And it is alſo ordayned and enacted, by auctority afore ſayd, that al maner of acquitaunces made by the treaſourer of the kinges chambet, or by any other ſuch commiſſioners, as ſhall bee appointed, as is afore ſayde, to receiue the ſayd penſion, or any part thereof, and ſubſcribed wyth ẏ name of the ſayd Treaſorer, or any other ſuch commiſſioner for the payemente of the ſayd penſion or annuell rent, or any parte thereof, to any ſuch perſon or perſons as be limitted and charged wyth the collection therof, ſhalbe of as good ſtrengthe force vertue and effect to the parties, hauinge the ſame, as if they were made in the kinges name vnder hys greate ſeale, and ſo ſhall be allowed, admitted, and accepted in all courtes of this realme: And that

the treasurer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, and Barons of the kinges Eschequer, shall by vertue and auctority of this acte, as well admitte and allowe such acquitances, as all such Certificates as shalbe made againste any incumbent for defaut of payment, as is abouesaid, vpon the accompt of euery archbishoppe and bishop, and of euery other person limitted and charged by this acte, for the collection and paymente of the sayde pension and annuell rent, wythout any writte, bill, or warrante to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kinges Eschequier shall take of any archbishoppe or bishop, or of any other persons, hauinge charge wyth the collection and payment of the sayd pension or annuell rente any maner rewarde or thinge for makinge theyr accompte or Quietus est in the same eschequire, or for anye maner of thing appertayning to the same concerning the said pension and annuell rent, vppon paine of euery officer doinge contrary to this acte, to lose and forfaite his office, and make fine to ỹ king at his wyll and pleasure.

And for as much as euery incumbēt of the dignityes benefices and promocions spirituall afore mencioned, shalbe charged by this acte to the paymente of the x. parte of the value of theyr dignityes benefyces and promocions spirituall, wythout any deduction or allowance of suche pension or pensions, wherewyth some of theym bene charged to paye theyr predecessours, durynge theyr liues, or to other personnes to the vse of suche theyr predecessours durinye theyr liues, it is therefore ordayned and enacted by auctority afore sayde, that it shalbe lawfull to euery incumbente, charged wyth any suche pension, payable to any his predecessours, or to any to his vse, to retayne and keepe in his hand the tenth part of euery suche pensiō: And that euery suche incumbente and his sureties, shall from hencefor the bee acquited and discharged of the saide tenthe parte of euerye suche pension, by vertue and auctority of this presente acte, anye decree ordinaunce or assignemente of any suche ordinary, or any colaterall wrytinge or surety made for such pension to any spirituall person or persons, or to any to their vses for terme of their liues, in any wyse not wythstandinge. And that as well euery incumbent as such persons as stande bounden for him, for paymente of anye suche pensions, shall pleade this acte in euery of the kinges courtes, for the clere extinguishment and discharge of the x. parte of euery such pension.

And bee it also ordayned and enacted by auctority afore sayde, that no pension shall hereafter bee assigned by the ordinarye, or by anye other manner of agreemente by collaterall surety, or other wyse, vppon anye resignacion of anye dignity, benefice or promocion spirituall, aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignity, benefice, or promocion spirituall resigned: And if any pension, amountinge aboue the valewe of the third parte of the dignity benefice or promocion spyrituall heretofore resigned, be already limitted and made sure to any spirituall person or per-

or persons, by decree of the ordinarye, or otherwise by anye collaterall suertie, or hereafter shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any person or persons spyrytuall, or to any other to their vse, by decree of the ordynary, or by any other collaterall surety, vpon any resignacion therof, yet neuertheless the incumbente charged with such pension, nor his sureties collaterall, shall not bee compelled to paye any more pension than the value of the thirde parte of his dignitie, benefice or promocion spirituall, so resigned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritye of this acte, be clerelye acquited and discharged of so much of the sayde pension, as shall amounte aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitye or benefice resigned: decree or assignement of the ordinary, or any collaterall writinges or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the cõtrary therof notwithstandinge.

And for asmuch as diuers abbottes & priours bene charged to pay great pẽsions to sondry theyr predecessours yet liuing, to the great decay of theyr hospitalities and house keppynge: Be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that euerye such predecessour of such abbottes or priours, haupnge any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to theyr vse duringe their liues, amountinge aboue the yerely value of .cl li. shall from henceforth be defalked and abated of the moitye and halfe deale of euery such pension. And that euery abbott and all other persons charged for the paymente of such pension, aboue the sayde yerely value of .cl.li. shall bee clerely acquited and discharged by auctority of this acte of the moity and halfe deale thereof for euer. Any decree or assignement therof by the ordinary, or any writinge or surety collaterall had or made for the surety thereof notwithstandynge.

And for as much as the lorde priour of saynct Johns of Hierusalem in Englande, and his bretherne be not specyally named and expressed in thys acte, whereby ambiguitye mought arise, whether they should be comprised within the limites of thys acte, it is therefore for plaine declaracion thereof enacted by auctority aforesayd, that euery person and persons, whyche after the sayd fyrst daye of January, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated or by any other meanes appoynted to the dignity of the sayd priory of sainct Johns of Hierusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry appertayning vnto the same, shal before their actual and real entre into the same dignity or commaundrye, or medlynge with the profites therof, satisfye, and pay to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, hys heyres and successours, the fyrst fruictes and profites therof for one whole yere, or agree or compound for the same at reasonable dayes, in like maner and forme, and vpõ like peine in euerye behalfe, as Archbyshoppes and Bysshoppes, and other spirituall persons beene bounde to, by vertue and auctoritye of this acte. And that also the priour of sainct Johns nowe beyng, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, haupnge any commaundry, and their successours, shall contribute, and pay yearely to the kynges hyghnes, hys heyres and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenth part of all their

possessions and profites as well spyrituall as temporall: And shalbe charged,rated,tared,and set to the contribucion and paiment of the said tenth part. And that also the sayd tenth part shalbe leuied, collected,and payde in suche like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes,as the tenthe part of other dignityes and benefices spirituall shalbe charged,tared,set,leuied,collected, and payed by auctority of this acte.

And for as much as in sondry and many cathedrall churches,colledges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and time oute of minde hath beene certaine ordinaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of such churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certaine parte and porcion of the possessions and profites belongyng to such Church,Colledges, and Hospitals, all onely limitted and belongynge to their offices and dignities: And euery prebendarye, brother Vicare, Felowe,Pety canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche Churches,Colleges,and Hospitals,hath an other porcion, all only and distinctely limitted. appertepninge and belonginge to theyr dignyties and offices in such Churches, Hospitals, and Colledges: it is therefore prouided and ordeyned by auctoritye aforesayde,that such person and persons,which at any tyme after the sayde fyrst day of January,shalbe nominated,elected,presented,prefected,collated,or by other meanes appointed to be Deane,Prouoste,mayster,or other chiefe gouernour of such Cathedrall churches,Colleges,or Hospitals, shalbe rated cõpound and pay for their fyrst fruicts,but onely after the rate of the pearelye valewe of the possessions and profytes, limitted and belongynge to theyr office and dignity. And that euery other person and persons, that after the sayde firste day of January shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any prebende, brothershyp, felosship or to be any vicare or pety canõ,or to haue any other dignity or office spirituall in any such cathedrall churches,colleges,or hospitals,shall be rated compounde and paye for their first fruictes after the rate of the yearely value of the possessions and profites limitted and belongyng to their dignities and offices in such churches,colledges,and hospitals,and none otherwise. Any thinge in this act to the cõtrary hereof in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that suche person or persons, that after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye shall be presented and collated to any personage or vicarage,whereof the yerely value shall not exceede eight markes shall not be compelled to paye any first fruictes for any such personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not beinge aboue the sayde yerely value of eight markes: Excepte that the incumbent presented or collated to such personage or vicarage, whereof the yerely value shall not exceede eight markes,do lyue three yeres nexte and immediatelye folowynge after his institucion, induction, or collacion,to such personage or vicarage. And if such incumbent do liue after the sayde three yeares,

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then hee or his executours or administratours shal pay at dayes to bee ymitted after the said yeres vppon sureties (as is aforesaid) the fyrst fruites of euery such personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligation to bee made by any incumbent of such personage or vicarage and his suretyes for paiment of the first fruites of such personage or vicarage, there shalbe conteyned a prouiso, that if the sayd incumbent dye wythin iii. yeres next after the date of the institucion, induction, or collacion of the sayd personage or vicarage, that then the obligacion shalbe voyde and of none effecte. Any thinge in this act to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

And ouer this where the clergy of the prouince of Caunterbury in their conuocation haue graunted vnto the kinges highnes one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke xviij. Thousande, eyght hundred, fortie pounde r.d to bee payde by euen porcions in fiue yeares, and that which could not be leuied thereof in the same v. yeares, to be payde in the sixte yeare, as by the tenour of their seuerall grauntes thereof made in theyr seueral cõuocations more plainly appeareth: It may please the kinges maiesty, of his excellent goodnes, in considerations ẏ the sayd yerely pension and annuel rent shalbe yearelye from henceforth duly payde and satisfyed to his highnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordinge to the tenour fourme, purporte and effect of this present acte, that it maye be enacted by auctority of this presente parliament, that the cleargy of the said prouince of Caunterbury, and euery of them shalbe discharged and acquited againste oure saide soueraygne lorde, his heyres, and successours of and for the twenty thousande pounde, parcell of the saide C.M.li. whiche should be paide in the v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And that the clergy of the said prouince of Yorke shall likewyse be discharged & acquited of and for all such summes of money, parcel of the sayde xviij.M. DCCC.xl.li.r.d. which should be payd in the v. yeare of payment limitted by theyr graunt: any thing in theyr said seuerall grauntes thereof made in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, ẏ all the residue of summes of money, which bee yet to be paied, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shalbe truly paied and satisfied to our said soueraigne lord, his heyres or successours, accordig to the tenour, fourme & effect of their said seuerall grauntes.

Prouided also, that all such fees, which any archbishoppe, bishop, abbot, priour, or other prelate of the Churche, is bounden yearely to paye to any Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, sheriffes, or other officers, or ministers of record, for temporall Justice to be done or ministred wythin theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shalbe allowed and deducted by the cõmissioners aforesayd, in & vppon the valuacion of the dignityes monasteryes pryories or churches chargeable with such fees: Any thinge in this act to ẏ contrary hereof not wythstanding.

In acte for punishment of periurie of Jurours in the lordships marchers in Wales. Cap. iiij.

WHere for lacke of diligente and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trialls of murders, felons, and accessaryes of felonies and murders in Wales, & the marches of the same, diuers adherents frends and kinsfolkes to such offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite diuers murderers felons and accessaryes, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equity and iustice: It is therefore enacted by the kinge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that forthwyth vppon the charge geuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworne before any Justiciar, Steward Lieuetenaunt, or other officer within Wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any trauers agaynste the king, or the tryall of any recognisaunce broken, or anye other forfayture forfayted to the kinge, or of for and vppon the tryall of any murderer felon or accessary of felony or murder, one officer or other personne shalbe deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the true and diligent keepinge of the same iurours: And that the same officers or other person so sworne without the speciall commaundement of the said iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffer to be ministred to the same iurours any bread drinche or meate, fyre or lighte, nor shall suffer the same Jurours to speake to any person or persons, nor the same officer or other person sworne, wythout the commaundement aforesayd, shall not speake to the sayd iurours, but onely to demaunde of theim of theyr agreemente, vnto such time as the same iurours shall haue giuen their verdite, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary notwithstanding: And if the same officer or other perso so sworne in forme aforesaid, do not execute and accomplishe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery point and article, than the same officer or other person so sworne shalbe punished and imprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kinges highnes by the discretion of the sayde Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer.

And also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that if the same iurours do acquite any such felone, murderer, or accessary, vppon whose tryall they shalbe charged, or giue any vntrue verdite against the king, vppon the tryall of any trauers recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persons sworne before the said Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaũt, or other officer, or that the sayd iurours or any of them do eate drinck or speake to or wyth any other person or persons, thẽ to such as be sworne wyth them, or otherwise misdemeane themselues after they be sworne, and before they haue giuen theyr verdite, that then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsaile of the marches for the

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time being, vpon ỹ notice or complaint therof to them made, shal not only haue power and auctority by this presente acte to call suche iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Steward, or other officer, afore whom anye suche acquitall, vntrue verdite, or misdemeanour shal happen to bee made, shall haue full power and auctority to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon paine of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certaine summe of money, by theyr discretion to bee limitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shal personally appere at a certaine daye, by the same Justiciar, Steward or other officer to bee limitted before the lorde Presidente and other of the counsaile aforesayd, for the time beinge: then and there to abide and stande to such direction and order, as the same counsaile shall make ordeine and decre of in and vpon the same. And that the same counsaile shal thereuppon haue auctority and power by examination or otherwyse, to heare & determine all and euery such cause, & shall haue like auctority to commit euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punishment, as shalbe thoughte most meete by the discretion of the sayde counsayle, or otherwyse assesse or tare euery such iurour to his fine or raunsome by the same discretion, to be payed and leuied of their landes goodes and cattels to the vse of the kinges highnes.

An act that keepers of feries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in theyr ferie boates any maner of person goods or cattelles after the Sunne goinge downe, till the Sunne be vp. Cap. v.

FOr asmuche as dailye diuers felonies, robberyes, and murders bene manye times committed and done in ỹ counties of Glouc. and Somerset, in the parties nere adioyninge vnto ỹ water, called ỹ water of Seuerne betwene England and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the saide robbers felons & murderers, wyth the sayd goods so robbed and stolne make there conueyaunce wyth ỹ sayd goods so stolen, by nighte at diuers passages or feries ouer the saide ryuer or water, as the passages of Juste, Fremelande, Pyrton, Arlingham, Nowenham, Portstedes, Poynte, and all such other like passages ouer the sayde ryuer into Southwales, or into the forest called the foreste of Dene, also adioyninge to the same water. And when they be ouer the said water, than the goods so stolen be by diuers priuiledges there kepte, albeit the owner and owners haue true and perfite knowledge thereof, yet they so robbed and spoyled be wythout remedy for to obtaine their sayde goods so stolen, and so that the secrete and sodeine conueyaunce by night of the sayde goods ouer the sayd feries and passages doth not onelye greatly encourage diuers personnes to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder diuers persons

sons in theyr houses in the said counties ioyning, vppon the saide borders of Wales, but also causeth many robberies and felonyes in sondry wayes to be committed and done vppon the sayd border neare adioyning to the same ryuer, to the great damage and hurt of the kynges subiectes, inhabityng there, vnlesse some remedy therefore be prouided. It may therefore please the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, taking vpon him or them to haue and keepe any of the sayde passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaid, from henceforth do not conuey neither cary wyth any maner barge, bote or other vessell, any person or persons wyth horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattell, nor no other person or persons before the time of the Sunne rysing in the morning, and after the time of the Sunne being gone downe at night, vppon paine of imprisonmente & fine to set on him that shall so conueyghe or cary ouer any of the sayde passages of the sayde riuer of Seuerne oute of Englande into Wales, or the forreste of Dene, or out of Wales, or the sayd forest of Dene into England, vnlesse the sayde passangers and euery of theym haue good knowledge of such person and personnes, and of their dwelling places, and vpon requeste to them made by any person or persons to disclose the name and the dwellinge place of euery such personne or personnes, so by them conueyed ouer the said water, to any such person or persons requiring the same, if suite be made for and after them vppon any outcry, hute, or freshe sute of or for any felonie, robberie, murther, and manslaughter, committed and done from henceforth. And that the kinges Justiciers of peace within euery the said counties of Glouc. and Somerset, at their quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctorite to call before them all suche persons, which hereafter shall keepe any of the saide passages, or any other ferry or passage ouer the said water into Wales, or the said forest, or oute of Wales or the sayde forest into England, and to binde them with sufficient sureties with them in recognisaunce, in such summes of money as it shall seeme to the discretion of the saide Justiciers of peace, that they and euery of them beinge passangers and keepers of feries and passages, as is aforesaide, from henceforth shall not after the said times before limitted and appointed, conueye or cary, or cause to be conueyed or caried any maner of person or personnes, or any kinde of cattell, but such persons as they do knowe & will answere for, and know where their abydinges, dwellinges, and habitacions bee, & vppon requeste made to them or any of them, as is aboue saide, shall from time to time disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goods and cattelles so passing the sayd passages vppon freh suite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felony, murder, or robberie committed or done in the borders of the counties aforesaid, or in any other place within this realme or Southwales.

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An act that murders and felonyes done or committed within any lordship marcher in Wales shalbe inquired of, at the sessions holden wythin the shyre grounds next adioyning, wyth many good orders for ministracion of Justice there to be had. Cap. vi.

FOr as much as the people of Wales, and the marches of ỹ same, not dredinge the good & holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of long time continued & perseuered in perpetracion and commission of diuers & manifold thefts, murders, rebellions, wilful burning of houses, and other scelerous deedes and abhominable malefactes, to the high displeasure of God, inquietacion of the kinges well disposed subiects, & disturbance of the publike weale, which malefactes & scelerous deedes be so rooted and fixed in the same people, that they be not like to ceasse, vnlesse some sharpe correction and punishment for redresse and amputacion of the premisses be prouided, according to the demerites of the offendours. Bee it therefore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lords spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that all and singuler person and persons, dwelling or resiaunt within wales, or in the lordshipes marchers of the same, frō time to time and at all times hereafter, vpon such monicion or warninge geuen for the court to be kept in wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesayde as before this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, courte & courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Stewarde, or other officer in anye what soeuer castell, fortresse, or other place within wales, or within the precincte limites and iurisdictions of euery of the lordships marchers or seignories aforesayd, or the marches of the same as by the sayd Justice, Stewarde, or other officer shalbe appoynted: And than and there shall geue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplishe all and euery thinge and thinges, which to hym or theym shal affere and appertaine, vpon peine of suche fines forfaitures and amerciaments, as shall be affered, assessed, and tared by the Justice, Stewarde, or other officer to the kinges vse, if it be within any of the kinges lordshippes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the vse of the lord of the sayd lordshyp marcher, for the time being: The sayd forfaitures and amerciamētes to be leuied, perceiued and taken by way of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euerye person not apperynge at the sayd court or courtes, or not doyng, executing, or accomplishing hys dutye, as is aboue sayde.

And for as much as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in Wales, haue ofte and sundry times heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kinges subiectes within suche lordeshyppes, where they haue had rule or auctorytye, by

by many and sundry wayes & meanes, & also commytted them to streight duresse and imprisonmente, for small and lighte fained causes, and extorciously compelled them therby to paye vnto the kinges for theyr redemptions, contrary to the lawe. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Steward, Lieutenant, or any other officer of any lordship, marcher, do faine, procure or imagine any vntrue surmise against any person or persons, that shall so geue their personall attendaunce before them at suche courte or courtes, and vpon the same vntrue surmise committe them to any duresse or imprysonmente contrary to the lawe, or contrarye to the true and lawdable custome of that lordeshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kinges commissioners or counseile of the marches, for the time being, by any such person or persons so imprisoned. or by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseile, shall haue full power and auctority, to send for such Steward, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprisoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned, can evidently proue before the sayde counseyle, by good and substanciall witnes, or otherwyse, that hys imprisonment was vpon any feyned surmise, without cause reasonable or lawefull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctority to assesse the sayd officer to paye to the sayde person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi.s. viii.d. for euery day of theyr imprisonment, or more, by the discretions of the sayd commissioners, according to the hurtes and behauiour of the person or persons imprisoned.
And that the same commissioners shall set further fine vpon ꝑ sayd officer to be payed to the kinges vse, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same commissioners incontinent after any commaundemente to them directed & deliuered, after any such complainte made to the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power & auctority vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers, to assesse and set vppon euery such officer or officers makinge defaulte, such fyne or fynes, to bee leuied to the kynges vse, as by their discretions shalbe thoughte conueniente. And that the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctority to compell the sayd officer or officers by way of imprisonment, aswell to pay such fine as shalbe set and tared vpon them to the kinges vse, as to pay vnto euery person or persons so imprisoned such summes of money, as they shall be cessed to pay for theyr wronge imprisonment.

And also be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no person or persons dwellinge or resiaunte within wales or the lordeshippes marchers of the same, of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer he or they be of, comming, resortinge, or repayring vnto any sessions or courte, to bee holden wythin wales, or any lordeshippes, marches of the same, shall bringe or beare, or cause to be broughte or borne to the same sessions or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two miles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, church, faire, market or other congregacion, excepte it be vpon

a hute,or outcrie, made of anye felony, robbery done or perpetrated, nowin the highe wayes in affraye of the kinges peace, or the kinges liege people, any bill, longe bowe,crosbow,handgon,swearde,staffe,dagger,halberde, morespike, speare, or any other maner of weapon,pryuy coote,or armoure defensiue,vpon paine of forfayture of the same weapon, pryuy coote,or armour,and to suffer imprisonment,and make fine and raunsome to the kinges highnes by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches for the time being,except it be by the commaundement,licence or assente of the sayd Justices Steward or other officer,or of the cõmissioners or cõsell of the marches for the tyme beinge. And that no person nor persons frõ henceforth, wythoute licence of the sayde commissioners in wrytinge,shall wythin Wales or marches of the same, or in anye shyres adioyninge to the same,requyre procure gather or leuye any Commouth,Bydalle,tenauntes ale,or other collection or exactions of goods cattelles money, or any other thinge, vnder colour of maryinge or sufferinge of theyr children sayinge or singinge theyr fyrst masses or gospelles of any priestes or clarkes,or for redemption of any murder or anye other felonye, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names soeuer they shalbe called, nor shall make or procure to be made,any games of runninge,wrestlinge,leapinge,or any other games, the game of shooting onely excepted and forprised, vpon paine of one whole yeres imprisonmẽt of euery person or persons,as shal gather or procure to be gathered, any such collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is aforesayde. And further they and euery of them shall make such fine as by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches, shalbe thoughte conueniente. And further the sayd commissioners,by this present acte,shal haue power and auctority,to heare and determine the said offences by theyr examinacion. And that no person or personnes, shall hereafter at any time caste any thinge into anye courte within Wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, by the meane or name of an Arthel,by reason wherof the court may be letted,disturbed,or discontinued for that time,vpon pain of one whole yeres imprisonment of any such person or persons,as shall caste or cause to be cast any such Arthel into any court or courts hereafter to be holdẽ within Wales or the lordships marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshippes marches of the same, shalbe kept wythin the moste surest and peasible place wythin the same lordshippe marcher, where the said Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appointe, and for the punishmente and spedy trials as well of ỹ counterfayters of any coyne currant within this realme, weshinge, clippinge,or mynishinge of the same,as of all and singuler felonyes, murthers, wilfull burninge of houses,manslaughters, robberies,burgularies,rapes,and accessaries of the same,and other offences,feloniously done perpetrated & committed,or hereafter to be done,per-

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petrated & cõmitted within any lordship marcher of Wales: Be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that the Justices of the Gaole deliuery, and of the peace and euery of them for ẏ time being, in the shyre or shyres of Englande, where the kynges writ runneth, next adioyning to the same Lordship marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfaytinge, welshinge, clippinge, or mynishing of any coyne currant wythin this Realme, or murther hath bene or hereafter shalbe committed or done, or wher any other felonyes or accessaries shalbe hereafter cõmitted perpetrated or done, shal haue from henceforth ful power & auctority, at theyr sessions & Gaole deliuery, to enquyre by verdicte of twelue men of the same shyre or shyres, next adioyninge wythin Englande, where the kinges writ runneth, there to cause all such counterfaytours, washers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited according to the lawes of this land, in like maner and fourme, as if the same pety treasons, murders, felonyes, and accessaryes to the same, had bene done committed or perpetrated wythin any of the sayd shyres, wythin the sayd realme: and also to heare determin and iudge the same, according to the lawes of the realme. And that all fortune pleas, pleaded by any of the said malefactours, and offendours, shalbe tryed and determined in the said shyre or shyres: and that the acquital or fine makinge for any of the causes aforesayde, in any of the lordshippes marches, shalbe no barre for any personne or personnes beinge indicted in the sayd shyre or shyres, wythin two yeares next after any such murder or felony done.

And further it is enacted, that the sayd Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerye, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctority to awarde all maner of proces, as wel of outlawry as otherwise, against al and euery such offendour and offẽdours, so indited in maner and fourme and according to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of England. And that the sayd Justices, or two of them, afore whom any such offender shall happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagary, shall immediatly vppon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kinges officers of his lordshippes marchers or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to theyr deputies, wherin such offence murder or felonie shall happen to be done, or where any such offendour, murderer, or felon, shall happen to be resiaunt, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any suche outlagary or atteinder, commaundinge theym and euery of them by ẏ same, vnder paine of forfayture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceyued, as well of the goods catteles landes and tenementes of the same lord or lordes marchers, as of the goods and cattels lands and tenementes of the kinges officer there, to apprehende & attache, or cause to bee apprehended and attached the body or bodyes of ẏ same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or atteinted, and safely to kepe or cause to be kept the same offendour or offendours, till such conuenient

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time before the nerte sessions of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerye, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours, shal happen to be outlawed or atteinted, as to the kinges officers of his lordeshippes marchers, or to theyr deputyes, or vnto the lorde marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordship marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended, attached detey-ned and kepte, shalbe thought expediente for the conueyaunce and conduc-tyng of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and forme folowynge to be deliuered from the kynges officers or their deputies, or the lorde mar-cher or the lordes marchers, or his or their officer or officers, to other persõs assigned by thys acte to receiue and conuey such offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours and the re-ceiuour or the receiuours: That is to saye, that the kinges officers of hys lordeship marcher or their deputyes, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended, attached detey-ned and kepte, shall safely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nert lordeship mar-cher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shall hap-pen to be outlawed or attainted. And that the officers of the same lorde-ship marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputyes, shall receiue and safely and surely conduct and conuey the same offendour or of-fendours to the nerte lordeship marcher. And so the kynges officers of e-uery lordeshippe marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe, or his or their officer or officers or their deputies, to receiue conducte & conuey saufely and surely euery such offendour or of-fendours from one lordeshippe marcher to an other lordshippe marcher, by en-dēture, as is aforesayd, vnto the time that such offendour or offendours shall be saufely deliuered before the sayde Justices of the gaole deliuerye, vpon peyne of forfaiture by euery of the kynges officer or lorde marcher, by whose defaulte the same offendour or offendours shall ne may not appere before the same Justices at their sayde sessions there to stande and abyde ỹ order of the kynges lawes. C.li to be leuied & perceiued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lord to the kings vse. And that all & euery officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other persons, to whom any certificat shalbe directed, as is abouesayd, shall at the nerte sessions and Gaole deliuerye to bee holden after the prehension or attache-ment of such offendour or offendours, returne the same certificate in dewe fourme, and what he or they haue done in that behalf vpon the peine afore-sayde. Sauinge alway to all and euery offendour and offendours, all & singuler trauerses, chalenges, exepcions, aduantages and all other pleas to of and vpon the outlawry pronounced or promoulged agaynst the same offendour or offendours, in maner and forme as is and hath bene vsed and

accuſtomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kings ſubiectes dwellynge within the ſame realme.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, which ſhall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrainned, conuicted, or attainted by force of this acte, do finde ſuch ſufficient ſureties before the kinges Iuſtices of hys gaole deliuerye, as by theyr diſcrecion ſhalbe thought conuenient, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſhal not from thencefoorth commit nor do any felonye, murder or felonious offence, nor be acceſſarye to any felony, murder or felonious offence, but at al times from thencefoorth ſhalbe of good behauiour againſt the king our ſoraygne lorde, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, his and their lawes, and ſubiectes, that then the ſame Iuſtices of gaole deliuery for the time beinge, with and by the aſſent, conſent and agreemente of the lorde preſident, and twoo of the kinges commiſſioners, or counſaile of the marches for the time beinge or three of them at the leaſt, wherof the lorde preſidente, or one of the ſayde counſayle to be one, ſhall and may by their diſcrecion for one time only, admitte any ſuche offendour to a certaine fine or ſumme of money on him by them to be aſſeſſed and tared, to be ſurely payed to the kynges hie, and ſhal haue full power and auctority by thys preſent act to diſcharge any ſuch offendour or offendours, ſo arrained, outlawed, cõuicted and atteinted of all and euery ſuch felonye murther or felonious offence and acceſſaries of the ſame, and of all executions and punyſhmentes of death, which the ſame offendour or offendours ſhould ſuffre by the common lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtande not appeled of the ſayd felonie, murder or felonious offence, or acceſſarye of the ſame offences, at the time of his ſayd diſcharge. And that euery ſuch offendour ſo diſcharged, as is aboueſayde, ſhall be for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kinges lordſhips marchers, or any other lordeſhips marchers, diſcharged as well againſt the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or ſucceſſours, as againſt all other lordes marchers for one time onely.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayde, that this preſente acte, or any thing therin conteined, ſhall not extende ne take place to abridge, depriue or minorate any liberties, priuilege or auctority of any lorde marcher, heretofore graunted to the ſame lorde, or lawefully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſayd lorde, or any of his auncetours, oneles, the foreſayd offendours happen to be indited, outlawed, arrained, cõuicted or atteinted by force of this act, as is aboueſayd, within two yeres nert after ſuch murther or other felonious offence perpetrated, done or committed within the ſayd lordeſhippes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this preſent acte before reherſed to the contrary not withſtandyng.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that all murthers, robberies, felonies and acceſſaryes of the ſame, which ſhall happen hereafter to be done, perpetrated or committed within the ſhire of Merionyth in wales, ſhall and may be from hencefoorth enquired, hearde and determined

termined in the countie of Carnetuan or Angleſee, before the kinges Juſtices of north wales, or his deputie for the time beynge, by verdicte or inqueſt to bee taken by the inhabitauntes of the ſame ſhires of Carnetuan & Angleſee, or otherwiſe, if by the diſcretion of the Juſtice there or his deputie, ſhalbe thought conuenient. And that the ſame Juſtice or his deputye, for the time beyng ſhal haue full power and auctorite by his diſcretion, by force of this preſēt act, to here and determine al and euery the forſayd murthers, felonies, robberies, and acceſſaries, in forme aforeſayde.

And where heretofore vppon diuers murthers, robberies, & felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordſhippes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the ſame lordſhips, the offenders diuers times flee and eſcape from the ſame lordeſhip or other place, where ſuch offence was committed, and haue repayred & reſorted into an other lordſhip marcher and there by the aide, comforte and fauour of the ſayd lorde of the ſame lordeſhip or his officer or officers, haue bene abidynge and reſiaunte into the whiche lordeſhippes the ſame lordes marchers haue and do pretend a cuſtome and priuyledge, that none of the kynges mynyſters or ſubiectes may entre, to purſue, apprehende and attache any ſuch offendour, therunto repaired, as is aforeſayd, by reaſon wherof the ſame offendours wēt vnpuniſhed, to the animacion and encouraging of other euel diſpoſed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctorite aboueſayde, that euerye officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the cōmiſſioners or counſayle of the marches for the time being, ſhall bring ſende or deliuer euery ſuch offendour to the officer of the lordeſhip marcher, or other place, where any ſuch offence is or ſhall be committed or done, vppon the meres and bondes of the ſayd lordſhips, or to the ſayde commiſſioners or counſaile, accordyng as the ſayd officers by them ſhall be commaunded vnder peine of .xl. poundes, the ſame commaundement or commiſſion to be directed to anye ſuche officer to be ſende conueyed and deliuered by a ſergeant at armes, or a purſeuaūt, attendaunt on the ſayd councell in the marches, for the time being.

An acte for amending of highe wayes in Suſſex. Cap. viij.

WHere it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctorite of this preſent parliament heretofore holden at London, the xv. daye of Aprill, in the xiiij. yere of the kinges moſte noble raygne, and from thence adiourned to weſtminſter the laſt day of July, the xv. yeare of his raigne, and there holden: in conſideracion that many comon waies in the wield of Kēt be ſo deepe & noyous by wearing & cours of water & other occaſiōs, that people can not haue theyr paſſages & cariages by horſes vpon or by the ſame, but to their great paynes perils & ieopardy, that if any perſon or perſons from

that time in any place within the sayde weilde of the sayde county, of hys good minde & disposicō without any value of good by him or by thē to be receiued for the same, will for the commen weale of the kynges people assigne and laye out a more cōmodious way in & ouer the lands therunto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be seased of fee in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe way so to be assigned and laied out, by ouersighte and assent of two Justices of the peace of the sayde county, and .xij. other discrete men within the same hundreth inhabityng, where any such new way shalbe limitted & laied out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to the sayd hundreth nerte adioyning shalbe from thencefoorth holden occupied and vsed in like maner as ẏ sayd olde way there now is or before hath bene. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willing & accomplishing, shall and may for ẏ sayd new way so assigned & vsed, receiue and hold in wey of recompence for ẏ same new way so to be geuen, the soyle & grouñd of the olde way in seueralty, to them their heires and assignes, to their owne vse and profit for euer without any common waye or passage there from thencefoorth to be had or claimed, any prescripcion or vse to the contrary not withstandynge, in like maner and forme as is limited by the sayd act of a certain new way graunted by the same acte to be made by George Guilford squier at Hempsted in ẏ sayd weilde of Kent. And that the sayd two Justices of peace, & .xij. other discrete men by whose ouersight & assent, ẏ sayd new way by vertue of the sayd acte, shalbe assigned, limitted & laid out, shall within .iij. monethes next after thassignemēt, limitacion & leying out of ẏ same, make certificate into the kinges most honorable court of chauncery vnder their seales of the length and bredth of ẏ sayd new way or strete, & of other things adioyning or cōcerning the same, as by their discrecions shall be thought most expediēt or requisite for the comē welth of that coūtrey to be certified, and that certificat to be made from time to time, as oft as any such new way or street shall be assigned limitted and layed out in fourme abouewritten.

Prouided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any church way, or other whatsoeuer way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioyning to any of the said old waies or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that acte as seueral soile & freehold, in recōpence for any new way to be made & layd out in form aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any lāds or tenemēts adioyning to ẏ sayd old way, they & euery of thē, their heirs & successours may haue & vse their said way or waies out of & in ẏ said new way ouer & through the land of the said old way or streate, into or ouer the sayd lands or tenementes adioynynge to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shall appertain, ouer the same old way, at such conuenient place or places thereof, as therefore shalbe limited & assigned by the sayde .ij. Justices of peace and other .xij. men, and by them to be certified in the chancery, amōg other thynges by thē to be certified in forme aforesayd, any thing in the sayd

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act aboue writtē notwithstādīng, as by the same act manifestly appereth. And for as muche as in manye places wythin the County of Suffolke lyke act for ꝑ alteratiō of cōmon wayes & streetes there being much annoydous is much necessary and expedient for the common welth and commodity of the kinges subiectes of the sayd county of Suffolke to be had and made. In consideration whereof be it ordeyned & enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lords spyrituall and temporall, & the cōmons in this presente parliament assembled, & by thauctority of the same, that the sayd act aboue rehersed and recited, shal and may from henceforth extende take effect and be put in execution in euery place conuenient or necessary wythin the sayd countie of Suffolke, where wayes and streates be noyous to the kings said subiectes of the same county of Suffolke in like forme & maner & in al poyntes and conditions, and wyth like proulso to be had done & executed, as it is conteyned & expressed in the aboue recited act concerning the chaunge of the wayes and streetes in the sayd county of Kente, any prescription vse custome or thyng to the contrary being in any wyse notwythstading.

An act for reedifying of voyde grounds in the city of Norwich. Cap. viii.

Voyde by infortunate chaunce of fier a great nomber of houses of habitacion wythin the citie of Norwich, about xxvi. yeres past, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines dilfor see, losse and hinderance of the inhabitaunces of the same city. By reason of which burninge diuers and many voyde groundes, whereupon before the same fyre good and substancial houses of habitacion were standyng remaynyng now at this day vnreedifyed, and not only vnreedifyed, but also to lye as desolate and vacant groundes many of them nighe adioyning to the highe streetes, replenished wyth much vncleannes & filth to the great anoyance of the sayd inhabitantes, and other the kyngs subiectes passing by the same: and to thentent that a reformacion may be had in that behalfe. Be it enacted by the king oure soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assēbled, & by thauctority of the same, that if the owner or owners of such vacāt ground or grounds, so lying wythin the precinct of the said city, wythin two yeres next after proclamacion made by the cōmaundemēt of the Mayre of the said city for the tyme being, wythin & vpon such vacāt ground or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this presente acte, do not sufficiently reedify, or els wyth walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the same vacant ground or grounds, whereupon such proclamacion shalbe made, that then it shalbe lawful to ꝑ Mayre, sheryffes citizens and communalty of the same city & theyr successours for the tyme being, immediatly after the sayd two yeres expyred, to enter into euery suche grounde and groundes so vacant as is aforesayde, whereupon such proclamacion, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same ground & grounds

to hold and retaine without interruptiō to them and theyr successours for
euer, clerely discharged of all rentes as well against the lords of fees thir-
of as of al other, so that alwayes ỳ same mayre sheriffes citizens and com-
minalty or theyr successours, do well and sufficiently reedifye or els with
walles of mortar & stone, as is aforesayde sufficyently doe inclose the same
ground & grounds, wherin they shall enter, within two yeres next after
such entre by thē so to be made as is aforesayd. And in case the same mayre
sheriffes citizens & cōminalty or their successours, do not sufficiently reedi-
fye or inclose, or cause to be reedifyed or inclosed ỳ same grovnd and ground-
des, in fourme aforesaid within ỳ same terme of two yeres next after they
shall so enter into the same, ỳ then it shalbe lawful to the said first owner
owners of al such ground and grounds, theyr heyres or successours imme-
diatlye after the same 2. yeares so expyred, to reentre in the same grounde
and grounds, and the same to retayne and enioy againe to thē theyr heyres
and successours as in theyr former estate and interest any thing in this act
contayned to the contrary therof in any wyse notwythstanding.

Prouided alwayes, ỳ if the owners of such vacant ground or grounds,
specifyed in this acte, doe not repayre and amende the same, accordinge to
the tenour of this acte, within two yeares lymitted by this acte, that then
it shalbe lawfull to the chiefe lords, of whom such vacant grounds been or
shalbe holden, to enter & to haue the same grounds to them theyr heyres
and successours for euer, so ỳ euery such chiefe lorde do repaire and amende
the sayd vacant grounds according to the tenour & effect of this act with-
in one yere next after that such chiefe lord maye enter by auctority of this
acte. And if such chiefe lord as may enter by this acte, doe not repayre and
amende ỳ same vacant grounds within one yere next after they may en-
ter by this acte: that then for euery such default the Mayre sheriffes citizēs
and comminalty shall lawfully enter into the saide grounds according to
the tenour fourme effect & condicion aboue expressed in this act any thinge
in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An act for reedifying of voyde grounds within the towne of Lynne. Cap. iij.

HVmbly beseecheth your good and gracious highnes your obe-
dient subiectes, the Mayre and burgeses of the towne of Lynne,
bishoppe in your countye of Norfolke, that where at this present
time diuers and many messuages and tenementes of olde tyme
builded within the sayd towne, are by a long tyme haue ben
in great decay and desolacion, wherby the fluds & rage of the sea comming
to the sayde towne, and insurginge vppon such decayed tenementes in ty-
mes of tempeste, doth freate and marueylously weare in diuers pla-
ces of the sayd towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the sayd
towne as of diuers personnes hauinge groundes adioyninge to such pla-

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ces so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes will not reedifie and maintaine the said messuages and tenements so decayed for the maintenaunce and defence of the wall and cage of the sea, whereby the said towne is like to fall in more decay ruine & desolacion, if remedy therefore be not provided. In consideracion whereof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiesty, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of such messuages and tenementes so decayed, lieng or beinge within the precincte of the said towne, within one yere next after proclamacion made by the commaundement of the maiyre of the said towne for the time beinge, wythin & upon suche decayed messuages or tenementes, doe not sufficiently repayre, or els wyth walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same messuages & tenementes and grounds to them belonging, so that in decaye, for defect of the cage of the water &c. then it shalbe lawfull to the chiefe lorde, of whom such messuages or tenements so decayed shalbe holden, to enter into the said messuages and tenements so decayed, and the same hold have and reteine to them and their heires for ever, so that every such lord, wherby that enter into any messuages or tenements so decayed, by auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedify, or els wyth walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the said messuages & tenements so decayed in fourme as is aboue saide within one yere next after that such chiefe lord may enter into the same by auctoritie of this act. And if such chiefe lord, which may enter by auctoritie of this acte into the saide messuages or tenements decayed, doe not reedify the said messuages & tenements decayed, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesaid, within one yere next after such chiefe lord moughte enter into the same by auctoritie of this act: that then it shalbe lawfull to the maire & comunalty of the said towne for every such default to enter into any suche messuages or tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteine to them & their successours for ever, without interruption of the and their successours for ever, clerely discharged of all rentes, as well against the lords of fees therof as of all other. So that alwayes the same maiyne and comunalty, or their successours do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els wyth walles of morter and stone, as is aforesaid, sufficiently do inclose the same messuages and tenements & grounds appertayninge to the same, wherin they shall so enter by auctoritie of this acte within two yeres next after such entre by them so to be made, as is aforesaid & in case the same maior & comunalty, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to bee reedified or inclosed the same messuages & tenements or grounds to the same belonging, in fourme aforesaid, within the same terme of two yeres next after they shall so enter into the same: then it shalbe lawful to the said first owner & owners of such messuages tenements & grounds, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same messuages tenements & grounds

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and the same to reteine and enioy ageyne to theym, theyr heires & successours as in theyr former estate and interest. Any thing in this act contayned to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

An acte whereby the kinges highnes hath auctority to repeal the statute made for restreint of wynes to come in afore candlemas. Cap. I.

WHere in the session of this present parliament holden at westminster in the vi. day of Januarij, in the xxvii. yeare of the kynges most noble raigne, it was enacted by auctority of the same parliamente, that no maner of person or personnes should discharge and laye on lande oute of any ship or shippes, or other vessel or vessels, any wynes of gascoyne or Guion or any maner of French wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the same, at any time from henceforth betweene the feastes of S. Michel tharchangel, and the Purification of our lady, vppon payne of forfayture of the same wynes so brought and discharged and layd on lande at any time hereafter betwene the sayde feastes contrary to the sayd acte: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kinges subiectes, as shall seale or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the value therof, by originall writte bill plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes: in which actions and suites the defendaunte shall not bee admitted to wage his lawe, or anye protection or essoine shalbe allowed, as amonge other thinges in the sayd act specifyed euidently appeareth. For as much as such leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the kinges maiestye and other forreyne kinges and princes, for the weale and tranquilitye of theyr realmes countreys & people, moughte percase bee impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agreementes therein conteyned, as well by occasions of the said article contayned in the sayd act, as by occasion of sondry other like actes heretofore made, or hereafter to bee made, whereby the commoditye & marchandise of this realme and of other the kinges dominions been restrayned to bee conueyed into any outward partyes, forreine Realmes, or countryes of other princes beinge in leage and amity with the kinges highnes, or the commodityes and marchaundises of such outward parties, forreyne realmes and countreys be restrayned to be brought and conueighed into this realme, or elswhere within the kinges dominions to be bitered sold and vsed as freely as of olde time hath bene accustomed. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliamente, that the kinge oure soueraigne lorde shall during his life naturall, haue full power and auctority by his proclamacions, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrolled in his court of chauncerye, from time to time to repell and make voyde

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as well ỳ sayd article conteyned & specifyed in the sayd act made for to restrayne the bringing in of wynes afore ỳ feast of the Purification of oure lady, as all other suche actes and statutes in part or in whole, which hath ben made sithe the beginning of this present parliament for the restreint or let of any commodities of this realme, or for other the kinges dominions to be conueyed & vttered to and in any outward parties, realmes, or countreis, or for restraint & let of any cõmodities or marchandise of outwarde parties, realmes or countries to be conueyed brought and vttered to or in this realme, or els where wythin the kynges dominions: And by like proclamacions from time to tyme, shal haue power & auctority to reuiue and make effectuall the sayd statutes and actes agayne in theyr force strẽgth & effect in all or such parte thereof, as to his maiesty shall be thoughte moste conuenient and profitable for his realme. And that euery such repeale abrogacion & making voyde of any such statutes or actes, in part or in ỳ whole: and euery such reuiuing or makynge effectuall of them agayne in parte or in the whole by proclamacions vnder ỳ great seale to be made & enrolled in the kinges chauncery, as is aforesayde, shalbe of the same quality, force, strength condicion and effect to all intentes and purposes, as if it had ben done wyth due circumstances by auctority of parlyamente, any thynge or thynges conteyned in any such acts, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary hereof notwythstandyng.

An act for punishment of Welshmen attemptynge any assaultes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitauntes of Hereford Glouc. and Shropshyre. Cap. xi.

FOr asmuche as in times paste dyuers and sondrye the kynge our soueraigne lords subiects, inhabited as wel in Wales, as the marches of the same, haue heretofore vsed at sondry times, whẽ lawfull proces hath ben attempted agaynste them, or against theyr kinsemen, or frendes for sondry robberyes, murders, or felonies by them committed or for any suites or proces of the law pursued or sued agaynst any persone or persons inhabityng or dwellinge wythin Wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Gloucester, Salop, and Hereforde, haue layen in awayte, and sodenly of pretensed malice, haue not onely mette wyth the pursuers of the sayde suites in ỳ sayd coũtyes, and in places nere adioyning to the same, but also haue beaten, maymed, grieuously wounded, and sometimes murdered dyuers of ỳ same pursuers, for the onely attempting & pursuing of such felons, wherby hath insued no little violacion and disturbaunce of the kinges peace, to the greate disquieting of all the sayde partyes and to the right perillous example of all others like offendours. Be it therefore ordayned established and enacted by the kynges said highnes, hys lords spyritual and temporal

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and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwellinge in wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter vppon any pretensed malice, shall presume to assaute, beate, hurte, wounde or mayme any other the kinges subiectes of the sayd counties, that the he or thei so attempting, what soeuer they be, being indicted and conuicted therof, shal sufker imprisonment without redempcion for the space of one hole yere, in such prison or prisons as vnto the Justices, before whom he or they shalbe conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with such further peine & punishmente, as he or they should have had, if this act had neuer bene had or made. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ In acte for purgacion of conuictes in wales. Cap. xij.

WHere at the parliament sommoned & holden at Lōdon, the third daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reign of our soueraign lorde king Henry the .viij & frō thence adiourned vnto Westmin. in the county of Middlesex, and after diuers prorogacions, there also holden ỳ xb. day of January, the .xxiij. yere of the reigne of our soueraign lord king Henry the .viij. It was enacted amōg other, that no person nor persons, which from thensforth should happen to be found guilty after the lawes of the lande, for any maner of pety treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice pretensed, or for robbinge of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbinge of anye person or persons in theyr dwellinge houses or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruaunts then being within, & put in feare and drede by the same, or for robbing of anyperson or persons, in or nere about the high waies or for wilful burning of any dwelling houses or barnes, wherin any graine of cornes should happē to be: nor any person or persons being foūd guilty of any abbettemēt, procurement, helping, maintening, or counsailing of or to any such pety treasons, murders, or felonies should frō thencefoorth be admitted to the benefit of his or their clergy, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffer death in such maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offēces abouesayd, if they were no clerks, such as be within holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then & there by auctorite aforesayd, further enacted, that euery such person and persons within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, which at any time from thencefoorth shoulde be found guilty of any petye treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue reherced, or of any accessary to petye treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or theyr clergie, and deliuered to the ordinary for the same, should not in any wise from thensforth be suffered to any purgaciō, nor be set at liber-

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tie, but remayne and abide in perpetual pryson, vnder the keping of ỳ ordinary, to whō he should be cōmitted & his successours, wythout any maner of purgacion, duringe the naturall life of euery such conuicte: excepte onely such person and persons so being wythin such holy orders and conuicte of or for any of the offēces aforesayd, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same, do finde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kinges Justices of his peace wythin ỳ same shyre, where the petie treasō murder or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was committed & done, wherof one of thē to be of the Quorum, that such conuict shalbe of good abering against the king our souerayne lord, his lawes and subiectes, euery suche conuicte to be bounden in the summe of xl.li. and euery his sureties in xx.li and that no surecie to be taken, onelesse such as mayspispend in lands tenementes or hereditaments yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritance of charter hold xxvi.s. viii.d. or els be worth xx.li. in moueable substaunce, at the time of the taking of such recognisaunce. And that two iustices of peace, wherof one to be of the quorum, by auctority aforesayd, haue power & auctority to take such recognisaunce. And that the sayde Justices, afore whom anye suche recognisaunce shalbe taken, shall certifye the same into the kinges bench wythin foure monethes nert after the taking therof, vpon paine to lose and forfayte C.s. for euery default therof. And for as much as there be no Justices of peace ne of Quorum wythin Wales, nor in diuers other places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours wythin the kings dominion, where as a lord marcher, Steward, Lieuetenaunt, deputy or other officer of any suche place, citty, honour, lordship, or manour haue auctority or power, by custome or otherwyse to arraine afore him or them any such person or persons beinge wythin such holy orders of subdeacon or aboue, for committing or doing any of the sayd petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any other of the sayd offēces. And if it happen the same person so being thereof arrained to be found gilty, for to admitte him to his cleargy, if hee pray the same before iudgemēt, and further to do and execute against any such offendour, beinge so arrayned before them, in like maner and fourme as Justices of the gaole deliuery wythin the shyre grouūd haue vsed to do by vertue of the kings commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof euery such person or persones, wythin such orders of subdeacon or aboue, being conuicte of any of the sayde pety treasons, murders, felonyes, or any other the sayd offences, before any lord marcher, steward, lieuetenaunt deputy, or other officer wythin Wales, or win any other place, citty, honour, lordshippe or manour wythin the kinges dominion, where no iustices of peace be, and thereuppon committed vnto thordinary as clearke conuicte, shall there remayne durynge the naturall life of anye suche conuicte: The sayd former act and statute not wythstanding. For that there be no Justices of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayde petie treason murder or felony, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take surety by recognisaunce for theigood aberynge of euery such conuicte,

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in manour & forme as in the sayde former act is reherſed. Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our ſoueraigne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and tẽporall, and the commõs in thys preſent parliament aſſembled, & by auctorite of the ſame, that euery ſuch perſon and perſons, within ſuch orders of ſubdeacon or aboue, beynge conuicte of any pety treaſon, or of any murther of malice prepenſed, or of any of the ſayd felonies aboue reherſed, or of any acceſſary to pety treaſon, wilfull murder, or to any other the ſayde felonies aboue eſpecified before any lord marcher, Steward, Lieutenaunte, deputy, or other Juſtice or officer within wales, or within anye other place citye towne, honour, lordeſhip or maner withyn the kinges dominion, where no Juſtices of the peace and of ẏ Quorum be, and therupon the ſame conuict admitted vnto his clergie, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſo being within ſuch holy orders, and conuicte before any ſuch lorde marcher Steward, Lieutenaunt, deputy or other iuſtice or officer in wales or within any ſuch place, city, towne, honour, lordſhip or manor within any the kings dominion, where bee no Juſtices of the peace and of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences aforeſayde, and deliuered vnto the ordinary as clerke conuicte for the ſame, ſhal or may finde two ſureties by recogniſaunce for hys good aberinge before two of the kinges Juſtices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, in the ſhyre where the ſame conuicte is or ſhall be kept in the ordinaries priſon, if the ſame priſon be within the ſhire groũd, where Juſtices of the peace and of the quorum be, or els before two of the kynges Juſtices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum in ẏ nert ſhire adioyninge vnto the ſame priſon: And that the ſame two Juſtices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctority to take ſuch recogniſaunce, and to certifie the ſame in like maner and fourme and vpon like peine as it ſhould or ought to haue bene done by vertue of ẏ ſayd former act, if the ſame pety treaſon, murder, felony or other offence, of or for which any ſuch conuicte was or ſhalbe ſo conuict and admitted vnto his clergy, as is aforeſayd, had bene committed and done within the ſhire grounde, where Juſtices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

An acte whereby offences be made high treaſon, and takynge away all ſainctuaries for all maner of high treaſõs. Cap. xiij.

FOr as muche as it is moſte neceſſarye bothe for common policye and dutye of ſubiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite, prouyde, reſtreyne and extincte all maner of ſhamefull ſclaunders perylls or imminente daunger or daungers, which myght growe happen or ryſe to their Soueraygne lorde the kynge, the Queene, or theyr heyres, whyche whan they be herde, ſene or vnderſtande, cannot be but odyble and alſo abhorred of all thoſe ſortes that be true and louing ſubiectes, if in anye poyncte they maye do or ſhall touche the kynge, his Queene, theyr heires or ſucceſſours, vpon which dependeth the hole vnity and vniuerſall weale of thys

this realme, without prouiding wherfore to great a scope of vnreasonable liberty should be giuen to all cankard and trayterous hartes, willers and workers of the same. And also the kinges louinge subiectes should not declare vnto theyr soueraigne lord now beinge, which vnto them hath ben & is most entierly both beloued & estemed, theyr vndouted sicerity & trouth. Be it therfore enacted by the assent & consent of our soueraigne lord ỳ king and the lordes spiritual and temporall, and commons in this presente parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that if any person or persons after ỳ fyrst day of February nert comming, do maliciously wish wil or desyre by words or wryting, or by crafte imagin, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or cõmitted to the kinges most royal person, the queene, or theyr heyres apparant, or to deprsiue thẽ or any of thẽ, of the dignity title or name of theyr royall estates, or slaunderously & maliciously publish & pronounce by expres wryting or wordes, that the kinge our soueraine lord should be hereticke, scismatike, tyraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crown, or rebelliously do deteine kepe or withhold from our said soueraine lord his heyres or successours, any of his or theyr castels, fortresses, fortilesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, or marches, or rebelliously deteine kepe or wythholde from ỳ kinges sayde highnes, his heyres or successours, any of his or theyr shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other munitions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render and giue vp to our sayd soueraigne lorde, his heyres or successours, or to such persons as shalbe deputed by them, such castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillary, and other munitions, and fortificatiõs of warre, rebelliously kept or deteyned, wythin vj. dayes nert after they shalbe commaunded by our sayd soueraine lord, his heyres or successours by open proclamacion vnder ỳ great seale. That thẽ euery such person and persons so offending in any the premisses, after the sayd fyrst day of Februay, theyr aidours, counsaylours, consentours, and abbettours, being thereof lawfully conuict, according to the lawes & customes of this realme, shalbe adiudged traytours, and that euery such offence in any ỳ premisses, that shalbe committed or done after the said first day of February, shalbe reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therin, & their aidours consentours, counsaylours and abbettours being lawfully conuict of any such offence, as is aforesayd, shall haue and suffer such paynes of death, and other penalties, as is limitted & accustomed in cases of high treason.

And to thintent that all treasons should be the more dred hated & detested to be don by any person or persons and also because it is a great boldnes and an occasion to ill disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes & enterprises, which all true subiectes oughte to study to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that none offẽdour in any kindes of highe treasons, what so euer they be, theyr aydours, consentours, counsellours, nor abbettours, shall bee admitted to haue the

benefite or priuilege of any maner of sanctuary, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nighe both the surety of the kynge oure soueraigne lordes person, and his heyres and successours.

And ouer that be it enacted by auctority aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do committe or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde partyes, any suche offences, which by this act are made, or heretofore haue ben made treason, that then such treasons whatsoeuer they be, or whereseoeuer they shal happen so to be done or committed shalbe inquired, and presented by the othes of xii. good and lawfull men, vpon good & probable euidence & witnes in such shyre & couty of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoint by cõmission vnder his greate seale, in like maner & fourme as treasõs committed wythin this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquyred of & presented, and that vpon euery inditement & presentment founden & made of any such treasons, and certifyed into the kings benche, like proces & other circumstance shalbe there had and made againste the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had ben lawfully found to be don and cõmitted within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarye hereafter to bee made & had wythin this realme, agaynst any offendours in treason being reliante or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the tyme of the outlarie pronounced againste them, shalbe as good & as effectual in the law to al intentes & purposes, as if such offendours had ben residente and dwellinge wythin this realme, at the time of such proces awarded and outlary pronounced.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery offender & offenders being hereafter lawfully conuicte of any maner of high treasons by presentment cõfession verdict or proces of outlarie, according to the due course & custome of the cõmon lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfaite to the kynges highnes, his heyres & successours, all such lands, tenements and hereditaments, which any such offender or offenders shal haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right title or meanes within this realme of Englande, or els where within any the kings dominiõs at the time of any such treason committed, or any time after. Sauing to euery person and personnes their heyres & successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, their heyres and successours, and suche person & persons, as claime to any their vses, all such rightes titles interestes possessions, leases, rentes offices and other profites, which they shall haue at the day of committing suche treasons, or at any time afore, in as large & ample maner, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

An act for nominacion and consecration of suffragans wythin this realme. Cap. viii.

ALbeit that sithen the beginning of this presente parlyamente, good and honourable ordinaunces and statutes haue ben made and esta-

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blished for elections, presentations, consecrations, and investinge of archebishoppes and bishoppes of this realme, and in all other the kinges dominions, with al ceremonyes appertayning vnto the same, as by sondry statutes thereof made more at large is specified: Neuertheles no prouision hitherto hath ben made for suffragans, which haue ben accustomed to bee had within this realme for the more spedy administration of ỹ sacramentes and other good holsome and deuout thinges, and laudable ceremonies to the encrease of Gods honour, & for the commodity of good and deuout people. Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the townes of Thetford, Ipswich, Colchester, Douer, Gilford, Southhampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Malton, Marlebrough, Bedford, Leicester, Glocester, Shrewesbury, Buttowe, Penreth, Bridgewater, Nottingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntingdon, Cambridge and the townes of Pereth and Barwike, saint Germaynes in Cornewall, and the Ile of Wight, shalbe taken & accepted for sees of bishops suffragans to be made in this realme and in Wales, and ỹ bishoppes of such sees shalbe called suffragans of this realme. And that euery archbishoppe and bishoppe of this realme and of Wales, and els where within the kings dominions, being disposed to haue any suffragane, shal and may at their libertyes name and elect, that is to say, euery of them for their peculiar dioces, two honest and discrete spirituall persons, being learned and of good conuersation, & those two persons so by them to be named, shall presente to the kinges highnes by their writing vnder their seales, making humble requeste to his maiesty, to giue to one such of the sayd two persons, as shal please his maiesty such title name style and dignity of byshoppe of such of the sees aboue especified, as ỹ kynges highnes shal thinck most conuenient for the same. And that the kynges maiesty vppon euery such presentation, shall haue full power & auctouty to giue to one of those two personnes, so to his highnes to be presented, the style, title and name of a bishoppe of such of the sees afore sayd, as to his maiesty shalbe thought most conuenient and expedient, so it be within the same prouince, wherof the bishop that doth name him is.

And that euery such person, to whom the kynges highnes shall giue anye such style and title, of any of the sees afornamed, shalbe called bishop suffragane of the same see: whereunto he shalbe named. And after such title stile and name so giuen, as is afore sayde, the kinges maiesty shal presente euery such person by his letters patents vnder his great seale, to the archbishop of Canterbury, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within the prouince of Canterbury, and and lyke wyse to the archbishop of Yorke, if ỹ towne wherof he hath his title, be within ỹ prouince of Yorke, signifying and declaryng by the same letters patents, the name of the person presented, and the stile and title of dignity of bishoprike, wherunto he shalbe nominated: requyringe the same archbishop, to whom such letters patentes shalbe directed, to consecrate the sayd person so nominate & presented, to ỹ same name title stile and dignity of bishop: that he shalbe nominate & presented

sented vnto, and to giue him all suche consecracions benedictions and ceremonies, as to the degree and office of a bishop suffragan shalbe requisite.

And be it also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all & euery such person & persons as shalbe nominated elected presented & consecrated, as is aforerehearsed, shalbe taken accepted and reputed, in all degrees and places according to ỳ stile title name and dignity that hee shalbe so presented vnto, and haue such capacity power & auctority honour, pryminence, and reputacion, in as large and ample maner in and concerning the execution of such commission, as by any of the sayde archbishops or bishops wythin theyr dioces shalbe giuen to the sayde suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery archbishop of this realme, to whom any the kinges letters patentes in the cases aforerehersed, shalbe directed, hauing no lawful impediment, shal performe and accomplish the effectes & contentes of this acte within the time of iii. monethes next after such letters patents shall come to their hands, any vsage customes, forrein lawes, priuiledges, prescriptions, or other thing or thinges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that no such suffragãs, which shalbe made & consecrate by vertue and auctority of this acte, shal take or percepue any maner of profites of the places and seers, whereof they shalbe named, nor vse haue or execute anye iurisdiction or episcopall power or auctority wythin theyr said sees, nor wythin any dioces or place of this realme, or els where wthin ỳ kinges dominions, but onely such profites, iurisdiction, power & auctority as shalbe licẽced & limitted to them to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realme within their dioces, to whõ they shalbe suffragãs by their commission vnder their seales. And ỳ euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, for their owne peculiar dioces, may and shal giue such commission or commissions to euery such bishop suffragan, as shalbe so consecrate by auctority of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragãs heretofore to haue, or els such cõmissiõ as by them shalbe thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no such suffragan shall vse any iurisdictiõ ordinary, or episcopall power, otherwyse nor lõger time than shalbe limitted by such commission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpon paine to incurre into the paines losses forfaytures and penalties mẽcioned in the statute of prouisions, made in the vi. yere of king Richard the second.

Prouided alwayes, that the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kinges highnes, or the suffragan himselfe that shalbe nominate, shall prouide two bishops or suffragans to consecrate him with the archbishop, and shal beare theyr reasonable costes.

Prouided also that the residence of him that shalbe suffragan ouer the dioces, where he shal haue commission, shall serue him for his residence as sufficiẽtly, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any act, heretofore made to the contrary not wythstanding.

Beit further enacted, that all such suffraganes, as shal hereafter exercise thoffices aforesayde, by the cõmission of the bishop, for the better mayntenaunce of his dignity, may haue two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstandyng.

An acte for takyng away certaine exactions taken within the archedeaconry of Richemonde by spirituall men. Cap. xb.

For as much as diuers and many the kinge our soueraygne lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconrye of Richemonde, and in the countye of Yorke, be and of longe time haue been sore and grieuously exacted and impouerished by the persons, vicars and others such as haue benefices and spirituall promocions within the same, as by takyng of euery person, when he dieth, in the name of a pension or of apporcion, sometime the ninth parte of all his goodes and cattals, and somtyme the thyrde parte to the open and manifest impouerishynge of moste parte of all the kynges poore subiectes inhabited and dwellynge within ye same. wherfore be it ordeyned, enacted and established by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that from the feast of saint Marke the euangelist next cõming, no maner of spirituall person or others now hauinge, or that from the sayde feast shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promocion within the sayde archdeaconrye, shall in no wise, leuie, demaunde or take, after the dicrale of any person or persons any such porcions or pensions, nor any other demaunde or duty, in the name or lue of the same, vpon peine to incurre such daungers, forfaytures and penalties, as be conteined in the statute of mouisours made in the.xxb. yere of the reigne of your moste noble progenitour kyng Edward the thirde: But that all & euery the kinges subiectes of the sayde archedeaconry, & their executours and administratours, from henceforth shalbe ordred, entreated & vsed for their goodes and cattels after theyr decease, in like maner fourme, order and condition as is conteined in the statute made in the.xxi. yere of your most noble and victorious reigne for probate of testamentes, and none otherwise, any vse, custome, bull, compolicion, prescription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteined or vsed to the contrarye, within the foresayd archdeaconry, in any wise not withstandinge.

An acte for makynge of worstedes in the city of Norwich, and in the townes of Linne and yarmouth. Cap. xbi.

Where at a parliament holden at London ye xb. daye of Aprill, in the.xiiij. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the kynge ye nowe is, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, the laste daye of Julye, in the.xb. yeare of our sayde soueraygne Lorde,

and there ended. It was ordeined enacted & established, that ỳ crafts me called worsted weuers, inhabited in ỳ towne of greate Yermouth, should haue power and auctority by ỳ act from thence forward, to elect and chose yerely for euer, on the munday next after ỳ feast of Pentecoste, one honest man of the mistery & occupacion of worstede weuers, beyng an house holder within the sayd towne of great Yarmouth, and hauinge of his proper goodes and catells to the value of x.li. at the least, or lands and tenements to his owne vse of estate of freehold at the least, to the clere yerely value of xx.s to be warden of the same craft & mistery of worstede weauers for the yere next ensuing, which man so elected & chosen, should personally appere before the mayre of the citie of Norwich for the time beinge, the mondaye next after the feast of corpus Christi, then nexte ensuinge, then and there to bee sworne and charged by like othe, concerninge the true and substantiall makyng of worstedes saies & stamins wythin the sayde towne of greate Yermouth, as the iiij. wardens of the sayd citty of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of Parliament, made in the vii. yere of king Edwarde the fourth, were charged & sworne for the same city of Norwich. And if ỳ sayd maire happened to be absent the said munday next after corpus Christi, or els he refused to receyue or take the sayd othe, than the sayd wardein so elect within 4. dayes nexte after the same munday, shoulde come before the bayliffes of the sayde towne of greate Yermouth, for the time beinge, or before one of them, the other beinge absente, and then and there receiue a corporall othe for the true executyng of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be giuen to ỳ sayd wardeins of the sayd city of Norwich, & then the sayd warden of ỳ sayd towne of great Yermouth for the time beinge, so elected and sworne, might ordayne & appoint a seale wyth this letter, Y, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full power and auctority to viewe, searche, seale, and seale in leade wyth the same seale, to bee appointed and grauen, and none other, all worstedes, sayes and stamins wythin the sayd towne of Yermouth, & subburbs of ỳ same, made or to be made, & not els wher, in as large & ample maner as the sayd wardeins of ỳ sayde citye of Norwich, and the wardeins of the county of Norfolke or any of them, had within the said city or county, or in any wise may do in that behalfe by auctority or vertue of the afore remembred acte made in the sayd seuenth yere of king Edwarde the fourth, any thinge in the same contayned to the contrary therof notwythstanding. And that no person inhabited wythin the sayd town of great Yermouth, or subburbs thereof, shoulde weaue any worstedes, sayes, or stamins, wythin the same towne, except he be an Englishman borne, and had beene a prentise to the said occupacion, & wout be weaued therein such proper markes as should be limitted and appointed by the said wardein of the sayde towne for the time beinge, elected and sworne as is aforesayde, vppon payne of forfayture therof to the king our soueraigne lorde. And that euery wardein of the sayd towne shoulde limit distinct and seuerall markes to euery of the sayde

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worsted weauers of the same towne of greate Yermouthe, and the same markes by the sayde wardeine to be regestred in a booke.

And also it was further enacted, that yf and when soeuer the towne of Linne should be inhabited with.x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders, exercisynge and vsynge the sayd craft or mistery of worstede weauers, then and from thencefoorth, that is to saye, as longe as the same towne of Linne shoulde be inhabited with the nomber of.x. such householders at the least, it should be lawefull to ẏ same inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Linne, yerely in the mundaye next after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardein of the sayde craft and mistery of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesayd of the wardeins of Yermouth, which wardeine so electe, shoulde yerely be sworne and charged at the sayd citie of Norwhich, in lyke maner & at lyke day, as is before limitted to the wardeines of Yarmouth, or in default of ẏ sayd mayre of Norwich, then the sayd wardeine so to be electe for the sayde towne of Linne, to take a corporall othe before ẏ mayre of the sayd towne, within such tyme, and after such forme as is before limitted vnto ẏ sayde wardein of Yarmouth. And that the sayd wardeine of the sayd towne of Lynne for the time being so electe and sworne by him selfe, might ordeyne and appoynte a seale with this letter. L. to be grauen in ẏ seale, & myghte haue full power and auctorite, to viewe, serch, seale, and seale, in lead with the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stamines, within the sayd towne of Linne and suburbes of ẏ same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the sayd wardeine of the sayde city of Norwiche, and wardein of ẏ sayd coũtye of Norffolke, or any of them, had within the sayd city or county, or otherwise might do by auctorite or vertue of the aforesayd acte, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kyng Edwarde the fourth, any thynge conteyned in ẏ same acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

And that no person inhabited within the sayde towne of Linne or suburbes therof, should make any worstedes, sayes or stamins within ẏ same towne, excepte he were English borne, and had bene apprentice to the same occupacion, & without he weaned therin such proper marke, as should bee limitted & appointed by the sayde wardens of ẏ same towne of Linne for the time beyng, vpon peine of forfaiture therof to ẏ kynge our souereigne lorde. And that euery wardein of ẏ sayde towne, should limit, distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the sayde worstede weaners of ẏ same towne, and the same markes by the sayde wardeine to be regestred in a booke.

And it was further enacted, that from the feast of sainct Michaell tharchaungell then next folowing, vnto such time as the saide towne of Linne should be inhabited with ẏ said momber of.x. householders of ẏ saide craft of worsted weauers and alwaies after when the nomber of.x. housholders should happen to faile and not be inhabited in the sayd towne of Linne, the sayde wardeins of the sayd city of Norwich and their successours, shoulde

ꝓcure & cause one of them selues or one of the wardeins of the sayd craste of the sayd county of Norffolke, personally to come & be euerye .xxbiij. daye from and after the sayde feast of sainct Michaell tharchaungell in & to the sayde towne of Linne, or within .vi. daies nert after euery such .xxbiij day, and there to continue and abide by so longe time, as he myghte serche and seale all suche worstedes, sayes and stamins, made in the same towne of Linne, as then shoulde be broughte to him to bee sealed within the space of one hole day. And the sayd inhabitauntes of worsted weauers of the same towne of Linne beyng, should contente and pay to the sayd wardeines of Norwiche or Norff. which should so come to Linne, in the sayd .xxbiij. day, for euerye time that he shoulde so come to Lynne, betweene the feastes of sainct Michaell the archangell, and the Annunciation of our lady saincte Mary .iij. s. and for euery time that he should so come to the sayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady, and the feast of saynete Michaell the Archangell. ij. s. And yf the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Linne did not content and pay to the sayd wardeine, commynge to Linne in fourme aforesayde, for his sayde costes and charges, the sayd .iij. s or .ij. s. as is aboue limitted, that the same inhabitauntes shoulde forfayte and paye to the sayde wardeyne, or to hys executours for euery such defaulte of paymente .xl s. And if none of the sayd wardeins of Norwiche and Norf. come to the sayd towne of Linne, for ẏ cause aforesayde, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayde wardeines of the sayde city of Norwiche should forfayt and pay to ẏ sayd inhabitauntes of Linne of the sayd mistery of worstede weauers, for euery suche defaulte .xl. s. for recompence of the penaltye and forfaytes, the sayde wardeines of Norwiche or Norff. beynge therunto intitled by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion, that is to say, Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper vnius gardianorũ, artis sine misterie textorum pannı lanei vocat. worsted in ciuitate Norwic. vel com. Norff. as the truth requireth, should & might haue actiõ of det by writ, byll or plainte in any competente or lawfull courte of thys realme agaynst ẏ inhabitauntes of Linne of the sayde mistery for the tyme beinge by their sondrie proper names, and the sayde inhabitauntes by theyr sayde names, with this addicion, Textorum pannei lanei vocat. worst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne, should and might haue like action of debt against ẏ sayde wardeines of Norwich, by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorun vocat. worsted infra ciuitatem Norwici vel com. Norff. to be vsed to goode congruities of latine, and fourme of the lawes of this realme, in which actions or anye of theym, none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shoulde be suffered or allowed. And that the particuler bodies or goodes of anye of the sayde wardens or inhabitauntes, beynge condempned in any of the sayde actions, should and might be put in execution, after such maner and fourme, as is vsed in action of debt by course of the common lawe of this realme.

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And more ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes, saies and stamyns, made within any of the sayd townes of Linne & great Yermouth or suburbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with such markes, as should be limitted to the markers, by the said wardeins of the sayd towne in maner and fourme as is aboue sayd, and viewed and sealed by any of ỳ sayde wardeins of the sayde townes of Linne and Yermouth, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the sayde acte might be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealinge vpon the same clothes, or vpon anye of them to be had or made, of or vpon any of the saide clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thinge conteined in the sayde .vij. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourth to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And ouer this it was enacted, that euery crafts man of the sayd mistery and occupacion of worstede makynge, Dwellynge within any of the sayde towns of Linne and Yermouth, and suburbes of the same, at theyr owne free willes and liberties from thencefoorth for euer might haue and take apprentice or apprentices, beinge male of the age of .xviij. yeres and vpward, and beynge the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of .vij. yeares and not vnder, so that none of them exede the nomber of two at once, to learne vse and exercise the sayd craft within either of the sayd two townes of Linne and great Yarmouth, and suburbes of the same: all be it the father of the sayd apprentice or apprentices might not expende in landes or tenements, to the yerely value of twenty shillinges: any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye that the same acte, or any thynge therein conteyned shoulde not in any wyse be hurtfull or preiudiciall to the mayre of Norwyche, or to hys successour, or to the wardeines of the sayde city or countye, or to theyr successours, in any poynct or article, power or auctoritye, other then for weauinge, searchinge, and sealynge of worstedes, saies and stampnes, made or to be made onely within the sayd townes of Linne & Yermouth, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them, and for limittinge of markes, to the markes of worstedes, sayes, and stamins onelye inhabited in eyther of the sayd townes or suburbes thereof, & takinge of the apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the sayde mayre of the sayd citie of Norwyche, and wardeins of the same city and county, and euery of them, might haue and vse all other poyncles, articles, powers, and auctorities conteined and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayde .vij. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, as well for the searche sealynge correction and reformacyon of the sayde wardeynes, newlye to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euerye of theym, accordynge and after such fourme as they might do or vse anye of the sayde wardeynes of the sayde citie or countie, by force of the sayde acte, made in the sayde .vij. yere of kynge Edwarde ỳ iiij. as all and euery other inquiries, corrections, serches, sealinges and reformacions to bee had for the true makinge of worstedes, sayes, and stamines,

myns, in and vpon any person or persons, as well wythin ꝑ sayd townes of Lynne and Yermouth, as wythout, wythoute trouble let or veration of any of the inhabitaunts of the sayd towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the making of the sayd act, any thing cõtayned in the same acte to the contrary notwythstanding.

And also it was further prouided and enacted, that ꝑ sayde craftes mẽ of worsted weauers, inhabited, or after ꝑ to bee inhabited wythin either of the sayde townes of Linne and Yermouthe or suburbes of the same, & the marchauntes, or any other person or persons, which should happen to bye of the same craftes men, or any of theym, or any other person, any of ꝑ sayd clothes of worsteds sayes or stamins, made or to be made wythin either of the saide townes of Linne and Yermouth, and sealed by the sayde wardens of the same townes, to be eiect & sworne, as is afore sayd, & any of them should not there die or put in colour, or kalẽder any worsteds stamins or sayes, made, or after ꝑ to be made wythin eyther of ꝑ sayd townes of Linne & Yermouth, & subburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely wythin the said city of Norwiche, or subburbes of the same, vpon payne of forfayture of euery peece of worsteds sayes or stamins, to be made within any of the said townes of Linne & Yermouth, or subburbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, died, coloured, or kalendred by any of the sayde craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide citie of Norwiche, or subburbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other half therof to such person or personnes, as should seale the same, so that the said worstedes brought to the said city of Norwich to be shorne died coloured and kalendred, without coume or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchants, might be shorne died coloured & kalendred at & by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wyse, as the sayd inhabitauntes of either of the said townes of Linne and Yermouth, and marchantes byers of ꝑ sayd worstedes, or other of the said citie & county, had had in tymes paste, or after that should haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchaunts and euery of them so bringing the saide worstedes to ꝑ same city to be shorne died coloured and kalendred, were reasonably & lawfully intreated according to the said acte, made in ꝑ said viii. yere of king Edward the 4. and the ordinaunce made and affirmed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the saide misterie, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same act or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

And it was further enacted, that no personne or persons, any time after that should conuey or transport into any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of clothes of worsteds, before ꝑ same clothes were shorne, died coloured and kalendred, vpon paine of forfaiture the value therof, the one halfe to the king our soueraine lord, and the other halfe thereof to the partie that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of det in any of the kings courtes in which actiõ or suite no protection or essoine should be allowed nor ꝑ

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defendour admitted to wage his law, as by ỹ sayd acte therof made more plainly appereth: which act was made to endure vnto the next parliamẽt, wherby it is now expired. In consideracion wherof and for almuch as the same act is a good & necessary act for the true making of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of ỹ sayde townes of yermouth and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the same act, and euery article sentẽce and prouision therin conteined, shal from hencefurth be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

¶ An acte that no fermours of spiritual persons shalbe cõpelled or charged to pay for theyr lessours fyrst fruicts or yeares pension for the tenth graunted to the kinges highnes. Cap. xbij.

For certaine reasonable and vrgent consideracions, mouynge the kynges most high court of parliamẽt, it is ordeined and enacted by auctority of the same, that all and singuler fermours and lessees of any manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamẽts, personages, vicarages, porcions of tithes, or other whatsoeuer profites or commodities, belonginge to any Archbyshoppe, Byshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall person or persons, or spirituall body corporate or politique, wher of any fyrst fruictes or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraygne lorde in this presente session of the sayde court of parliament, shall be discharged and not chargeable to pay to our sayd soueraygne lorde of his or their proper money cost or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunt, bargayne, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre or other thynge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the sayde lessours and owners, and their successours, shall be charged and chargeable to pay and satisfie the same of his or their proper cost & charge, to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours accordinge to the graunt therof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre or other thinge heretofore made or concluded to the contrarye thereof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerning the kinges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Cap. xbiij.

The kinges most royall maiesty prudẽtly consideringe, that all be it his highnes of his most excellent pity, benignity & mercy, manifold times heretofore mercifully & liberally hath graunted hys most gracious, free & generall pardon, to all & singuler hys subiectes

iectes, by the whiche his maiesty hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substaunce and profites, which he mought haue lawfully taken & had by the lawes and customs of this his realme, trustinge by hys often remission, pardon and merty, ministred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, & that they would put theyr diligent deuoires to amend and reforme their abuses: yet neuertheles his lounge and obedient subiects, sithens his last most gracious and liberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties, losses, forfaitures & damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make full recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiesty should proceed agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trustyng that nowe from henceforth they wyl eftsones amend and beware the incurrynge of the foresayd daungers and perilles, seinge they haue had so many admonicions and gentill warnynges: And perceiuinge also the great zeale and affection, whiche his louinge subiectes beare vnto him and his dignity royall, as by many wayes in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideracion wherof, and trustyng as afore, the kings highnes to shewe vnto his louinge subiectes, that he both can and will consider, when he is both kindely and louingly handled of them, vpon his meere mocion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his nobilitye and subiectes, accordynge to his accustomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this time to extende his pitye, merty and benignity to all and singuler his subiectes of this his realme of England, wales, the Iles of Iarneley and Garneley, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by waye of his free pardon & remission, as hereafter followeth, rather conueytinge their amendements by gentyll, and mercifull meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for that his sayd free pardone and remission to be had taken and enioyed to and by them & euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, his grace is fully and resolutelye contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctority of this presente parlyamente, in manner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye: that all and euerye of his sayde subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of thys hys realme of Englande, wales, the sayd Iles of Ierneley, and Garneley, Berwike, & Caleis, and the marches of the same, the heires successours, executours and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wise corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, ridynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euerye of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged agaynst the kynges highnes, his heyres and successoures and executours and euery of them, of all maner of felonies, offēces, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceyptes, mysdemeanours, forfaytures, penalties and profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, and execucions

cutions in this present act hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the third day of the moneth of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of his most noble raigne, to euery or any of his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and dettinges, or to any of them.

And also ỹ kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that his sayd free pardō shalbe as good and effectual in the law to euery of his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, & to euery of them by the sayd general wordes before rehersed, in and against all thinges, which be not hereafter in this present acte excepted, as the same pardon should haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expres wordes & names in theyr kinds natures & qualities, by wordes and termes therevnto requisite, to haue ben put & expressed in this present act of free pardon: And that his sayde subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of ỹ sayde bodyes corporate and others before named, or any of them, be nor shalbe sued vexed or inquieted, in theyr bodyes goods landes or catteles for any maner matter, cause, contempt, mysdemenour, forfayture, trespas, offence, or any other thing suffered done or committed before the said third day of Nouember, against his highnes, his crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, law or statutes: but onely for such matters, causes, & offences, as be plainly rehersed in the exceptions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse or president, heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

Also the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberality, by auctority of this present parliament graunteth and freely giueth to euery of his sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them all such goods, catteles, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or shoulde belong or appertayne by reason of any offence contempt trespace mysdemeanour matter cause or quarel, suffered done or committed by them or any of them, before the said thirde daye of Nouember, which be not hereafter plainly forprised and excepted in this presente acte. And that all and euery the kinges sayd subiectes, and all and singular bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, may by him or thē selfe or his or theyr deputy or deputies or by his or their atturney or atturneis, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, plead and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge, that is by vertue of this presente acte pardoned, discharged, giuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thinge in any wyse payinge

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to any person or persons for writyng or entree of any suche pleading of the sayd pardon, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng such plee, writyng, or entree, but onely xii.d. to be payd to the officer or clerke ỹ shall entree the plee matter or iudgemente for the partyes discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary not withstandyng.

And furthermore the kings highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctority of this presente parliament that his sayd free pardō by the generall wordes before rehersed, shalbe reputed deemed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his iustices and elswhere aswell in the wordes & clauses of the exceptions & forprises specifyed in this preset acte, as in all and singular other clauses wordes and sentences, mencioned and rehersed in the sayd free pardon, most beneficially and auayliably to all and singular his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharg agaynst his highnes, his heyres, successours, and executours in euery thinge, without any obstacle, ambiguite, chalenge, or other delay what soeuer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the king our soueraygne lorde, his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall atturney or atturneis, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heyres, successours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, & by auctority of this present parliamente, that if any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commonly called the kinges benche, Chauncery and commō place, or of his escheker, or anye other officer or clearke of anye other of his courts within this realme, at any time after the feast of Epiphanie of our lord God next cōminge, make out or write out any maner writs or other proces, or any extreates summons or other preceptes, whereby any of the sayd subiects, or any of the sayd bodyes corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, sūmoned, or otherwyse vexed inquieted or greeued, in his or their bodyes, lāds, tenementes, goodes or cattelles, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, and thereof lawfully condemned, shal yelde and pay for recompence therof the party so greeued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages all costes of the suite.) And neuertheles all and singular such writs, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to bee made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Excepted alway, and forprysed out of the sayde free pardon all manner of highe treasons, and misprisions of high treasons, and all suites punishmentes forfaytures and penaltyes for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepensed and voluntary murders, all robberyes of Churches, & robberies done vpon mens persons, all other felonies & robberyes by ỹ common lawe, of felonious taking of any money, goods or cattelles aboue

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the ſumme or value of xx.s. all felonous burning of houſes, all rauiſhmentes of women, and al & ſingular acceſſaryes to any of the ſayd murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brenninges, or rauiſhmentes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauiſhers, all outlaryes of highe treaſons, and of myſpriſions of high treaſons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonyes of the ſumme or value of twenty ſhillinges, or vnder the ſame ſumme: and ỳ all other outlaryes had or promulged vppon or againſt any perſon or perſons for any cauſe, not being treaſon, miſpriſion of high treaſons, murder, or felony aboue the ſayd ſumme of twenty ſhillings, be and ſhalbe pardoned by the generall wordes of this preſent act of free pardon before writē: ſo alwayes that the ſame perſons & euery of them, ſtand to right to anſwere or ſatiſfye the party, at whoſe ſuite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

Alſo excepted & forpriſed out of the ſayd free pardon, all and ſinguler cōuictions & atteindours of any perſon & perſons, now being or remaynyng in any conuicte priſon, or in the cuſtody of any biſhop, abbot, or other ſpyritual perſon or ordinary, & euery of ỳ ſame perſons ſo atteinted or cōuicted. And alſo al multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicatiōs, and nigramācies, and al ſuites impeticions proceſſes and puniſhments for or vpon the ſame or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and al rauiſhmentes of the kinges wardes, al waſtes of the kinges woods, and his foreſtes parkes or chaſes, all conceſements of cuſtomes and ſubſidies.

And alſo excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon al incloſures and decayes of houſes of huſbādry, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effect of any ſtatute or ſtatutes heretofore made, and alſo al iſſues, profites amerciamentes, fines and other penalties, which hereafter ſhall grow or be forfayted for any ſuch incloſures or decayes, and all intruſions had made or done into any manours, lands, tenemēts, or other hereditaments ſithen the feaſt of ſaint Michael the Archangel, which was in the xxv. yere of the kinges moſt noble reigne: And all and ſinguler dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recogniſances, being of the ſumme of fifty pounds or vnder, and not aboue that ſumme, and being all redy forfaited, for ſurety of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

And excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon al accomptes, and all actions, ſuites and impetitions for the ſame accomptes, and arrerages of accompts, and for the ſaid dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forpriſed: all homages and reliefes not done or not payd: all wilful eſcapes as wel of conuictes as other priſoners: and all dettes, which were due to the moſt noble kinge of famous memory kinge Henry the vii. or to any perſonne or perſons, to his vſe, by anye condempnacion, recogniſaunce, obligacion, or otherwyſe: all and ſingular thoſe forfaytures being due to oure ſouerayne lorde kinge Henry the viii. by any penall ſtatute or ſtatutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agreement of the offēdours, before the ſayd third day of Nouember: and all forfaytures & other

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penaltyes and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or act, cõmitted or done cõtrary to any statute or statutes, or cõtrary to the cõmon law, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is giuen in the kings escheker, or any suite there commented, before the sayd third daye of Nouẽber, or wherof the kinges hyghnes by his byll signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any of hys seruauntes.

And also excepted al issues forfayted, fines, amerciamẽts, affered, tared, set, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularly, extendinge to the summe of a C.s. or above the summe, and that al and singuler other fines, as wel fines Pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamẽtes, as well reall as other, which seuerally or particularly extend not to ỹ sayd summe of a hundred shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned into or not into det, and not being leuied nor receyued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, bailyffe, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully clearly and plainly pardoned and discharged against ỹ kyng our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours for euer by this present act of free pardon.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesaid, that in this case it be obiected to or against any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other accõptants in the kinges court of Escheker, or in any other his courts, that any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other officers accomptante, hath receiued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this presente act pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche sheriffe and sheriffes and other accomptantes, shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquited thereof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaye, that this present act of free pardon nor any thing therin conteined, in any wise extend to discharge remit or acquite any person or persons, for any such issues, fines, & amerciamentes of one hundred shillinges or vnder, as anye sheriffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kinges Escheker or els where, and payde the same issues fines and amerciamentes vppon his or theyr saide accompte, determined to the kinges vse, and haue his or their Quietus est, for the same.

God saue the King.

ANNO XXVII.
HENRICI.
Octaui.

ACTES MADE IN the Session of this present Parliamente holden vpon prorogation at Westminster the fourth day of Februarye, in the. xxxii. yeare of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne Lord Kinge Henry the eyght and there continued and kepte vntyll the fourtene daye of Apryll nexte ensuynge. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profitte of this Realme.

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FINIS TABVLAE.

An acte for repayring and amendinge of the townes of Glocester, Notyngham, Northampton, and other. Cap. i.

For so muche as dyuers and manye houses mesuages and tenementes of habitacyons in the townes of Notingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlow, Bridgenorth, Quinborowe, Northampton & Glocester, now are, and of long time haue ben in great ruine and decay, & specially in the principall & chiefe stretes there being, in the which chiefe stretes in times passed haue bene beautifull dwelling houses, there well inhabited, whiche at this day muche parte therof is desolate, and voyde groundes, with pittes, sellers, and vaultes, lienge open and vncouered, verye perillous for people to goe by in the nighte, without ieoperdie of lyfe: which decayes are to the great impouerishinge and hinderance of the same townes. For the remedie whereof it maye please the kynge our soueraigne lorde, by the assent of hys lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of thys presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, it maye be enacted, that yf the owner or owners of any suche voyde and decayed houses or groundes within the precinct of ỳ said townes of Notingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlowe, Glocester, Bridgenorth, Quinborowe, and Northampton, wythin iii. yeres nert after proclamacion therof to be made by ỳ maires, shyrryffes, and baylyffes of any of the saide townes, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, in and vppon anye suche vacande or decayed houses and groundes in any suche townes, as is aforesaide, and accordinge to this act do not entre and sufficiently reedifie and build the same decaied houses or voyde groundes: that then it shall be lefull to the lorde, of whome suche vacande groundes or decaied houses bene or shalbe holden, to entre immediately after the said. iii. yeres erpired, & to haue the same groundes to them and their heires or successours for ẽuer. So that the saide lordes do sufficiently reedifie and builde the same vacante or voyd groundes, wherin he or they maie entre by this acte, within three yeres nert and immediatlly folowinge the determinacion of the former .iii. yeres, in the whych the owners ought to haue entred reedified and builded the same by vertue of this acte. And if suche lordes as may entre by this act do not entre, and well and sufficiently reedifie & builde the same voyd and decayed houses and groundes within the said. iii. yeres to them limitted by this act, that thẽ it shalbe lefull to the maires, sheriffes, bayliffes, and comminaltie of the saide townes, by what name or names soeuer they be incorporated, and theyr successours for the time beinge immediately after the saide. iii. yeares erpired to entre into euery suche voyde or decayed groundes or houses and the same groundes, or grounde to holde and reteine without interruption to theym & theyr successours for euer, clerely dyscharged of all rentes going out of the same, as well against the lord or lordes, of whom such grounde or groundes be holden, as all other, so that alwaies the same mayres, sheriffes, bayliffes, or com-

comminaltie or theyr successours for the time being, do well and sufficiently reedifie and builde the same grounde or groundes, wherin they may so entre by this acte, within three yeres next & immediately folowing the determinacō of the former thre yeres, in the which the aforesaide lordes of whō such ground or groundes were holden, should or ought to haue entred reedified and builded the same. And in case the said maires sheriffes bayliffes and comminalty or their successours for the time being, do not entre & sufficiently reedifie and builde the same voyde or decayed houses or groundes, in fourme aforesaide, within the saide terme of .iii. yeres, accordinge to thys act, that then it shalbe lefull to the first owner and owners of such decaied and voyde groundes their heires or successours immediately after the same three yeares expyred, unto the same grounde and groundes to reentre, and them to reteine to them theyr heires or successours, as in their first estate, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

Prouided alwaies that this acte nor any thing therin conteyned, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to any person or persons, beyng at the time of the saide proclamacion made under the age of one and twenty yeres, or to any woman couerte baron, or any person or persons being in prison or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres or his other lawfull affayres, durynge suche time as suche person or persons shalbe wythin age, couerte baron, in prison or beyonde the sea, so that the same person or persons after he or they be come to full age, or beinge not couerte baron, out of prison, and come agayne within this realme, within three yeres next ensuynge do reedifie the same houses so decayed.

An act for counterfaiting of the signe manuel, signet, or priuie seale of our soueraigne lorde the kyng, to be from henceforth taken and adiudged highe treason. Cap ii.

FOr as much as by the lawes of this realm smal punishment hath bene hitherto prouided for forging and counterfaitinge of the kinges signe manuel, or priuie signet, By reason wherof diuers light & euill disposed persons nowe of late haue taken the more boldnes & courage to cōmit suche offences, to the great audacitie & boldnes of such like offenders. For remedie wherof, be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons at any time hereafter falsely forge and counterfaite the kinges signe manuel, priuie signet, or priuie seale, that then euery suche offence shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, and the offenders therin, theyr councellours procurours aydours and abettours, being conuicte of any such offence according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe demed & adiudged traitours agaynste the kinge and the realmn, & shal suffre and haue suche paynes of death, forfaiture of landes goodes and cattal, and also lose the priuilege of all saintuaries, as in cases of highe treason it is ordeined.

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¶ An acte takinge awaye exactions taken by the Mayre and comminaltie of the towne of Hulle. Cap. iii.

Wherupon complainte made in this present parliamente by the kinges poore subiectes, and namely the poore fisher-men, inhabitinge vppon the costes of the Sea, within the counties of Northfolke & Suffolke, which vse commonly to conducte and conuey their hearinge, sprottes, and other fyshe to the towne of Kyngstone vpon Hulle, there to bee vttered and solde to other the kinges subiectes, wyllynge to bye the same: It dothe euydently and plainelye appeare, that suche greatte and intolerable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for theyr sayde hearing and other fyshes, by the rulers and officers of the said towne, that vnles som spedy remedie be for them prouided in that behalfe, a great numbre of them shall be dryuen of necessitie to absent themselues from theyr sayde market of olde tyme continued and holden at the said towne, wher most commonly afore time a great number of the kinges subiectes and namely of the northy parties of this realme, haue vsed to prouide theym selues of their hearynge and fishe: whyche fynallie shall be not onely the vtter impouerishinge and vndoyng of the sayde poore fyshermen inhabiting within the saide counties of Norff. and Suff. but also a greate incumberaunce to all suche the kinges subiectes of the saide northe parties, as afore time cõmonly haue vsed to prouide theyr hearinge and fyshe at the said towne, for the maintenance of their housholde. For the spedie reformacion wherof, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the Mayre of the said towne of kyngestone vppon Hull, and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall from hencefoorth permitte and suffre all thinhabitauntes of the saide counties of Norf. and Suf or from any other places thither repayring with vitaile at all times for euermore betwene the feaste of all saintes and Thannunciacion of our Lady, lyberally & freely without interruption or impediment to conducte and bringe theyr saide hearinges and other fyshe to the sayde towne, and there to vtter & sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by retaile or in grosse, to whom so euer & whan so euer within the same time before expressed, they or any of them shall thinke most expedient for their owne profitte and comoditie, without anye manner of toll, custome, impoticion, or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the saide Mayre, or any other officer or minister of or within the said towne or port of the same for the said hearing or other fishe, or for the shippes of other vesselles, wherin the same hearinge or fishe shall so be brought or conducted, except only such summes of money as hereafter ensueth, that is to saye. of euery shyppe thither repairinge wyth hearynges or other fyshe, as is aforesaide, beynge of the burden of xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fiue shillinges: And of euerye shyppe thyther repayringe

with hearinges or other fishe, beyng aboue the full burthen of .xx. tunne, syx shyllinges, viii. d. and not aboue. And that the saide mayre, & all other officers and ministers of or within the saide towne and liberties of the same for the time being, shall from hencefoorth the well and fauourably order and intreate the saide inhabitaūtes of Suf. and Norf. and all other as is aforesaide, repayringe to the saide towne with hearinge fishe or other vitayles, as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlaufull searching viewing or settinge of vnreasonable prices of the sayde hearinge fyshe or other vytayles: And without frustrate or wilfull delaye or tracting of time in ỹ said viewing searching or setting of the same prices, or any other maner of fatigacion or wrongfull veracion: but shall order vse and intreate the same inhabitauntes discretely and charitably in euerye behalfe as they ought to be And in case the said mayre for the time beinge, or any other officer or minister, of or within the said towne or libertie of the same, do hereafter for any cause before expressed, exacte, leuye, or take of any of the saide inhabytauntes, or any other the kinges subiectes, any more or greatter summes then is before mencioned, or do in any maner of wise offende hereafter in any other article or point, conteined in this present acte, contrary to the true meaning tenour and effecte of the same, that then vppon complaint therof made by the partie greeued in that behalfe, vnto the lorde chauncellour of England lord Treasorer, lorde president, and other the lordes of the kinges most honorable counsaile, for the time beinge, it shall or maye appere to them, or to .iii. of them at the leaste, wherof the saide lorde chauncellour to be one, that the saide Mayre other officer or minister of or within the saide towne or lyberties of the same, hath so offended in any article or poynt before expressed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, and so adiudged & decreed by the saide lordes, or by three of them at the least, wherof the sayd lorde Chauncellour to be one, that then the said maire officer or other minister so offendinge, shall lose and forfaite for euerye suche offence .xx. li. wherof the one halfe to be to our said soueraigne lorde the kinge and his heires, and thother halfe to the said partie greeued that shal or will sue for the same by action of det bil plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no wager of law essoin or protection shal be allowed: And the same suite to be taken commensed and tried within any shyre of this realme, at the pleasure of him that shall pursue the same, any forayne plee or other matter to ỹ contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided that no maner of person or persons, other then such as ben free burgeses of the saide towne of Hulle, shall at any time hereafter, by auctorite of this acte, sell within the same towne anye fishe hearinge in smal and littell noumbres and peces by retayle, but maye and shall sell saltfyshe haberden or stockfishe by the hundred halfe hundred quarterne or halfe quarterne of anye of them, and whyte hearinge by the barrell, halfebarell, or firkin at the least, and redde hearyng and spronttes by the cade, this acte or any thing therin expressed to the contrary not withstandynge.

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¶ An act declaring the order and punishment of pirates and robbers on the sea. Cap. iiii.

WHere pirates, theues, robbers and murtherers vpō the sea, manye tymes escape vnpunished, because ꝑ triall of their offences hath heretofore bē ordered before the admiral or hys liuetenant or cōmissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before anye iudgement of death can be geuen againste ꝑ offenders, either they must plainly confesse their offence (which they will neuer do without torture, or paynes or els their offences be so playne and directly proued by witnesse indifferēt such as saw their offēces cōmitted, which can not be gotten but by chaūce at few times, bycause such offenders commyt theyr offences vpon the sea and at many times murder and kill such persons beinge in the ship or bote where they commit their offences, whiche shoulde beare witnesse agaynste them in that behalfe: and also such as shoulde beare witnesse be commonly Mariners and shipmen, which for the moste parte cannot be gotten ne had alwaies redy to testifie suche offences, bycause of theyr often viages & passages in the seas without longe tariynge and protraction of time & greate costes and charges as well of the kinges highnes as of such as would pursue suche offenders. For reformacion wherof be it enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all such offences done in or vpon the sea, or in anye other hauen riuer or creke, where the admirall or admiralles pretende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquired, tried, herde, and determined in suche shires and places in the realme, as shalbe limyted by the kinges commyssion to be directed for the same, in like fourme and condicion as yf suche offences had ben done vpon the lande. And that such commissions shalbe had vnder the kinges greate seale, directed to ꝑ lorde admirall or admyralles, or to his or theyr lieutenaunte deputie or deputies, and to three or foure such other substanciall persons as shall be named by the lorde chauncellour for the time being, as often as neede shall requyre, to here & determine such offences after the common course of the lawes of the lande, vsed for felonies done and committed within the realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that such persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or iii. of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire of suche offences by the othes of xii. good and laufull men inhabited in the shire limitted in theyr commission, in suche like maner and fourme, as yf suche offences had ben committed vppon the lande within the same shire: and that euery inditement founde and presēted before such cōmissioners of any felonies robberies, mudrers or manslaughters done vpon the seas, or in or vpon any other hauen riuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any person or persons happen to be indited for any suche offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the seas, or

in any other places aboue limitted: that then such order proces iudgement and execution shalbe vsed had done and made to and againste euery suche person and personnes so beinge indited, as agaynst felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpō ỹ lande, as by ỹ lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the triall of such offence, if it be denied by the offendours shalbe hadde by twelue men inhabyted in the shire limytted within suche commission, which shalbe directed as is afore saide and no chalenge to bee hadde for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdite confession or proces, by auctoritie of any such commission, shall haue and suffre suche paines of deathe, losses of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as if they had bene conuicte of anye felonies or murders done vppon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the seas, or in any other places aboue rehersed, the offenders shall not be admitted to haue the benefite of theyr clergie, but bee vtterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any sainctuarie.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for taking any vitailes, gabels, ropes, ankers, or sayles, which any suche person or persons compelled by necessitie taketh of or in anye other shippe, whiche maye conuenientely spare the same: So that the same person or persons paye out of hande for the same vitayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money or money wooꝛth to the value of the thinge so taken, or deliuer for the same a sufficiente bill obligatorie, to bee payd in fourme folowyng, that is to say, if the takyng of the same thinges be on this side the straites of Marrok, thā to be paid within .xiii. monethes And if it be beyonde the saide straites of Marrok, than to be payde within xii. monethes nexte ensuinge the makyng of suche billes: And that the makers of such billes well and truely pay the same dette at ỹ daie to be limitted within the sayde billes.

¶ Prouided alway that whan so euer any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesaide, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiction of the fiue portes, that then euery suche commyssion shalbe directed vnto the lorde warden of the same portes for the tyme being, or to his deputie, and vnto three or foure suche other personne or personnes, as the lorde chauncellour for the time beynge shall name and appointe: anye thinge in this present acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also, that whan so euer any commission shall be dyrected into the fiue portes, for the inquisicion and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte: that euery suche inquisicion and triall to be hadde by vertue of suche commission, shal be made and had by the inhabitantes in ỹ saide fiue portes, or the membres of the same anythinge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

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An acte for makinge Justices of peace in Chester and wales. Cap. v.

THe kynges highnes considerynge the manyfolde robberies murders thefftes trespasses riots routes embraceries maintenances oppressions ruptures of his peace & many other malfaites, which ben daily practised perpetrated cõmitted and done, within his counties & county palantine of Chester and Flint shire in wales, adioyning to the said county of Chester, & also in his counties of Anglice, otherwise called Angleſey, Caernaruan, & Mereonneth within the principalitie of Northwales: And also in his cõtties of Cardigan, Caermerthin, Pembroke, & Glamorgan in south wales, by reason that cõmon iustice hath not bene indifferently ministred there, like & in suche fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, thefftes, trespaces, & breakinge of the peace haue remayned vnpunished, to the great animacion of euil doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputaciõ wherof, & to ꝑ entent that one order of ministring of his lawes should be had obserued & vsed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vsed: It is ordeined and enacted by the king our soueraigne, lord, & the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliaments assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the lorde chauncellour of England, or the lorde keper of the great seale for the time beyng, from time to time and at all times shall haue full power and auctorite by his discrecion to nominate & appointe Justicers of peace, and Justicers of the Quorum & iusticers of gaole deliuerie in the said counties of Chester, Flint, Angleſey, Caernaruan, Mereonneth, Cardigan, Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, by commission vnder the kinges great seale, whych shall haue full power and auctho̅rite to enquire here and determine all maner thing and thinges enquirable presentable or determinable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuery in other shyres of this realme of England, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of thys realme And that the said Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, and Justicers of the gaole deliuery, so to be named and appoynted by the said lorde Chaucellour, or lorde keper of the great seale, and euery of them, shall haue lyke power and auctorite within the said counties of Chester, Flint, Angleſey Caernaruan, Mereonneth, Cardigan, Caermerthen, Pembroke, & Glamorgan, to doe, vse and execute euery thyng and thinges, as other iusticers of peace quorum, and gaole deliuery, haue within anye other of the shyres of this realme of England: And also shall be swoorne astricted and obliged to the keepinge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due execution of all and synguler statutes, and ordinaunces made and to bee made in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penaltyes, as Justy-

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cers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuerye, in other shires of this realme of Englande bene and shalbe bounden and obliged, anye acte statute, prescription, vsage, custome, lybertie, or priuilege had made accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, tared, set, lost or forfaited by or before such Justices of peace, Quorum, and goale deliuery, in the saide countyes of Chester and Flint, shall be retourned and certified into the eschequer of Chester, before the kinges chamberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, tared set, loste or forfaited by or before the Justices of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuery, in the sayd counties of Anglesey, Caernaruan, and Merioneth, and euerye of them, shal be returned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Caernaruan, to and before the kinges Chaumberlaine of Northwalles. And that the extreates of the issues, fines and amerciamentes, tared, sette, loste, or forfaited by or before the Justices of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuery in the sayd countyes of Cayermerthin, and Cardigan, and euerye of them, shall be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequer at Kaermerden to and before the kynges Chamberlayne of southewales. And that the extretes of the issues, fines and amercyamentes, tared, sette, loste or forfayted by or before the iustices of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerye, in the countie of Pembroke shalbe retourned and certified into the kinges, eschequier at Pembroke. And that the extreates of the fines issues and amerciamentes tared set lost or forfaited by or before the Justices of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuerye in the sayde countie of Glamorgan, shall be retourned and certified into the kinges eschequiere at Kayerdiff. And that the saide extreates of the said issues fine & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsaide eschequers, shall be indented in suche like maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kinges eschequer at Westminster. And that the saide Justices of peace and Quorum or gaole deliuerye, in euerye of the sayde shyres, shall dyrecte such like processe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into ỹ saide eschequers, to the shyreffe of euery of the said counties, for the leuieng and gathering of the said issues fines and amerciamentes in suche like maner and fourme as is vsed by the Justicers of peace, quorum, and gaole, deliuery in euery other of the shires within this realme of England, And that enery shiriffe of euery of the saide shires shall make theyr accomptes in euerye of the said eschequiers of and for the said issues fines & amerciamentes, vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kinges eschequiere of Westminster.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaide, that the sayde Justicers of peace, and clarkes of the peace within the said co̅ties of Chester Flint, Anglesey, Cayeneruan, Merioneth, Cardigan, Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Glamorgan and euerye of theym, shall be payed and allowed of the saide issues fines and amerciamentes such like fees, profittes, and commo-

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dities as other iustyces of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shyres of this realme haue and ought to haue.

¶ And it is further enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that the shreiffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the saide shires, and all coroners, high constables, pety constables, & other officers within euery of the sayd shyres shalbe obliged and bounden to be as wel attendant vnto the sayd Justices of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuerye, in all and euerye thinge and thinges concerning theyr auctorities, as in executing and retornyng of all preceptes and processes to them directed by any of the sayd Iusticiers, in like maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penaltyes as all and euery shyreffes, coroners, and other officers be and shal be bounden and obliged by any statute or common lawe in other shyres of thys realme of Englande: any acte, statute, prescription, vsage, custome, libertie or priuylege, had accustomed or vsed to the contrary not wythstandinge.

¶ An acte for the encrease and breede of horses. Cap. vi.

The kynge our soueraigne lorde continually studyeng for the aduauncemente augmentacion and encrease of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the great decay of the generacion & bredinge of good and swyfte and stronge horses, whiche heretofore haue bene bred in this realme, to the greatte defence profytte and common commoditie of the same: And nowe remembringe, that lyke brede of horses is sore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that that in many and most places of this realme commonly littell horses and nagges of small stature and value be suffered to depasture and also to couour mares and feys of verye small stature, by reason whereof the brede of good and stronge horses of this realme is nowe lately dymynyshed altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decaye, yf spedye remedy be not the soner prouided in that behalfe. The kynges highnes wyllynge therfore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by thauctoritie of the same, hath ordeyned enacted & established, that euery person and persones, as well spyrytuall as temporall, of what estate degree or condicio so euer he or they be, which at this present time, or at any time hereafter shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any deere is, or hereafter shall be vsually kepte for game, conteynynge the quantitie of one myle in compasse, and is or shall be setsed therof in fee symple fee tayle or for terme of life, in possession to his or theyr owne profite and behofe, that euery suche owner of euery such parke and grounde, beinge in hys owne hande: and euery fermer of euery suche parke or grounde, beyng letten to ferme, from the fyrste day of May, that shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVII. shal kepe for euery suche

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parke or grounde, beinge inclosed, as is aforesayde, as longe as the same parke or grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte withe deere in the same for games, two mares being not splaied, apte and able to beare foales, eche of them of the altitude or height of.xiii. handefulles at the least, to be mesured from the lowest parte of the hone of the fore vnto the highest parte of the shulder, and euery handefull to conteine foure ynches of the standarde, vpon paine of forfaiture of.xl.s. for euery moneth lacking the sayde mares contrary to this acte. And that euery suche owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compas is foure miles and aboue, vppon paine aforе expressed, shall kepe for euery suche parke foure mares, beinge not splayed, apt and able to beare foalis, of the altitude or height of.xiii. handfulles at ye leaste, to be measured as is aforesaide.

Prouided, that if it shall happen any of the said mares by mischaunce or casualtie for to die, that then the lorde owner or owners of the said mares prouidinge or byinge others of like height and altitude, as is before limited within three monethes nexte after the death of the same mares, shall not incurre the daunger and penaltie of thys estatute, any thinge before rehersed to the contrary not withstanding.

And it is enacted by auethoritie aforesaide, that the lorde owners and farmers of all parkes and grounded inclosed, as is above rehersed, limpted and appoynted by this acte to kepe mares, shall not at any time after the saide first day of May, whiche shall be in the yeare of our lorde god M.D. xxxvii. willyngly suffre anye of the saide mares to be conered and mesured in forme aforе rehersed, vpon payn of forfaiture of.xl.s. The one moitie of all such forfaitures shalbe to the king our soueraigne lorde: and the other moitie thereof to the partie that will sue for the same in anye courte of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, by action bill plaint or informacyon or otherwise, in whiche action or suite the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any essoin or protection shalbe vnto the defendant allowed in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to charge the Lord owner or owners of any Parke or ground, inclosed within the counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberland, and the Bishoprycke of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any Mares, for any Parke or parkes ground or grounded enclosed, as is aforesayde, lyenge in the sayde countyes of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshoprycke of Durham, otherwise than they haue or mighte haue doone before the makinge of this acte: nor also shall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of anye parke or parkes, or grounded inclosed, withe the fyndinge of any mares, tharbage of which parke or Parkes, is common to the tenauntes, and inhabitauntes of the townes hippes nexte adioyninge to the same parke or parkes, any thinge in this present acte made to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

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¶ Prouided also that euerye spirituall persone and persones, charged and chargeable by this acte with the findinge of mares, may lawfull bargaine and sel the encrease and brede of their sayd mares, any acte or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An acte against vnlawfull exactions and wages taken and vsed in the forrestes of wales. Cap. vii.

WHere diuers & many forrestes be in wales & the marches of the same, as wel of the inheritaunce & possessions of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, as of diuers others beynge lordes marches: within which forrestes certame vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe time vnlawfully exacted and vsed, contrary both to the lawe of god & man, to the oppresse wronge and great impouerishinge of diuers of the kinges true subiectes: The effecte of which saide vnlawfull exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to wit, it hath ben there vnlawfully vsed, that if it fortuned any of ẏ kinges subiectes to passe go or ride through or in any way or pathe of any of the saide forrestes, not hauing vppon hym or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ride, a token deliuered to him or them by the cheif forresters, rulers, walkers or fermers, ẏ which tokē shall be well knowen amongest al them that are walkers and rulers vnder him or theym. Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe goe or ryde in or throughout any of the saide forrestes be not yerely tributours or censours, then he or they so going rydinge or trauailinge in or throughout any of the sayd forrestes, hauing no token, nor being yerely tributours or censours, as is aforesaid, haue vsed to pay by vnlawful exactions vnto the said forresters rulers, walkers, and fermers of ẏ said forrestes, a greuous fine or reward And if any person or persons, not hauinge suche token or token, and not beyng a yerely tributour, or a censer as is aforesaide shoulde happen to be taken, founde, or espied by any of the said forresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of .xxiiii. hote out of ẏ high way, thē he or they so being taken, founde or espied out of the high way, within any of the said forrestes, as is aforesaid to forfaite and lose vnto the said forresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as should be then founde vpon him or them, so being taken in any of the said forrestes, out of ẏ highe waye, as is aforesaid. And also the same person or persons so beinge taken or founde out of the high way, to forfait & lose a ioynte of one of his or their hādes, or els to make fine therfore with the said forresters, rulers, walkers & fermers, at the will and pleasure of the saide rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beast or quicke cattel to come go or escape into any of the said forrestes by stray, or theft stolen, or other wise, ẏ said forresters rulers walkers or fermers after knowlege to him or thē geuen, haue likwise vnlawfully vsed to seale & take ẏ same beast or cattel, as his or theyr

owne, and marke them with the marke of their forrest, there vsed & so seased, marked, taken and then retained, as cattel forfaited vnto their own vse by reason wherof ỳ owner & owners of the same cattel haue ben clere without remedie for the hauing againe of the saide cattell, except onely by way of redemption, or byying againe of their owne cattell, contrary to all equitie & conscience. In cõsideracõ wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons at thys present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to, enact ordeigne and establishe, that from the feast of the Natiuitie of Saincte John Baptiste nexte comminge, which shall be in the yere of our lord god. M.D. XXXVI. all the saide vnlaufull customes to be determined, voyde, and had for nought throughout all and euery of the saide forestes within Wales & the marches of the same: And that it shal be lawful from thencefoith to all and euery of the kinges true subiectes, and all other person or persones beinge in league and amitie with our soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours kinges of Englande, frely quietly & in peace to passe & repasse, trauayle and go into and throughout the said forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and on fote, as wel folowing and driuing of cattell as with carienge of wares, or otherwise about theyr lawfull busines and affayres, without anye fine forfaiture tolle custome exaction or other impossicion, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or any of them, by the said fosters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happē any of the said fosters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes or any of them, at any time after the saide feaste of saincte John Baptyste, to take any person or persons, beinge the kinges true subiectes, or otherwyse in leage & amity with our said soueraigne lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesayde, and exacte and take of them or anye of them any of the saide forfaitures fines, tolles, customes and exactions, as is aboue mencioned, and be thereof lawfully conuicted, that then he or they so doinge and offendinge contrary to this acte, to incurre and stande in the daungers of the estatute heretofore prouided for robberies by the kinges highe way, & the same to be tried before the iustices of the peace in the next shire adioynaunt, according to the lawes of thys realme of England.

¶ And further bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde, that yf any manner of beaste or quicke cattell of anye of the kynges true subiectes, or others of the kinges friendes, at anye tyme after the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of Saincte John Baptiste, doe come into any of the sayde forestes by strayes, theffe stollen, or otherwise, and there to be marked and seased by any of the said forresters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assygnes or any of them, and the owner and oweners of the same, cattell within one yere and a day than nexte ensuinge chance to finde the saide cattell so taken and laufully proue the same to be his or their owne proper cattell, that then the same cattell to be redeliuered to the owner or owners therof, according to the auncient law of this realme of England, the said owner or owners

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reasonalby paiynge for the keping of suche cattell, after the rate of the tyme that suche cattell shall haue bene in the custodie and kepinge of any such forresters, rulers, walkers and fermers or his or their assignes, in such maner & fourme, as heretofore hath bene in like case vsed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of estraied cattel claymed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a daie nert after the sealing of the same cattall. And if any of the said fosters, rulers, walkers, fermers, their assignes or any of thē do deny ꝑ redeliuerannce of al such cattel, by them or any of them so sealed or marked within ani of the said forrestes, after the owner or owners of thē shal haue duely & laufully proued them to be his or their owne proper goodes and cattelles, as is aforesaide, that then euery suche foster ruler walker fermer or assignes so doing and offendinge contrary to this acte, to forfaite and paye vnto the partie greeued the double value of all suche cattell, as shalbe so taken and marked, & not redeliuered to the owner or owners, as is aforesaid And that the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the common lawe of and for the same cattell, against euery such offendour or offendours and the same to be tried in the nexte shire adioynante: in whiche action the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his law, nor essoin nor protection shalbe allowed for them: And like proceſſe of outlagary to be had & made in the said action of detinue in the nert shire adioynaunt againſte euery foster ruler walker fermer or their assignes, so offending contrary to the tenour of this act, as in an action of trespas at the commō law of this realme is vsed.

¶ An acte that the kinges spirituall subiectes shall paie no tenthe of their spirituall promocions for that fyrſte yere, for whiche they paye their fyrſt fruites.

Capitulo. viii.

Where by a late acte made in this parliamente for and concernynge the graunte made to the kinges highnes of the tenthe of the yearely value of all spirituall possessyons of thys realme, and of the firſte fruites therof, there appereth by the wordes of the saide acte, that prelates and all other incūbentes be charged to the paiment of the tenth that shall be due to the kynges hyghenes, in and for the fyrſte yere that they shall be elected, prefected, presented, collated, or admitted to any dignities, benefices, or other promocions spirituall, and for the same firſte yeare shall also paye the hole firſte fruites of their sayde dignities, benefyces, and promocions, whyche is a double charge. For reformacion whereof, the kinges highnes for thentier and hartye loue that hys grace beareth to the Prelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the payemente of the sayde tenthe and fyrſte fruytes, of his excellente goodneſſe is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that whan so euer anye persone

or persones, from the fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God a thousande fyue hundred thirtie and syre, shall be named, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue anye Archebyshoprycke, byshoprycke, abbacie, monasterye, pryorie, colledge, hospitalle, archedeaconrie, deanrie, prouost shyppe, prebende, personage, vycarage, chauntrie, freechappel, or other dignitie benifice or promocion spyrituall, by vertue whereof, they shalbe charged or chargeable, as well for the payment of the.x. of euery of the said archebyshoprycke, byshoprycke, abbacy, monasterie, priorie, colledge, hospitall, archedeaconrie, deanry prouost shyp, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapell, or other dignitie, benefice, or promocion spirituall, as with the paiment of the first fruites of the same and euerye of the same, shall at his or their composicion, agrement, or entrie into specialtie or specialties, for the paiment of the sayde fyrste fruites haue allowance and deductione of the saide.x. parte of the holle, out of the summe to be payed for the sayde first fruites for the yere, wherin he or they shall be frist nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed, to haue any of the saide dignities, benefices, offices, or other promocions spirituall, accordinge to the iuste rate, taracion, and cessement of the.x. of euery of ỳ said archbishoprycke, bishoprycke, abacy, monastery, pryory, college, hospital, archdeaconry, deanry, prouost ship, prebend, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, frechapel or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promocion spiritual within this realme, or els where within any of the kynges dominions of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, nowe beynge enrolled, or that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kinges Eschequer, or in any other the kynges courtes of record.

And bee it further enacted that euerye commyssyoner or commyssioners, or other the kynges officers or mynysters, or any other personne or personnes, whyche eyther by auctoryte of anye acte of parlyamente, or by commyssyon or commyssyons, vnder the kynges greate seale, or otherwyse by hys graces commaundemente, or by the commaundemente of suche as by hys hyghnes shall be auctoryzed for that purpose, bee appoynted assygned or deputed, or that hereafter shall bee appoynted auctoryzed assigned or deputed, to compound agre and receyue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, for paimente of the saide fyrste fruites of euerye of the saide dignities, benefices, offices, or other promocions spirituall, shall and maye by force of thys acte, from the sayde firste daye of Maye for euer forwarde, haue auctoryte to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone or personnes, as from the foresaide fyrste daye of Maye, shall be nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by anye other meanes appoynted to haue anye of the sayde archebyshoprycke, byshoprycke, abbacye, monasterye, priorie, college, hospital, archedeaconry, deanry, prouost ship, prebend, personage, vicarage, chantry, frechapel or other dignitie benefice office or promo-

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cion ſpirituall, the tenthe parte of the hole as is afore ſayde, out of the ſame firſte fruites for the yere, wherin he or they ſhall be firſte nominated, prefected, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed vnto euery of the ſame, as is afore ſaide; without any further ſuite to be made to the kynges highnes, or without impoſicion or exaction or other charge to be in any wiſe demaunded or exacted of the perſon or perſones ſo preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the ſaide tenth, for the ſaide firſte yere in fourme above expreſſed: any thinge or thinges in the ſayde acte of the graunte of the ſaide tenth and firſt fruites to the contrary not withſtandinge.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that all and euery perſon and perſones, that vpon his or their compoſicion and agreement for the firſt fruites, ſhall be defalked and allowed the tenthe parte of the hole ſome of hys or their dignities benefices, offices or promocions ſpirituall, for the yere wherin he or they ſhall be firſt nominated prefected, preſented, collated or by any other meanes appointed vnto ayne of the ſame, as is above ſayde ſhall yelde and paye the ſayde tenthe parte, vnto the kynges maieſtye, hys heires and ſucceſſours, the ſaid firſte yere in like maner and fourme, and at ſuche daye as is limitted in the ſaide acte of the graunte of the ſaide tenthe, and firſt fruites, any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary not withſtanding.

¶ Be it further enacted by ꝑ auctoritie aforeſaid, that in ſuch caſes, where the ſucceſſour of any incumbent ſhall be chargeable to the paiment of ſuche ſummes of money, as ſhalbe due of and for the ſaide tenthe, that ſhall happen to be behinde vnpaied in the time or life of his predeceſſour, there euery ſuch ſucceſſour may lawfully diſtrain ſuch goodes and cattals of his predeceſſour, as ſhall happē to be or remaine in and vpon the dignitie benefice or promocion ſpirituall, of the which the ſame tenthe was behinde and vnpaide in the life or time of his predeceſſour, and to reteine the ſayde goodes and cattelles till ſuche time as the ſaide predeceſſour, yf he be aliue, and yf he be dead, then his executours or adminiſtratours, or ſuch other to whom his goodes and cattalles ſhould appertaine, haue fully ſatiſfied, or paide ſuch ſummes of money, as ſhall happen to be behinde or vnpaid of the ſaid tenth And in caſe the ſaid predeceſſour, his executours adminiſtratours, or ſuche other to whom his goodes or cattelles ſhould appertaine, within .xii. daies nexte after the diſtreſſe therof, do not ſatiſfie the ſaid ſummes of money, beyng behinde of the ſaid tenthe, as is aforeſaide: that than for ſuch Defaulte of payment it ſhalbe laufull to euery ſuch ſucceſſour to cauſe the ſaid goodes and cattalles ſo diſtrained, to be preiſed by two or three indifferent perſons to be ſworne for the ſame: And according to the ſame appraiſinge to ſell ſo muche therof, as ſhall amounte as well to the full ſatiſfaction of the ſayde ſummes of money, beyng behinde and vnpaied of the ſaid tenth, in the lyfe or time of his predeceſſour, as for the reaſonable coſtes, that ſhalbe ſpent by occaſion of diſtreininge and appraiſinge of the ſame goodes and cattalles. And in caſe no ſufficient goodes and cateis may be founde in or vpon ſuche

dignites, benefices, or promotions spirituall, for the satisfaction of the sayde tenthe, beynge behynde vnpayde, as is aforesayde, that then the predecessour, by whom such tenth was due to be payed, yf he be a lyue: and if he be dead, then his executours administratours and other, to whom his goodes and catteles, shall apperteyne or belonge, shalbe compelled to the payment of the saide tenthe beynge behinde and vnpayde as is aforesayde, by bill to be pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shalbe chargeable for the same, or els by action or plaint of det to be taken or commenced by such successour by order of the common lawes.

¶ An acte wherby all bouchers be licenced to sell fleshe by retayle vnto the xviii. daye of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XL. Cap. ix.

Where in this present parliament begun at London, the. iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our souereaigne lorde the kynge that now is, and from thence adiorned to Westm. & there by diuers prorogacions hither continued, in one session there holde the. xviii. yere of our said souereaigne lordes reigne amonges diuers beneficiall estatutes there made, it was enacted, that euery person which did sel after the fyfte day of August, in the saide xviii. yere, any beofe, porke, mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, should sell the same by lawful weight called haberdepois, and none other wise, after the price in the same acte contained & especified: as in the same acte more plainely is conteined. And where afterwardes for so much as sufficient auctorite was not geuen by the sayd acte to the iustices of the peace, Maires, Baylifes, Sheriffes, and other officers, reherced in the said former act to punishe the offenders, and such other as wouldе not sell by weight according to the force of the saide acte: at an other session holden in the. xxv. yeare of our saide souereaigne lordes reygne, it was than by an other estatute enacted that from the. xx. day of February in the yeare of our lorde god. M.D.XXXIIII. it shoulde be lawfull to all and euery mayres, shiriffes, constables, bailiffes, and other gouernours of cities boroughes & market townes, as well within liberties as without, to whō any complaint shoulde be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantes or other his ministers, refusing to sell the said vitailes by true & lawfull weight according to the tenours of the said former act, not onely to committ euery such boucher or other such offender to ward, there to remain without baile or mainprise, vnto such time as they and euery of them shall haue payde all the forfaitures and penalties, compiled in the saide former acte: but also euery of the said Mayres and other hed officers, & their deputies shoulde sell or cause to be solde all suche vitailes, by trew weight and for redy money, as in the saide acte made in the saide xxv. yere more at large is expressed. The kinges highnes well considering the greate dearth of al maner of vy-

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tailes, which he now and sins the makinge of the sayde estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as well by mortaine and death of such cattell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, whereby the breede and increase of the same is muche empayred & minished: in such wise that if the saide former estatutes were putte in execution, the bouchers and sellers of such vitailes were not able to liue, nor that his commons should be well serued thereof: the scarcitie of the same considered, by hys accustomed goodnes the premisses considering, is contented by the assent of his maiestie, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and of hys commons in this his present parliamēt assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it be ordeined established and enacted, that from the .xii. daye of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVI. vnto the foure and twentye daie of Aprill, the which shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god. M.D.XL. all Bouchers and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, may lawfully kill and sell all maner biefe, porke, mutton and veale, beynge good and holsome for mannes body, at their pleasures and liberties, as freely and liberally as they or anye of them did or ought to haue don at any time before the making of the saide estatutes, made in the .xxiii. and xxv. yeare of our saide souereaigne lordes reigne without any losse, payne, imprisonment, forfaiture, or penaltie, to be by them or any of them, or the successours of them or any of the, had lost borne or sustayned in that behalfe, during the time limitted. The same estatutes made in the said .xxiii. & xxv. yere, or either of them, or any clause sentence, forfaiture, paine, losse, or any other thinge in them or any of them to the contrary in any wise not withstanding: And that the same estatutes & either of them, and euerye clause sentence and article in them and either of theym conteined, shall be in suspence and not put in execution duringe the said time.

¶ And where also by an other estatute, made in the saide .xxv. yeare of the reigne of our said souereaigne lorde, it was enacted, that no sucking calues whiche shoulde happen to falle or be calued betweene the firste daye of January than next ensuinge, and the firste day of May, durynge twoo whole yeres next after folowing, should be killed, & put to sale by any bouchers or other person, bole or by retaile, to any person or persons durynge the sayde two yeres vppon the peines conteined in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute more plainely appereth: The kinge our souereaigne lorde of his excellent goodnes, to thintent ỹ his louing subiectes should be the better prouided of the more plentie of vitailes agaynst this holy time of Easter nexte cōming, is also contented that it be enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all bouchers and other selling flesshe by retaile, may lawfully from the saide .xii. daye of Aprill, in the yeare of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVI. duringe twoo whole yeres then nexte ensuing, kill & sell calues whole or by retaile at theyr pleasures and liberties, without any losse payne domage penaltie or forfayture by them or any of them to be had sustained or losse in that behalfe. The saide estatute made for killinge of calues to endure for twoo yeares, or any

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thing in the same conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the said auctoritie, that the said acte made for the dilynge of ualues shall begin to take effecte the first daye of Januarie, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde God .M.D.XXXIX. and from thensforth to endure & continue two whole yeares than next and immedyately ensuing, any thinge conteined in this present acte, to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte expelling an order for vses and willes. Cap. x.

Where by the comon lawes of this realme, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, be not diuisible byt estamente nor ought to be transferred, from one to an other, but by solemne liuery and seasin, matter of recorde, writing sufficient made bona fide without coulne or fraude, yet neuertheselle, diuers and sundrie ymaginacions, subtile inuencions and practyses haue ben vsed: wherby the hereditamentes of this realme haue ben conueied from one to an other by fraudulent feoffementes, fines, recoueries & other assurances craftily made, to secrete vses, intentes and trustes & also by willes and Testamentes, sometime made by nude parole and wordes, sometime by signes and tokens, and sometime by writing, and for the most part made by such persons as be vexed with sickenes in their extreme agonies and paines, or at suche time as they haue had scantly any good memorie or remembraunce: at whiche times they beyng prouoked by gredye and couetous persons, lieng in a wait about them, doo many time dyspose indiscretely and vnaduisedly their landes and inheritances, by reason wher of and by occasion of which fraudulent feoffementes, fines recoueries, and other like assurances to vses confidences and trustes, diuers & many heyres haue ben iniustly at sundrye times disherited, the lordes haue lost their wardes, mariages, reliefes, harriottes, escheates, aides pur faire fitz cheualee et pur file marier, and scantly any person can be certainely assured of anye landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely against whome they shal dyrecte their actions or execution for their rightes, titles and duryes. Also men maried haue lost their tenaunces by the courtesie, women their dowers, manifest parturies by triall of suche secrete willes and vses haue ben committed. The kinges highnes hath lost the profittes and aduauntages of the landes of persons attainted, and the landes craftely put in feoffemente to the vses of aliens borne, and also the profittes of waste for a yere and a daie, of landes of felons atteinted, and the Lordes their escheates thereof, and many other inconueniences haue happened and dayely do encrease amonge the kinges subiectes, to their great trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuersion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpinge and extinguishment of all suche subtill practised feoffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errours, heretofore vsed & accustomed in this

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realme, to the subuertion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, & to thintent that the kinges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in anye wise hereafter by anye meanes, or inuencions, be deceiued domaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vses or confidences, it may please the kinges moste roiall maiestie, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in manner and fourme following: that is to say, that where any person or personnes stande or be seased, or at any time hereafter shall happen to be seased of and in any honours, castels, manours landes tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of anye other person or personnes, or of anye bodie politike, by reason of anye bargaine, sale, feoffement, fine, recouerie, couenant, contract, agrement, will or otherwise, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euerye suche case all and euerye suche person and persons, & bodies politike, that haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse, confidence, or trust, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life or of yeares, or otherwise: or any vse confidence or truste in remainder or reuerter, shall from henceforth stande and be seased, demed, & adiudged in lawfull seson estate and possession of and in the same honours castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remainders and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe of and in such like estates as they had or shall haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate title right and possession, that was in such person or persons, that were or hereafter shalbe seased of any landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of anye suche person or persons, or of any body politike, be from henceforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in him or them that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, after suche qualitie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the vse confidence or truste that was in them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that where diuers and many persones be or hereafter shall happen to bee ioyntly seased of and in any landes, tenemētes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or other hereditamentes to the vse confidence or trust of any of them that be so ioyntly seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, which haue or hereafter shall haue any such vses, confidence or trust in any suche landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or hereditamentes, shall from henceforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to him or them, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or trust, suche estate possession and season, of and in the same landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or other hereditamentes in like nature, maner, fourme, condicion and course, as he or they hadde before in the vse confidence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: sauynge, and reseruynge to all and singuler personnes and bodies politike, their heyres and succes-

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ceſſours, other then thoſe perſon or perſons, whiche be ſeaſed or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed of any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to any vſe, confidence or truſte, all ſuch right, title, entrie, intereſt, poſſeſſion, rentes and action, as they or any of them had or might haue had before the makynge of this acte.

¶ And alſo ſauinge to all and ſinguler thoſe perſones, and to their heyres, which be or hereafter ſhalbe ſeaſed to any vſe all ſuch former right, tytle, entrie, intereſt, poſſeſſion, rentes, cuſtomes, ſeruices, and actyon, as they or anye of them mighte haue had to his or their owne proper vſe in or to anye manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, whereof they be or hereafter ſhalbe ſeaſed to any other vſe, as if this preſent acte had neuer bene had nor made: anye thinge conteined in this acte to the contrarye not withſtandinge.

¶ And where alſo diuers perſons ſtand & be ſeſed of & in any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in fee ſimple or otherwiſe to the vſe or intēt that ſome other perſon or perſons, ſhall haue and perceiue yerely to them and to his or their heires one annuall rente, of tenne poundes or more or leſſe out of the ſame landes & tenementes, and ſome other perſon one other annual rēt to him and his aſſignes for terme of life, or yeres, or for ſome other ſpecial time, according to ſuch intent and vſe, as hath bene heretofore declared limitted & made therof. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that in euery ſuche caſe the ſame perſōs their heires and aſſignes, that haue ſuch vſe and intereſt, to haue and perceiue any ſuche annuall rentes out of any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, that they and euery of thē their heires and aſſignes be adiudged and demed to be in poſſeſſiō and ſeaſon of the ſame rente of and in ſuch like eſtate as they hadde in the title intereſt or vſe of the ſaide rente or profit, and as if a ſufficient graunt or other lawfull conueyaunce had be made and executed to them by ſuche as were or ſhalbe ſeaſed to the vſe or intent of any ſuch rente to be had made or paied accordinge to the very truſt and intent therof. And that all and euery ſuche perſon and perſones as haue or hereafter ſhall haue anye title vſe and intereſt in or to any ſuche rente or profite, ſhall lawfully diſtreine for none payment of the ſaide rente, and in their owne names make aduouries, or by their Bayliffes or ſeruauntes make conuſaunces and iuſtificacions, and haue all other ſuites entrees and remedies for ſuch rentes, as if the ſame rētes had be actually and really graunted to them with ſufficient clauſes of diſtreſſe reentre or otherwiſe, according to ſuch condicions peines or other thinges limitted and appointed vpon the truſt and intent for payment of ſuertie of ſuch rente.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that where as diuers perſons haue purchaſed or haue eſtate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenementes & hereditamentes vnto them and to their wifes and to the heires of the huſbande, or to the huſband and to the wife, and to the heires of their two bodies begotten, or to the heires of one of their bo-

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dies begotten, or to the husbande and to the wife for terme of their lives, or for terme of life of the saide wife: Or where any suche estate, or purchace of any landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, hath ben or hereafter shalbe made to any husbande and to his wife, in maner and fourme aboue expressed, or to anye other person or persons, and to theyr heires and assignes, to the vse and behouse of the saide husbande and wife, or to the vse of the wyfe, as is before rehersed, for the ioynter of the wife: that then in euery such case, euery woman maried, hauing such ioynter made or hereafter to be made, shall not claime nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, that at any time were her said husbandes, by whome she hath anye suche ioynter, nor shall demaunde nor claime hir dower of and against them that haue the landes and inheritances of hir sayd husbande. But if she haue no suche ioynter, then she shall be admitted and inabeled to pursue, haue and demaunde her dower by writ of dower, after the dewe course and order of the common lawes of thys Realme: thys acte or anye lawe or prouysyon made to the contrarye therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any suche woman be lawfully expulsed or expected from her saide ioynter, or from any parte therof: without any fraude or couine by lawfull entre action or by discontinuance of her husbande: then euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as muche of the residue of her husbandes tenemẽtes or hereditamentes, whereof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so euicted and expulsed, shall amounte or extende vnto.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor anye thinge therin conteined or expressed, extende, or be in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any woman or women hereto fore beinge maried, of for or concerning suche right title vse interest or possession, as they or any of them haue clayme or pretende to haue for her or their ioynter or dower of in or to any manours landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes of anye of theyr late husbandes, beinge nowe dead or deceased, any thinge conteined in this acte to ỳ contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that if any wife haue or hereafter shal haue any manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, vnto her giuen or assigned after maryage, for terme of her life, or other wise in ioynter, excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, and the said wife after that fortune to ouer liue the same her husbande, in whose time the said ioynter was made or assigned vnto her, that then the same wife, so ouerliuyng, shall and may at theyr libertie, after the death of her said husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her giuen appoynted or assigned, duryng the couerture, for terme of her life or other wise in ioynter: excepte the same assigneraunce be to her made by acte of parliament, as is afore said and therupon to haue aske, demaunde and take her dower by writ of dower or otherwise, accordinge to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tene-

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mentes and heredimentes, as her husbande was and stode seased of anye state of inheritaunce, at any time during the coverture, any thing cõteined in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that this present act nor any thing therin conteined, erted, nor be at anye time hereafter interpretated, expounded or taken to extynct release discharge or suspende any statute, recognisaunce, or other bond, by ye execution of any estate of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamẽtes by thauctoritie of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike: anye thing conteined in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And for as much as great ambiguities & doubtes may arise of ye validitie and invaliditie of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes, & hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kinges subiectes, the kinges most royall maiestie minding the tranquilite and rest of his louinge subiectes, of his moste excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased & contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that al maner true & iuste willes and testamentes heretofore made by any person or person, deceased, or that shall decease before the first daye of May, that shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectuall in the lawe, after such fashion maner and fourme as they were cõmonly take and vsed at any time within fortie yeres nert afore the making of this act: any thing conteyned in this acte, or in the preambie therof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the kynges hyghnes shall not haue demaunde or take any aduauntage or profite for or by occasion of the executinge of any estate onely by auctoritie of this acte, to anye person or persons or bodyes politike, which now haue, or on this side the said first day of May, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vses trustes or confidences in any manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes, by reason of primerseason, liuerye, outer le maine, fine for alienacion, relefe, or harriot: but that fines for alyenacions, relefes and harriottes, shalbe paied to the kinges highnes. And also liueries and outer le maines shalbe sued for vses, trustes, and confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritie of this acte, after & from the said first daye of May, of landes & tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the kinge in suche like maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore ben vsed or accustomed by the order of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Prouided also, that no other persõ or persõs or bodies politike, of whom any lãdes, tenementes or hereditamentes be or hereafter shalbe holden mediate or imediate, shall in anye wise demaũde or take any fine relefe or harriot for or by occasion of the executing of any estate by the auctoritie of this act to any person or persons or bodies politike, before the saide first daye of May, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI.

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¶ Pro̅uided also, that this acte no̅r any thing therin conteined, shall not be pre̅iudiciall to the kinges highnes fo̅r wardships of heires now being with-in age, no̅r fo̅r liueries o̅r fo̅r oustre le mains, to be sued by any person o̅r per-sons, now being within age, o̅r of full age, of any landes o̅r tenemētes vnto the same heyre o̅r heires now all redy descended: any thinge in this acte con-teined to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ An acte concerninge clerkes of the signet and priuie seale. Cap. xi.

Where as the kinges clerkes of hys gracyous sygnet and priuie Seale, giuinge their dayely attendaunces for the passinge and writinge of his maiesties great & weighty affayres, & the causes, of this his realme, haue for theyr entertetnementes and their clerkes, no fees, nor wages certaine for those offyces, other than suche fees as commeth & groweth of the said signet and priuie seale: To the intente that from hencefoorth they should not by any maner of meanes be defeated of anye parte or porcion of the same theyr fees. Be it therefore ordeined established and enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by auctho̅ritie of the same, that all and euerye gyfte, graunte, and other writing, whyche shall be made or geuen in writynge by the kynges highnes, or any his most noble posteritie, to any person or persons, signed with his graces signe, or the sygne or signes, manuell of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces great seales of Englande, Irelande, duchie of Lancaster, or of anye hys hyghnes counties palantines or pryncipalities of Wales, or by other proces out of the eschequier, after the .xv. daye of Aprill, in the, xxbii. yeare of his moste noble reigne. And that all and euery gyftes grauntes and other writinges, of what name or names, qualitie or qualyties so euer the same be, or hereafter shalbe named demed or called, whiche the maister of the kynges wardes, or generall surueyours, of the kynges landes, for the time beinge, or any other officer or officers, that nowe bee or hereafter shal be made, shall by vertue of any acte of parliament, or any the kinges grauntes to them or any of them made or hereafter to be made in that behalfe, geue graunt or make after the foresaid .xv. day of Aprill, to any person or persons in the kinges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first and before the same grant or any of them be passed vnder anye the kinges sayde seales, or other processe made of the same, broughte and deliuered to the kinges principall secretarie, or to one of the kynges clerkes of his graces signet for the time beynge, to be at the said office of the signet passed accordingly.

¶ And be it also ordeined & enacted by thauctho̅ritie aforesaid, that one of ꝑ clerkes of the said signet, to whom any the said writinges, signed with the kinges most gracious hande, or the hande of any other aforesaide, or any of them, fortune to be deliuered, may and shall by warrante of the same billes and euery of them, within the space of .viii. daies, next after he shall haue receyued the same, oneles he haue knowledge by the saide secretarie, or other wise of the kinges pleasure to the contrary, make or cause to be made in the kinges name letters of warrante, subscribed with the hande of the same

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clerke, & sealed with the kinges signet to the lorde keper of the kinges pryuie seale, for further proces to be had in that behalfe. And that one of ỳ kinges clerkes of the saide pryuie seale, vpon due examinacion had by the sayde lorde keper of the sayde pryuie seale, of the sayde warrante to him addressed from the office of the saide signet as afore, may and shall within the space of viii. daies, nert after he shall haue receiued the same, oneles the lorde keper of the pryuie seale do geue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrante of the foresaid warrante to the said lord keper of the pryuie seale, addresse from the office of the signet aforesaide other letters of like warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the pryuie seale to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, lorde keper of the greate seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, Chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Treasourer and Chamberlaines of the Eschequier, and chamberlaines of any of his counties palantines or principalitie of Wales, other officer, and to euery of them, for the writing and ensealyng with such seales, as remayne in their custodie, of letter patent or closed, or other processe making, due and requisite to be had or made vpon any the said graunts, according to the tenour of the warrant to them or any of them directed from the office of the pryuie seale as is afore specified.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner clerke or clerkes or other person or persons, do write or make any maner writing warrante or warrauntes vppon any maner gyfte or graunte made by the kinges highnesse, or by any other his graces officers, as is aforesaide, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales aforesaid after anye other sorte maner or facion, or by anye other warrante or warrantes, than as before is specified and declared, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery bill, warraunte, or writinge, passed contrarye to the order before limitted and prescribed the summe of ten pounde sterlinge. The one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe to hym that shall first sue for the same by action of dette, wrytte, bylle, plaint or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, in which action or suite no essoine protection, prouision, priuilege, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted, any maner acte, statute, prouiſion, proclamacion, or other ordinaunce herebefore had or made contrary to this present acte, or any article of the same, in anywise not withstandinge.

¶ And neuertheles be it also enacted, that euery of the sayde clerkes or other person, whiche shall passe in writing, or procure to be passed in writing, any graunte or graunts, by immediat warrant, wherfore fees be payde at the greatte Seale, shall of the partyes receiue for the offyces of the sayde signet and pryuie seale, as well such fees as in this acte is tared for writing of any suche graunts or other writinges, as also the fees for the seale of the same, whiche fees and euery parte & porcion therof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whom any graunte shall passe in writing by immediate warrante, shall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the saide clerkes of the saide signete

or priuie seale, deliuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signette or Priuie seale, within the space of three monethes, next and immediatly ensuing after the passing and sealinge of any the saide graunte or grauntes, by immediate warrant, vpon peine of .x. li. sterlinge, to be by euery suche of the sayde clerkes or other person, as shall offend, forfaited, to be leuied in fourm aforesaide as often as he or they shall offende contrary to the meanynge of this acte

¶ Prouided also that this acte, or any thinge contained in the same, be not in any wyse preiudiciall to the lorde Treasorer of Englande for the time beynge, concerning such warrantes or preceptes, as he by vertue of his office shall and may directe immediately to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, or to any other persone, for makinge out of the kinges grauntes or letters patentes, to any person or persons of any offices, fermers of landes or tenementes, or of anye other thinge belongynge to his nominacion and disposicion: but that as well he may directe his said warrauntes, or preceptes for the causes aboue said, as also his clerke or clerkes, or other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the clerkes aforesaide, without any warrant to be before or after sewed or obteined vnder the kynges signet or priuie seale for the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he or they might haue done at any time before the makynge of this acte, any thinge in the same acte mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that al and euery lease and leases of the kinges manours, landes, tenementes, possessions or other profittes or hereditamētes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the duchye of Lancaster, oute of the sayde countie palantine, which the Chauncellour of the duchye of Lancaster for the time beinge, or the Chauncellour of the said countye palantine for the time beinge, or eyther of them, shall hereafter make or graunt in the name of the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours to any maner person or persons shall and maye passe and be passed vnder the seales of the sayde duchye of Lancaster, or of the sayde countye palantyne of Lancaster or of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed, any thing in this present acte, before made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that all & euery gift grauit and patent of any maner office or offices, or any other thinge beinge, or which hereafter shalbe in the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the said duchy of Lancaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages or fees wherof amounteth not ouer and aboue the value of .ii. pence by the day, shall and may passe and be passed by the said chauncellour of the duchy of lancaster, or by ỳ sayd chauncellour of the saide countie palantine, or of either of them for the time beinge in maner and fourme as heretofore haue ben vsed & accustomed: any article, or thing in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And to the entent that as well such as nowe be or hereafter shall be my-

niſters and clerkes of the kynges ſygnet and pꝛiuie ſeale, ſhoulde haue and take honeſt and ſufficient ſalarie and rewarde foꝛ the wꝛitinge of the ſayde warrauntes to be by them made as afoꝛeſaide, as alſo the kynges moſt louing faithfull and obediente ſubiectes, knowynge the certaine charges to be by them laid out foꝛ the wꝛiting of the ſaid warrantes, ſhuld not by any maner exaction oꝛ other ſiniſter meanes be conteined by a[illegible] the ſaide clerkes to paye moꝛe large and exceſſiue fees foꝛ the wꝛitinge of the ſame, than reaſon and conſcience ſhall require. Be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaid that all and euery clerke and clerkes of the ſaide ſignet and pꝛiuie ſeale ſhall haue and take foꝛ his oꝛ their wꝛitinge of a warraunte vpon a bill foꝛ tayles of rewarde. xii. d. Foꝛ the wꝛiting of a warrant foꝛ the gifte of euery offyce xx. d. Foꝛ the wꝛitinge of a warraunt foꝛ a penſion annuitie oꝛ wages. xx. d. Foꝛ the wꝛiting of a warraunt foꝛ a ſpeciall leuery, oꝛ other perpetuitie. vi. s. viii. d. foꝛ the wꝛitinge of a warraunt vppon euerye byll foꝛ a congie deſire royall aſſent reſtitution of tempoꝛalities, donatiues, aduocacions, pꝛeſentacions, oꝛ other eccleſiaſticall matter. iii. s. iiii. d. foꝛ the wꝛytynge of euery warraunt vpon a placarde, licence, pardon oꝛ ſhuriffes rewarde, ii. s. foꝛ the wꝛitinge of euery warraunt vppon a deniſen iii. s. iiii d. foꝛ the wꝛyting of a warrant foꝛ keping of an idiotte. xx. d. Foꝛ the wꝛiting of a warrant foꝛ keping of a warde. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no maner of clerke, oꝛ clerkes of the ſignet oꝛ pꝛiuie ſeale afoꝛeſaide ſhall take foꝛ the wꝛitinge of anye maner warrant aboue ſpecified, moꝛe large and ample fees, than befoꝛe is pꝛeſcribed and appointed, vppon payne of. x. li. ſterlinge to be by him foꝛfaited, that ſhall offende contrary to the trew tenour and meaning of the ſayd act, the one half therof to be to the king our ſoueraigne loꝛd, the other halfe to him that ſhall firſt ſue foꝛ the ſame by bil action plaint oꝛ infoꝛmacion in any of the kinges courtes: in whiche action oꝛ ſuite no eſſoin pꝛotection oꝛ wager of law ſhalbe admitted.

¶ Pꝛouided alſo, that the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the tyme beyng, ſhall and may at all times vſe his diſcrecion in paſſinge and ſpedynge any thing by the great ſeale, and deliuering the ſame, without paiyng any fees foꝛ the great ſeale ſignet and pꝛiuie ſeale, as the caſe of neceſſitie ſhall require, and as hath ben accuſtomed. And that the clerkes foꝛ wꝛytynge oꝛ pꝛocuring ſuch wꝛitinges and patentes, by his commandement ſhalbe diſcharged of all penalties expꝛeſſed befoꝛe in this acte, foꝛ not receiuynge and paying fees to the ſignet and pꝛiuie ſeale, any thinge in thys acte conteyned to the contrary hereof not withſtanding.

¶ And be it furthermoꝛe enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, that this pꝛeſent act and euery part and parcell therof, ſhall extend to ỳ courte of thaugmentacion of the reuenues of the kinges croꝛone, and bynde euery offycer and officers, their clerkes, & miniſter, that now be & hereafter ſhalbe of the ſame court, to thobſeruaciõ therof & of euery part therof, foꝛ and cõcerning the ſealing & wꝛiting of any maner patẽt leaſe oꝛ other graunt, which vpon the kinges bill ſigned ſhall paſſe the great ſeale of the ſame courte: anye ſpe-

riall wordes cõteined, in the acte made in this present session for ỹ establishment of the officers of the said court of thaugmentacion, or any other acte or prouision made to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided neuertheles, that thys acte or anye thynge conteyned in the same, be not in any wise preiudicial to any maner person or persons, whom the kinges highnes shall by expresse commandement direct send or appoint to procure any thing or thinges to be sealed with any his maiestyes seales, for or concerning his maiesties priuate affayres, or the affayres of his highnes realm: but that as wel the same person or persons, being appointed by the kinges highnes as aforesaide, as also suche officer and officers as shall haue the keping of anye the kinges seales, their ministers and clerkes shall and may seale wryte and deliuer, and procure the sealinge writing and deliueringe of any such thinge and thinges, concerninge the kinges highnes affaires, as afore saide, with out being bounde or procure any maner warrant, or paynge anye maner fees or to the signet or priuie seale for the same, so that the name or names of euerye suche persone or persones as shall procure the sealynge of anye suche thynge or thinges on the kinges behalfe, as aforesaid, be entred in the clerke of the hanapers boke, after this sort, per. A ad mandatum domini regis: any thyng in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thing conteined in the same, be not in anye wise preiudiciall to anye maner person or persones, which hereafter shal haue by the kings highnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the graunt or lease of any maner ferme or fermes to be sealed with ani his highnes seales, the yerely rent wherof amounteth not aboue the summe of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii d. sterling: but that as well euery suche person and persones, as officer & officers, hauing the custodie of such seale or seales, their ministers & clerkes may wryte seale and deliuer, or procure the wryting sealinge and deliueringe of anye suche lease or leases, as aforesaide, without paying therfore any maner fees, at or to the signet or priuie seale for the same, any thing in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the trewe makinge of wollen clothes. Cap. xi.

FOr as much as great infamy & sclaunder hath risen of late yeres in sundry outward parties beyonde the sea, of the vntrue makinge of wollen clothes within thys realme, to the great derogacion of the commõ weale of the same, & to the no litell hinderance of the sale of the sayd commoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that after the feaste of saincte Myghell the archangell nexte commynge, all and euery clothier within this realme, shall weaue or cause to be wouen hys or theyr

their seuerall token or marke in all and euery clothe, kersey, and other clothes what so euer they be, made and wrought to be vttered and solde. And whan any suche cloth shalbe redie made and dressed to be put to sale euery, of the same clothiers shall sette hys seale of leade vnto euery of the same his or their clothes and kerseis, in whyche seale of leade shall be conteyned the true and iuste lengthe of euerye of the same clothes or kerseis as it shall bee duely found by euery vier of the same, vpon due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any such proufe to be made by any vier of them at the water, there shalbe founde lesse or smaller contente in length, that is conteined and specified in euery of their saide seales: than euery of the sayde clothiers making suche defaulte, shall lese and forfaite vnto euery suche byer of the same, the double value of so muche clothe as shall wante and lacke of his said content in length, at the onely sight and iudgement of any two indifferēt persons, that shall measure the same clothes and kerseis. And euery clothier sending or putting any of their clothes to sell, before suche tyme as all and euerye of the same clothes shall be sealed by the auneger of the same counties, where it shal chance any of the sayd clothes so to be made: and also to be ordered and sealed by euery of the saide clothiers in fourme aforesayde shall lese and forfaite his cloth or clothes what so euer they be, the one halfe thereof shall be to the kinges highnes, hys heyres and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that wyll sue for the same by bylle, playnte. action of det, or otherwise: in whiche action no wager of law, essoin, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that after the sayd feast of saynct Myghel tharchangell, euery brode clothe shall conteine in breadth seuen quarters of a yarde within the listes at the leaste, and to holde ꝑ same content alwaies if it be proued at the water. The act made in the fyrst yere of ꝑ reygne of our said soueraigne lorde, that euery brode clothe should conteine two yardes in breade within the listes, or any other thinge therin cōteined, touching the keping of the same bredth of two yardes, in any wyse not withstanding. And euery kersey shal cōteine in bredth one yarde wythin the listes at the leaste, if it be proued in the water: vpon peine to forfaite for euery such brode clothe. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery suche kersey. xx. d. to be recouered to the vse of the kinges highnes, and of any other that wyll sue for the same in maner and fourme before declared.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this present acte extende not to any clothes, called set clothes, of all sortes made in the countie of Suff. not exceadynge the price of. xlvi. s. viii. d. the clothe nor to any clothes called Tauestockes, westerne doseins, frises, kendals, cottons, & all maner of course clothes, made for linynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by the saide auctoritie, that the aunager of any countie shall not seale any of the sayde clothes with the kinges seale, vntyll suche time as they and euery of them shall be fyrst ordered and sealed wyth their contentes, accordynge to the trewe meaninge of this present acte, in

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fourme aforesaide, vpon peine of lesynge of his office. And that no byer of any of the saide clothes or kerseis, marked and sealed in fourme aforesayde, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pulle, or to stretch out any of ꝑ same clothes or kerseis, otherwise than to make them euen after they be wet, and to agree with the contentes specified and conteined in the seale of euery of the same clothes and kerseis, as nere as they can vpon peine to forfait the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so myused contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present acte, To be leuied to the vse of the kinges highnes, and of any other that will sue for the same, in like maner and fourme as is before declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that all cloth hereafter made to be solde within the cite of Worcetour, the townes of Droitwich, Eueshā Kederminster, & Bromesgroue, in the countie of Worcetour, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, according to an acte of parliament in that behalfe prouyded and made, the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lorde, and that the owners of the clothes made within the saide citie & townes, shal not be compelled by this acte, to put their owne seales to anye clothes there made or hereafter to be made.

¶ An acte that white wollen clothes of .iiii.li and vnder: and coloured clothes of .iii. li. and vnder may be from henceforth caried ouer the sea. Cap. xiii.

Where as by acte of parliament, holden in the fifte yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the king that nowe is it was ordeined and enacted, that no wollen cloth aboue the price of fiue markes, should be conueyed ouer the sea vntowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vpon certain penalties in the same acte expressed more at large. Which acte beynge put in execution, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatementes of the kinges customes, but also growe to the vtter vndoynge of hys graces subiectes, clothe makers and marchauntes, conueiers of the said clothes: by reason that woll is risen to a farre greater price, than it was at the makinge of the foresaide acte. For where a clothe was then commonly solde at fyue markes, it is nowe solde for foure pounds. And also by force of the saide acte, the marchauntes should be bounde to dresse anye white clothe aboue the value of fiue markes on thys side the sea, after that they haue boughte them: whiche whyte clothe so dressed, whan they be broughte into the parties beyonde the sea, and there by the biers of them died & put in colours, than they muste be newly dressed, barbed, shorne, & towed: & so they shalbe therby the lesse in substāce of thēselfes and the worse to the sale, & solde for lesse price by ten or twelue shillinges a pece beyond the sea then they should be vndressed. Wherfore be it ordeined & enacted by ꝑ king our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirituall & tēporal, & ꝑ cō-

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mons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctho̅itie of the same, that euery white woollen cloth sold for foure poūdes and vnder: & euery coloured clothe solde for threepoundes and vnder, may be caried & conueyed into the partis beyonde the sea, there to be sold at the pleasure of the biers of the saide clothe or clothes, vnbarbed, vnshorne, and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And ouer this be it ordeined and enacted, by the saide auctho̅itie, that yf any person or persons sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, any white woollen clothe aboue the value of foure poundes, or any coloured clothe aboue the price of three poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other forme than is aforesaid: that then the person or persons so offendinge, shall forfaite the value of the sayde clothes, so caried and conueied into the parties beyonde the sea: the one moytie of the same forfayture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other moitie to euery person whiche wyll or shall sue by bylle writte, informacio̅, or otherwise against any person for the same. And that the defendant in any ple, vppon any suche action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine for any such defendaunt be allowed in the same.

¶ An act concerning the custome of lether. Cap. xiiii.

Where great quantitie and much aboūdaunce of lether is dayly conueyed out of this realme, as wel by estraungers as also by tanners & of other ꝑ kinges subiectes, inhabited in diuers partes of this realme towardes the sea costes, & in especially, out of Wales, Chesshire, & Cornewal, where litle or no custome is paied for the same, which lether is co̅monly packed by the said estrangers, tanners and other the kinges subiectes in their houses, and so conueied vnto the portes and hauens where they intende to ship the same: whiche packes so conueyed, and brought to suche portes and hauens to be shypped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be veiwed what nomber of lether is conteined, in any suche packe, but entred in ꝑ customers bokes by & vpon the informacion and report of the said estrangers tanner or other person transporter of the same lether. And all be it that the kinges highnes, in suche places, and portes hath very litle customes payed for the same, yet for as muche as in such places there is no better serche nor veiwe had for the perfecte knowledge of the nomber and quantitie of the lether, so by them packed, the kynges grace is muche deceiued of suche hys customes as oughte therefore to accrue to hys highnes. For where in the Porte of London two persones be named and appointed by the maier of the molles within the saide Porte for the time being, to tell and nomber all suche lether by the hide, accomptinge tenne hides to the diker, and also all woll Felles, as within the same porte shall be shypped from tyme to tyme

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which two persons be sworne before the customers of his greate custome, truly and duely to do and execute their offices, in telling and numberyng al such lether and wolle felles, in the presence of the said customers, and of the comptroler of the same custome or of their deputies, who beinge presente & viewing the same, do make entree therof in their bokes. And after such tale made and entree take, an other person by the mayre of London for ỳ time being constituted and appoynted, is also sworne, trewly to packe the same lether so tolde & entred into the customers bokes, euery of the same tellers & packers taking suche fees for their labours, as of olde time hath bene vsed limitted and accustomed. euery straunger paying for custome of euery diker iiii.s.ir.d. and euerye denisen .iiii.s.i d. whiche like custome is also payed in the porte of Hampton, but not in other portes of this Realme, and specially in Walles, Chesshire, and Cornewalle, out of the which parties, by reason of such small customes, more lether is conueied ouer the sea, than oute of other places of this realme, which is an occasion of derth and great prices of the same lether. For the redresse whereof, and to the entent that one maner of custome for euery suche diker of lether so conueied ouer the sea, as well by denisens as straungers, shalbe paied through out this realme, wales & other the kinges dominions: and also that the kinges highnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be paid of al suche lether as shall be hereafter caried and conueied ouer the sea. Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that from henceforth no maner straunger nor denisen shall packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether to be conueyed or shipped ouer the sea, out of this realme, wales, or other the kynges dominions, otherwise than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that all suche lether shalbe hereafter packed by a packer sworne in euery such port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be conueyed out of this realme Wales or other the kinges, dominions, vpon payne of forfaiture of all such lether as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purport of this acte or of the value therof. And also that from henceforth euery estranger and denizen, whyche shall ship, sende or conuey, anye lether ouer the sea, out or from any parte of thys realme, Wales, Chesshire or other the kinges dominions, shall pay lyke custome for the same, as is vsed to be payed within the porte of London, that is to say, euery stranger to pay for euery diker of lether for custome .iiii.s.ir.d. And euery denizen .iiii.s.i.d.

¶ And be it also enacted, that within euery port hauen and creeke within this Realme, wales, and other the kinges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this present time be, nor before the making of this acte haue bene that from henceforth the customers and comptrollers of euery such port hauen and Creeke, where suche lether shall be shipped to be conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, shall haue power by auctoryte of thys acte to name constitute and appoynte one able person, to tell and nomber all suche lether as shall be anye time there shipped, whiche personne so named, shall be sworne by the customer and comptroller of euery suche port, hauen, and

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Creeke, trewly and duely to execute hys office in the presence of the custo-
mer and controller of enerye suche porte Creke or hauen, where anye suche
lether shalbe shipped, or of hys or their deputye or deputyes, the same teller
takinge of euery stranger for the tellinge of euery diker of lether syxe pence:
wherof the same teller to haue for his labour two pence, and foure pence to
be to the comminaltie of the same towne and port, towarde the paymēt of
their fee ferme and other their charges. And of euery denisen, not beynge a
freman of the saide porte and hauen, for euery diker, foure pence, whereof
the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to ỹ comminaltie of
the same porte or hauen, for thentent aboue declared: And of euery diker by
anye person beinge a freman of suche porte and hauen, but onely two pence
for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale had, and entree therof
made by the customer or hys deputie, an other able person named deputed
and assigned by the said customers and controllers of euery such port and
hauen, and before them sworne, trewly and duely to doe, and execute hys
office shal packe all such lether, so tolde and entred, euery packe to contein
as many diker, vnder the nomber of seuen diker, as it shall please the mar-
chant or owner therof to apoint, takinge for his labour for the packinge of
euery packe foure pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the saide auctorite, that if any packer take
vpon him to packe any lether before it be tolde or numbred, and entre ther-
of made by the customer or his deputie, or at anye time packe more lether
than shalbe tolde and entred, according to the purport of this act: that than
the same packer to forfaite and lose for euery time doing the contrary .x.li.
and to suffre therfore imprisonment at the kinges pleasure. And also that
if the teller within any such porte or hauen, at any time hereafter, take vpon
him to tel or number any lether in the absence of the customer controller or
of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for euery time so do-
ynge to lose and forfaite fiue markes.

¶ And for as much as diuers estrangers cary and conuey their lether frō
one porte to an other, & by the way cause ỹ same lether to be packed, whyche
packes so conueied be not vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the
portes, wherunto they be so transported, but there only entred by and vpon
the reporte and informacion of the marchant estranger, or of his factour,
wherby muche custome is conceled. Be it therfor also enacted by the sayde
auctorite, that if any estranger, or other his factour, at any time hereafter
do conuey & cary any lether from one porte to an other, to the intent to ship
the same in suche other porte, wherunto it shall be so conueyed, the same e-
straunger or other hys factour for him, before suche transportynge of the
same lether, shall cause the saide lether, fyrste to be tolde within the same
porte, from whense he wyll or intendeth to carye the same: and the same so
tolde cause to be entred by the customer of the same porte, or hys deputye:
and cause to be also packed by the sayde packer of the sayde porte where
it shall be so tolde, takinge of the customer or customers of the same porte

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or hauen, or their deputie or deputies a certificate, expressinge the nombre or quantitie of dikers of all the same lether, so to be caried and transported directed to the customer of the other port or hauen, wherunto the same lether shalbe so conueied, makinge mencion also in the same certificate, whether the custome thereof accordingely be truely paide or not. And in case any suche lether be caried or conueied from one porte to an other, there to be shipped, without hauinge of suche certificat: that then the same lether or the value therof to be forfaited.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within thys realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, or other persons occupieng or hauing a tanne house shall from hencefoorthe sende or cause to be conueied ouer the sea, by way of marchandise or otherwise, any maner of lether tanned or vntanned vppon peine of forfaiture of all suche lether, or the value thereof. Nor that any person or persons at any time herafter: shall cary or conuey ouer the sea out of this realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, any salte or vntanned hides, or any lether called backes or sole lether, the kynges specyall licence not obteined for the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of all suche hides and lether called backes or sole lether, or the value thereof: the one halfe of all the saide forfaitures to be to the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that will pursue for the same in any his courtes by action of det, bill, plaint, informacion, or otherwise, in whiche suite none essoin protection wager of law or other dilatorie plea for the defendãt shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be hurtefull, nor preiudiciall to any captayne of any shippe in the time of warre, beinge in the retinue and seruice of the kinges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of anye shyp beinge the kinges subiect, goynge into Islande, Danske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the estraites: but that euery suche captaine and maister of euery suche shippe, durynge the warre time, and euery maister to suche shippes, passynge into the places before named, may and shall at their pleasure haue and carie salte hides in their shippes, so that euery of them shal not haue at such biage, or during the warre, at any one time aboue the nomber of eyght salte hydes. Thys acte or anye thinge therin conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that hides vntanned of anye beastes, beynge kylled within Wales or the marches therof, may be conueied and caried into out warde parties by any person or persons from time to time, except onely by tanners, and suche as haue tanne houses, in suche and like maner as they might haue ben before the makinge of this acte, any thing in the same mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

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An acte whereby the kynges maieſtie ſhall haue power to nas
minate. xxxii. perſons of his clergie and laie fre for ma-
kynge of eccleſiaſticall lawes. Cap. xv.

Wthen t he beginninge of this preſent parliament, there is an acte ordeined and eſtabliſhed accordinge to the purporte and effecte as hereafter foloweth, that is to ſay, where the kinges humble and obedient ſubiectes, the clergie of thys realme of Englande, haue not onely knowledged according to the truthe, that the conuocations of the ſame clergie is, alwaies hath ben and ought to be aſſembled onely by the kinges writte, but alſo ſubmittinge them ſelues to the kinges maieſtie, hath promiſed in verbo ſacerdotii, that they will neuer from henceforthe preſume to attẽpt allege claim or put in vre, or enacte promulge or execute any new canons conſtitucion ordinance prouinciall or other, or by whatſoeuer other name they ſhalbe called in the conuocacion, oneles the kynges moſte royall aſſente and licence maie to them be had to make promulge & execute the ſame, and that his maieſtie do geue his moſte royall aſſent and auctorite in that behalfe, and where diuers conſtitucions ordinãces and canons prouinciall or ſinodall, whiche heretofore haue bene enacted, & be thought not onely to be muche preiudiciall to the kinges prerogatiue royall, and repugnant to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, but alſo ouer much onerous to his highnes & his ſubiectes, the ſaide clergie hath moſte humbly beſought the kinges highnes, that the ſaid conſtitucions and canons may be committed to the examinacion & iudgement of his highnes & of. xxxii. perſons of the kings ſubiectes, whereof xvi to be of the vpper and nether houſe of the parliament of the temporaltie, & other xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the ſayde xxxii. perſons to be choſen and appoynted by the kinges maieſtie, and that ſuche of the ſayde conſtitucions and canons as ſhalbe thought and determined by the ſayde xxxii. perſons or the more parte of them worthy to be abrogated and annulled, ſhalbe abolyte and made of no value accordingely: And ſuche other, of the ſame conſtitutions and canons, as by the ſaid xxxii or the more part of the, ſhalbe approued to ſtande with the lawes of god, & conſonant to the lawes of this realme, ſhall ſtand in their full ſtrength and power, the kinges moſt royall aſſent fyrſte hadde and obteyned to the ſame. Be it therefore now enacted by auctorite of this preſente parliament: accordinge to the ſaide ſubmiſſion and petition of the ſaide clergie, that they ne any of them from henceforth ſhall preſume to attempte allege claime or put in vre any conſtitucions ordinaunces prouinciall or ſinodalles, nor anye other canons. Nor ſhall enacte promulge or execute anye ſuche canons conſtitucions or ordinances prouinciall, by what ſoeuer name or names they maie be called in their conuocations in tyme comming, which ſhalbe alway aſſembled by auctorite of the kinges writ, oneles that ſame clergie maye haue the kinges moſt royal aſſent & licence to make promulge & execute ſuch canõs conſtituciõs & ordinãces prouinciall, or ſino-

dalles, vpon peine of euery one of the saide clergie, doinge contrary to thys acte and being therof conuicte, to suffre imprisonment, and make fine at the kinges will.

¶ And for as much as suche canons constitucions and ordinances, as here tofore hath bene made by the clergie of this realme, can not now at the session of this presente parliamente, by reason of shortnes of time, be viewed examined and determined by the kinges highnes and .xxxii. personnes to be chosen and appointed accordinge to the peticion of the saide clergie in forme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctheritie, to nominate and assygne at his pleasure the saide .xxxii. persons of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergie, and .xvi. to be of the temporalitie, of the vpper and nether house of ỹ parliament. And if anye of the saide .xxxii. persons so chosen, shall happen to die before their full determinacion, than his highnes to nominate other trō time to time of the saide .ii. houses of parliamente, to supplye the numbre of the saide .xxxii. And that the same .xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctoritie to viewe serch and examine the said canons cō-stitutions and ordinance prouinciall and synodal heretofore made, and such of them as the kinges highnes and the saide .xxxii. or the more part of them shal deme & adiudge worthy to be continued kept and obeyed, shalbe from thenceforth kepte obeied and executed within this realme, so that the kynges most royall assent vnder the great seale be first had to the same. And the re-sidue of the said canons constitucions and ordinaunces prouinciall, whych the kinges highnes and the saide .xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them shal not approue, or deme and iudge worthie to be continued kept & obeied but to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shal from henceforth be void and of none effecte, & neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Prouided alway, that no canons constitucions ordinaunce shabe made and put in execution within this realme, by auctoritie of the conuocacion of the clergie, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kinges prerogo-tiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thing con-teyned in thys acte to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that suche canons constitucions ordinaunces & synodals prouinciall being al redy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes & customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kinges prerogatiue royall, shalbe now still vsed and executed as they were before the makinge of this acte, till suche tyme as they be veiwed serched or otherwise ordered and determined by the saide .xxxii. persons or the more parte of them, accordinge to the tenour forme & effecte of thys presente acte: as by the saide acte amonges other thinges more at large is expressed

¶ And for as muche as the kinges highnes hathe not named and assigned the said .xxxii. persons sithen the making of the saide act. be it therfore enac-ted by auctoritie of this parliament, that the kinges maiestie shall haue full power and auctoritie, as well afore as after the dissolucion of thys presente

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parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne .xvi. persons of the clergy, & .xvi. lay persõs of the temporaltie. And if after such nominacion any of the said persons happen to decesse, that then the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctoritie to nominate and assigne frõ time to time, other in their places to supplye the numbre of the saide .xxxii. And that the sayde. xxxii. persons to be nominated by his maiestie, at all times from hencefoth for the time of thre yeres next after the dissolucion of this parliament, shall haue power & auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to time by the kinges commaundemente, for the dewe and perfect execution of the said act, according to the ententes and true meaning of the same, any thing in the said acte to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ An acte concerninge enrollementes of bargaines and contractes of landes and tenementes. Cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliamẽt, ỹ from the last dai of July, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVI. no manors landes tenementes or other hereditamẽtes shall passe alter or chaunge frõ one to another, wherby anye state of inheritãce or freholde shal be made or take effect in any persõ or persons, or any vse therof to be made by reasõ only of any bargaine and sale therof, except ỹ same bargaine and sale be made by writing indented sealed and enrolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at Westminster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & solde lie or be, before the custos Rotulorũ .& .ii. iustices of the peace and the clerke of the peace of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: & the same enrolment to be had & made within six monethes next after the date of the same writinges indẽted, the same custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke taking for the enrolment of euery such writing indented before them, where the land compriſed in the same writinge extede not the yerely value of .xl.s. two shillinges, that is to saie. xii.d. to the iustices, and. xii. d. to the clerke: & for the inrollement of euerye suche writing endented before them, wherein the lande compriſed extede the som of .xl.s. yerely value. x.s. that is to saye, ii.s. vi d, to the said iustices, and .ii.s. vi.d. to the saide clerke for the enroling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the time being within euery suche countie, shall sufficientlye enrol and engroſſe in parchement the same dedes or writinges indented, as is afore saide, & the rolles therof at the end of euery yere shal deliuer vnto the said Custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the time beinge, there to remayne in the custodie of the sayde custos Rotulorum for the time being amõgest other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any such enrolementes shalbe so made, to thentent that euery partie that hath to do therwith maie resorte and se the effect & tenour

of euery such writing so enrolled.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this act, nor any thing therin conteined, extende to any maner landes tenementes or hereditamentes, lieng or being within any citie borough or towne corporate within this realme, wherin ẏ maires recordres, chamberlaines, bailiffes, or other officer or officers haue auctoritie or haue lawfully vsed to enrol any euidences dedes or other writinges within thier precinct or limittes, any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte concerninge suche as bene put in truste by their maisters, and after doe robbe them. Cap. xvii.

WHere before this time diuers & many euil disposed persõs haue often & many times takẽ & stollẽ fro their maisters & maistresses diuers Jewels, plate, monei, & other goods & catalles, to ẏ great hurt & losses of their said maisters & maistresses. And not withstanding ẏ heinous offence cõtrary to the trust that the maister or maistres putteth in ẏ seruantes, & contrary to the faith that the seruant of duety shuld beare to his maister or maistres, yet when they haue bene arraigned of the said felonies, many of thẽ haue ben admitted to their clergie, & some of them haue bene admitted to take the priuilege of sainctuary, as other felons haue bene for offences not so heinous, to the great boldenesse of other persons to commit suche like offence. Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed, by the kinge our soueraigne lorde with thassent of the lordes spyrytuall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, if that from henseforthany seruant for the time being in seruice of any person or persons happen to steale or feloniously take awaye any Jewels, money, plate, or other goodes, or catteles of his sayde maister or maistresse, or if hereafter any seruante, to whome any caskette, Jewelles money, goodes, or catteles, shall be deliuered by the saide mayster or maistresse, or by any other to their vse, withdrawe them selfe fro their sayde maysters or maistresses, and goe awaye wyth hys sayde caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other catteles, or any part therof contrary to the truste and confidence to him or them putte by his or their sayde mayster or maistresse, or elles beynge in the seruice of his sayde maister or maistresse, without thassent or commaundemente of hys sayde maister or maistresse, he embesill the same caskette, iewelles, money, goodes or cateiles, or anye part therof, or otherwise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with like purpose to stele it, if the said caskettes, iewels, plate, money, goodes, or cattels, ẏ any such person shall take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl.s, or aboue or if the saide caskettes, iewels goodes, money, or cattels, that any such seruant after deliuery of the same, shall go awaye with, or whiche he shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is afore saide, be of the value of xl.s

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or abone, that then euery such seruant, that so shall steale fro his said maister or maistres ani such iewels goodes or catels, or imbesel any casket iewelles money plate or other goodes to him deliuered, in maner before rehersed, & be founde giltie therof, or of any parcell of the same, according to the law of the lande, or vpon his arrainemēt before any Justice confesse the same, shal from henceforth be put from his clergie, & be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery such person or persons, that so shall steale the goodes of his said maister or maistres or imbesill that that so to him shall be deliuered, as is aforesaide, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl. s. as is aforesaide, shall lose the priuilege of all sainctuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

An acte for the preseruacion of the riuer of Thamise: Cap. xviii.

Where before this time ỳ riuer of Thamis among al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken & as it is in dede most commodious and profitable to al the kinges liege people, and chiefly of all other frequented and vsed as wel by the kings highnes, his estates and nobles marchantes and other repairing to the citie of London & other places shires and counties adioyninge to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamis is and hath bene most mete and conuenient of al other for the sauegarde and orderinge of the kinges Naue, conueyance of marchandises, and other necessaries to and for the kinges most honorable household, and otherwise to the great relefe and comfort of al persons within this realme till now of late dyuers and euil disposed persons partly by misorderynge of the sayde riuer by castinge in of dunge and other filthe laied nighe the bankes of the said riuer, digginge and vndermining of the bankes and walles nert adioyning to the same riuer, carienge and conueiynge away of wayeshydes, shores, pyles, bordes, timber worke, balast for shippes, and other thinges from the said bankes and walles in sundry places: by reason wherof great shelpes and risinges haue of late bene made and growē in the fayr waye of the saide ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the leuell of the said water marke by occasion therof haue ben surrounded and ouerflowen by rage of the saide water, and many great breaches haue ensued and followed thereupon, and dayly are like to doe, and the saide riuer of Thamis to be vtterly destroyed for euer, if conuenient and spedy remedie be not ỳ soner prouided in that behalfe.

For reformacion whereof be it enacted established and ordeined by the king our soueraigne lorde, and by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thing

to be done in the annoying of the ſtreme in the ſayd ryuer of Thames, makinge of ſhelpes by any maner of meanes by mininge, diggynge, caſtinge of dunge, rubbiſhe or other thinge in the ſame ryuer, or take plucke or conueye away anye boordes, ſtakes, pilers, timber woorke, or other thing from the ſayd bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the ſame againe or digge or vndermine any bankes or walles vpon the water ſyde of Thames aforeſayd, to the hurt impayring or damage of any of the ſayd walles, or bankes: Than the ſaid perſon or perſons and euery of them ſhal forfayte and paye for euery time ſo offendinge, one hundred ſhillinges, the one moyty thereof to be to the king our ſouereigne lord, & the other moity thereof to the maior & comminalty of London for the tyme beinge, the ſame to bee recouered and obtayned by the maior and comminaltye of London, by byll plaint writ of det or information ſeuerally againſt euery offendour in any of the kinges courtes, in which actions and ſuites or any of them the party defendant ſhal not be eſſoyned nor wage his lawe, nor any protection to be allowed in the ſame.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctority aforeſayde, that if complainte ſhall happen to be made to the Lord Chauncellour of Englande, Lord treaſurer lorde Preſident of the kings counſell, lord priuy ſeale, or to any of them, by anye perſon or perſons or body politicke, that ſir Thomas Sperte knyghte, now hauing the office and ordering of and for balaſting for ſhippes, or any other that hereafter ſhall haue the ſaide office and order for balaſtinge of ſhippes, do take any balaſt for ſhippes neare to the ſayd ryuer of Thames, & doe not take for parcell of the ſaide balaſtinge the grauell and ſande of the ſhelpes betweene Grenehythe and Richmonde wythin the ſayde ryuer of Thames, or in any place or places, that is or ſhalbe to the damage or annoiaunce of the ſayd ryuer of Thames, or any part thereof: that then vpon euerye ſuche complainte the ſayde Lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treaſurer, lorde Preſidente of the kinges moſt honourable counſell, lord priuye Seale, and euerye of theym, callinge both the chiefe iuſtices of euerye benche or one of them, ſhall haue power and auctority from time to time, to here and finally determine euery ſuch complaint by theyr diſcreacions, and to put ſuch order therin, and for taking of baleſt for ſhippes vppon euery ſuch complaint, as by theyr diſcretions ſhall ſeeme moſt conuenient for the conſeruation of the ſaid ryuer of Thames: and the parties offending ſuch order, ſhall ſuffer impriſonmente, and make no leſſe fine than fiue pounde to the kynges vſe, for euery tyme offendinge or breaking the ſame.

¶ Prouided alwayes & be it enacted, that it ſhalbe lawfull to euery perſon and perſons to digge cary and take awaye ſand grauell or anye other rubbiſhe earth or thing lying or beinge in or vppon anye ſhelpe or ſhelpes wythin the ſayd ryuer of Thames, without let or interruption of any perſon or perſons, or paying any thing for the ſame, anye thing contayned in this preſent act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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An acte limitting an order for sainctuaryes and sainctu-
rie persons. Cap. xix

WHere vpon trust of sainctuaries and the licencious liberties that heretofore haue bē and yet daily ben vsed in the same, diuers persons haue bene the more bolde to perpetrate and commit manye detestable murders, rapes, robberies, thestes, and other mischeuous detestable & abhominable dedes, for that they haue bene alwaies releued, ayded and succurred by the sainctuaries, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premisses, to the most greuous displeasure of almighty god, and extreme detriment, and hurt of the kinges subiectes: In auoidinge of suche presumptuous boldenes, It is enacted ordeyned and established by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctho*r*itie of the same, that all and singuler person or persōs, which now be or at any time hereafter shalbe priuileged in any sainctuary, within any of the kinges dominiōs for murder or felony, from the fyrst day of May nert comminge, shall dayly, when so euer he or they be without the house or māsion, wherin they haue theyr lodginge weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery sainctuarye to bee assigned and appoynted, openly vppon their vpper garment, of the compasse in length and breadth of tenne inches, vpon paine that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of them beynge out of the sayde house or mansion, wherein he hath his saide lodging, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisaunce, clearly to lose and forfayte his or their priuilege and aduantage of sainctuary. And that it shalbe lawfull to all and singuler the kinges subiectes to apprehende and take euerye such offender and offenders, beinge without his badge or cognisance, as aforesaide: and him to bringe out of the sainctuary into the nert gaole, there to remaine vnto the nert gaole deliuerie, and then to be tried accordinge to the due course and order of the lawe as though he had neuer ben priuileged in any suche sainctuarie,

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesaid, that no maner of ỹ said priuileged persōs, at any time hereafter beare, occupie or weare vpon them any maner of sworde knife or other wepon, other than their meate kniues, and the same meate kniues but at their meales only, vpō pein as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the saide auctho*r*ite, that if any of the saide priuileged persons at any time after the said firste day of May, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken oute of his or their lodging, before the son rising in the morninge, or after the sonne goinge downe in the eueninge, the same priuileged personne so founde apprehended or taken shall at the fyrste time, for his so offendinge, suffre imprisonment within the same saincturye by the space of two daies, and at the second time to haue imprisonment by

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the ſpace of ſire daies, and at the thirde time that he ſhall be ſo founden apprehended or taken oute of his ſaide lodginge, contrary to the order before mencioned, and the ſame being ſubſtancially proued by indifferent proues thereof to be made before the lorde chauncellour of Englande for the time being to forfait and loſe his or their priuilege of ſainctuary.

Also be it further enacted by the ſaid auctoritie, that if any maner of ſainctuarie perſon or perſons of prepenſed malice at any time hereafter doe reſiſte or reſiſte any of the gouernours aforeſaide, or their deputies, in executinge of their office in takinge and impriſoninge of any of the perſons priuileged, offendinge contrarye to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they that ſhall fortune to make reſiſtewes: ſhalbe hereafter taken out of ſainctuarie, and to ſuffre and be tried as felons in euery thinge.

And ouer that be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that all maner of contractes of det vnder xl.s. treſpaces & couenantes, that at any time hereafter ſhall happen to be made or growe within any of the ſaid ſaynctuaries betweene any of the ſaid priuileged perſon or perſons and other inhabitantes within any ſuch ſainctuarie that the gouernour or their deputie of any of the ſame ſainctuaries, where any ſuch contract treſpas or couenant ſhall fortune to be made grow or be, as is aforeſaid, ſhal haue full power & auctoritie by this preſent act, to order iudge and determine the ſame, accordinge as it ſhalbe dewly there proued afore the ſaide gouernour or gouernours.

An act concerning an order for tithes through the realme. Ca. xx.

For as much as diuers numbres of euil diſpoſed perſons inhabited in ſundrye cōtries, cities, townes, & places of this realm, hauing no reſpect to their duties to almighti god but againſt right & good cōſcience haue attēpted to ſubtract & withold in ſome places ỳ whole, & in ſome places great partes, of their tithes & oblaciōs alwel perſonal as prediall dewe vnto god and holy Churche, and purſewynge ſuche their deteſtable enormities and iniuries, haue attempted in late time paſt to diſobey contemne and diſpiſe the proceſſe, lawes and decrees of the eccleſiaſtical courtes of this realme, in more temerous and large maner than before this tyme hath bene ſene. For reformacion of whiche ſaide iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preſerued amongeſt the kinges ſubiectes of this realme, our ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, beynge ſupreme head in earthe vnder god of the Churche of Englande, willinge the ſpirituall ryghtes and duties of that Churche, to be preſerued continued and mainteined, hath ordeined and enacted by auctho̅itte of this preſent parliament, that euerye of his ſubiectes of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, and Cales, and marches of the ſame accordinge to the eccleſiaſticall lawes and ordynaunces of his church of Englande, & after the laudable vſages and cuſtomes of their pariſh or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, ſhal yeld

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and pale his tithes offeringes and other duties of holy churche: And that for such subtractions of any of the saide tithes, offerynges or other dutyes the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, may by dewe proces of the kinges ecclesiasticall lawes of the churche of England conuēt the person or persons so offendyng before his ordinary, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauinge auctoritie to here and determine the right of tithes, and also to compell the same person or persons offendinge to do and yelde their sayd dewties in that behalfe. And in case the ordinary of the diocesse, or his commissary, or the archdecon or his officiall, or anye other competent iudge aforesaid, for any contempte contumacy disobedience or other misdemeanour of the partie defendant, make informacyon and requeste to any of the kinges most honorable counsell, or to the iustices of the peace of the shire where such offendour dwelleth, to assist or ayde the same ordinary commissary archdecon officiall or iudge, to order or reformme any suche person in any cause before rehersed: That then he of the kinges saide honorable counsaile, or such two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of ỳ Quorum, to whom suche informacion or request shalbe made, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act to attache or cause to be attached the person or persons against whome such informacion or request shall be made. And to commit the same person or persons to warde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, till that he or they shall haue founde sufficient suertie, to be bounde by recognisaunce or otherwise before the kinges saide counsaylour, or iustice of peace, or anye other like counsailour or Justice of peace, to the vse of our saide soueraigne lorde the kinge, to giue due obedience to the proces procedinges decrees and sentences of the ecclesiasticall court of this realme, wherin such suite or matter for the premisses shal depēde or be. And that euery of the kinges said cōcellours, or two iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforesaid, shall haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this act to take receiue and recorde recognisances & obligacions in any of the causes aboue written.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined shall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the citie of London, for or concerninge any maner of tithe offeringe or other ecclesiasticall dutie growen and due to be paied or yelden within the same citie, because there is an other order made for the paiment of tithes and other duties within the saide citie.

¶ Prouided also that euerye person and persons, beinge partie or parties, to any such suite, shall and may make and haue his and theyr lawful action demaunde or persecution appeles prohibicions, and al other theyr lawefull defences and remedies in euery suche suite, accordinge to the saide ecclesiasticall lawes, and lawes and statutes of this realme, in as ample and liberall maner and fourme, as they or anye of them might haue had, yf thys acte had neuer bene made: Any thing in this acte aboue written not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde that, thys

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acte for recouering of tithes, ne any thing therin conteined, shall take force or effect, but onely vntill suche time as the kinges highnes, and suche other xxvii. persons, which hys highnes shall name and appointe for the makinge and establishinge of suche lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiasticall lawes, of his churche of Englande. And after the saide lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesaid, that then the said tithes to be paied to euery ecclesiasticall person, accordinge to suche lawes, and none otherwise.

An acte lymittinge an order for paiment of tithes within the citie of London. Cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament that al and euerye the citezens and inhabitauntes of the citie of London, and suburbes within the liberties of the same, shal at thys present time of Easter next cõming paye vnto the curates of ỳ said citie and suburbes, al suche and like summes of money for tithes, oblacions and other duties, as the said citesens and inhabitaunts by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other the kinges most honourable counsaile and the kinges proclamacion, payed or oughte to haue payde by force and vertue of the said order, at Easter that was in ỳ yere of our lord god M.D.XXXV. And the same payementes so to continue from time to time, vntill such time as any other order or lawe shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kinges highnes, and the .xxvii. persons by hys grace to be named, as well for the full stablishment concerning the paimẽt of all tithes oblacions and other duties of the inhabitauntes within ỳ saide citie & suburbes within the liberties of the same, as for ỳ makinge of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of Englande. And that euery person denying to pay as is aforesaide, shall by the commaundement of the mayre of London for the time being, be committed to prison, there to remaine vntill such time as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for theyr said oblacions and other duties, as is aforesaide.

An act concerning decay of houses and inclosers. Cap. xvii.

WHere as in the fourth yere of ỳ reign of the noble king of famous memorie Henry the vii. father to the kinges highnes our soueraigne lord that now is, it was ordeined established & enacted amongest other thinges, ỳ euery owner of any mese, which within thre yeres next before ỳ same 4. yere, was or after ỳ time should be letten to ferme with .xx. acres of land at ỳ least, lieng in tillage & husbãdry, should be bounde to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mese cõueniently for ỳ maintenãce of husbãdry & tillage: & if any owner of ỳ same shuld fortune to occupy

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any such mese or lande in his owne handes, he should be bounde to vpholde and susteine the same, as is before rehersed: And if anye persone happened to do the contrary, than it should be lefull vnto the kinge, or vnto the lordes of whom any such mese or landes, is holden immediately, to take perely the one halfe of thissues and profites of all and euery suche tenement, without paying any thinge for the same, vntill suche time as the housinge should be builded, or reedified againe, and the landes therof conuerted into tillage: and that no person should haue claime or chalenge any freholde in the same land or tenementes by takinge of any such profits, but only that it shoulde be lefull vnto the kinge and other lordes to dystrayne for the payemente of the moite of the perely issues reuenues and profits of the same, like as in the said act more at length is conteyned. By reason of which said statute and ordenance diuers and many meses which be holden immediatly of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben builded and reedified, and the landes thereunto belonging conuerted againe into their first nature of tillage and husbandry, according to the tenoure and purport of the said good and gracious acte. And all other such meses and landes as be holden immedyate of any other lordes, be and remaine vnto this presente daye prostrate vnbuilded, and the landes therof conuerted and emploied onely into pasture, and to no other purpose, to the great decay of all maner of victuals wythin this realme, and to the derogacion and hinderance of the common welth of the same many waies. And for as much as in the said acte was no other remedie prouided for and against all those persons that do or shoulde holde anye manours meses, lãdes or tenementes of other lordes, for not repayringe & reedifieng of the houses, and conuerting the sayde landes into tyllage and husbandry, according to the true and vertuous meaninge of the same good acte, but onely euerye lorde immediate moughte haue and distraine for the moitie of the profittes of all and euery suche meese and landes, decayed in fourme aforesaide, as in the same acte amonge other thinges more at lẽgth it is declared. And also for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the sayde good acte in due and playne execution, accordynge to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great numbre of the houses meses tenementes and acres of land, which at the making of the said good act were in ruine and decay, and the landes therof conuerted from tillage into pasture, do yet remaine vnbuilded vnreedified, & al the landes to them belonging hitherto be kept and vsed into pasture, and not conuerted againe into tillage, according to the purporte true meaning and intentent of the said acte. And so by this meanes diuers and sundry persons whiche holde not their landes and tenementes immedyate of the kynges highnes, haue and dayly do from time to time decay and let fall downe no small numbre of meses and houses of husbandry: And also do conuerte the landes of the same from tillage and husbandrie into pasture, to the moste perilious example of al other beinge in like case, and to the greatest abuse & disorder of the natural soyle of the ground, that by any maner of inuencion

coulde be practised or imagined. Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and estab-
lished by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by the lordes spyrytuall and
temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by
thauctoritie of the same, that the kyng our soueraigne lorde, hys heyres and
successours, from and after the feast of saincte Michaell tharchangell, which
shall bee in the yeare of our lorde God. M.D.XXXVIII. shall take and haue
the moitie of all issues, reuenues, rentes & profites coming & growing of al
and singuler meses, landes & tenementes now and the remaining inclosed
decaied or conuerted from tillage into pasture, cõtrary to the tenour & true
meaning of the said acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kynge Henry the
vii. and being at this present daye so founde alredy by office and verdite of
xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any time by like office and verdite shall bee
founde, of whome so euer they be holden, which haue ben decaied and con-
uerted from tillage into pasture sythe three yeres nexte before the forsayde
fourth yere of the reigne of the saide noble kinge Henry the. vii. vntill suche
time as the owner of the saide meses, landes, & tenementes shal haue buil-
ded and redified agayne in and vppon conuenient places of the sayde me-
ses, landes, and tenementes for euery fiftie acres, fortye acres, or thirtie a-
cres of land, one sufficient tenemẽt mete for an honest man to dwell in and
also vntill suche time as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused all the
said landes so misused to be conuerted from pasture into tillage againe, ac-
cordinge to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the coun-
trey where anye suche landes do lie, and accordynge to the true entent and
meaning of the saide acte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf
any owner of landes and tenemẽtes, at any time after the last day of Aprill
in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXVI decaye any house of husbandrye
hauing .xx. acres of errable lande at the leaste therunto lienge in tillage or
conuert the same lande into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning
of the said acte: than if the lorde of whom any such house and lande be them
holden immediatly, do not take the benefite of the said acte, concernyng ta-
king of the moitie of the profittes of the same house and landes so mysused
as is aboue reherced, within one yere nexte after the sayd decay, or wythin
one yere nexte after the conuertinge of the sayde lande from tillage into pa-
sture, the kinges highnes in default of the sayd lordes immediate, shall and
maye from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moitie
of al the issues reuennes and profittes commyng and growing of the same
house and landes so decayed or conuerted from tillage into pasture, vntyll
such time as the owner of the saide house and landes so misused haue redi-
fied the same house, & cõuerted and put the same landes againe into tillage
accordinge to the nature of the soile & course of husbandry vsed in the coun-
trey there, as is aboue reherced.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that the kinges highnes shall not haue clayme or cha-
lenge any freholde, or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takinge of the

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moitye of anye such profites, nor that any lorde of whom any such meses or landes be holden, shal lose ne forfait any their tenures seruice or other their right of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successours shal haue ful power by vertue of this present act, after the finding alwaies of any office or offices from time to time, onely to distraine for payment of the moity of the yearely issues reuenues and profites of all such landes and tenementes, as be vnto the kinges highnes limitted and appointed by this act, according to the true intent and meaning of the same acte, vntill suche time as the true intente and purpose of this presente acte shalbe duly and truly put in execution in euery behalfe to all intentes, as is before declared.

Prouided also that this act nor any thing therin cõtayned, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any infant within the age of xxi. yeres, nor to any person or persons being oute of the kinges realme for anye issues and profites to be leuied perceyued or taken by vertue of this present act, as long as they shalbe within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extend to any marsh or fenne groundes, nor to any manours, landes, tenementes, being enclosed at this present day, within any forest, parke or chase, wherein be dere belonginge vnto the kinges highnes, or to any temporall lord, knight or squyre, of this realme of England or Wales, so that they haue lycence obteyned at this present daye of the kinges saide highnes, or of anye his noble progenitours to imparke the same, & also that haue compowned with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfyed for the same: any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this present act extẽd not nor be in any wise hurtful or preiudicial vnto any owners of any landes or tenements in any cõtties of this realme of Englãd, but onely vnto all & euery the counties hereafter specifyed, ỳ is to say, the cõtties of Lincolne, Notinghã, Leicestour, Warwike, Rutland, Northampton, Bedford, Bukingham, Oxforde, Berk. the Isle of wight, Worceter, Hert and Cambridge.

¶ An act for the preseruation of hauens and portes in the counties of Deuon and Cornwall. Cap. xviii.

Where by a statute made in this present parliament for & concerning the amending and mayntenaunce of the Hauens & portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth and Foweye, in the countye of Deuonshyre and Cornwal, among other things it was ordeyned and enacted, ỳ no person or personnes, from and after the feaste of S. Michaell tharchangell, which was in the xviii. yeare of the raygne of the kynges highnes that now is, should labour or worke, or cause to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tin workes called stremworkes, wythin the sayde counties of Deuonshyre or Cornewall, nighe to anye of the freshe waters, ryuers or low places, discending or hauinge course vnto the sayde hauens or portes, or anye of them, nor shoulde labour digge or washe anye

coulde be practised or imagined. Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and estab-
lished by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by the lordes spyrytuall and
temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by
thauctoritie of the same, that the kyng our soueraigne lorde, hys heyres and
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meaning of the said acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kynge Henry the
vii. and being at this present daye so founde alredy by office and verdite of
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founde, of whome so euer they be holden, which haue ben decaied and con-
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fourth yere of the reigne of the saide noble kinge Henry the. vii. vntill suche
time as the owner of the saide meses, landes, & tenementes shal haue buil-
ded and reedified againe in and vppon conuenient places of the sayde me-
ses, landes, and tenementes for euery fiftie acres, foretye acres, or thirtie a-
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also vntill suche time as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused all the
said landes so misused to be conuerted from pasture into tillage againe, ac-
cordinge to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the coun-
trey where anye suche landes do lie, and accordynge to the true entent and
meaning of the saide acte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf
any owner of landes and tenemẽtes, at any time after the last day of Aprill
in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXVI. decaye any house of husbandrye
hauing .xx. acres of errable lande at the leaste therunto lienge in tillage or
conuert the same lande into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning
of the said acte: than if the lorde of whom any such house and lande by them
holden immediatly, do not take the benefite of the said acte, concernyng ta-
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lenge any freholde, or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takinge of the

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moitye of anye ſuch profites, nor that any lorde of whom any ſuch meſes or landes be holden, ſhal loſe ne forfait any their tenures ſeruice or other their right of and in the ſame, but only that his highnes his heires & ſucceſſours ſhal haue ful power by vertue of this preſent act, after the finding alwaies of any office or offices from time to time, onely to diſtraine for payment of the moity of the yearely iſſues reuenues and profites of all ſuch landes and tenementes, as be vnto the kinges highnes limitted and appointed by this act, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame acte, vntill ſuche time as the true intente and purpoſe of this preſente acte ſhalbe dulye and truly put in execution in euery behalfe to all intentes, as is before declared.

Prouided alſo that this act nor any thing therin cõtayned, be in any wiſe preiudiciall or hurtfull to any infant within the age of xxi. yeres, nor to any perſon or perſons being oute of the kinges realme for anye iſſues and profites to be leuied perceyued or taken by vertue of this preſent act, as long as they ſhalbe within age, or out of this realme, nor ſhall extend to any marſh or fenne groundes, nor to any manours, landes, tenementes, being encloſed at this preſent day, within any foreſt, parke or chaſe, wherein be dere belonginge vnto the kinges highnes, or to any tẽporall lord, knight or squyre, of this realme of England or Wales, ſo that they haue lycence obteyned at this preſent daye of the kinges ſaide highnes, or of anye his noble progenitours to imparke the ſame, & alſo that haue compowned with the owners therof, that the ſame owners be ſatiſfyed for the ſame: any thing in this act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes that this preſent act extẽd not nor be in any wiſe hurtful or preiudicial vnto any owners of any landes or tenements in any cõſtities of this realme of Englãd, but onely vnto all & euery the counties hereafter ſpecifyed, ẏ is to ſay, the cõſtities of Lincolne, Notinghã, Leiceſtour, Warwike, Rutland, Northampton, Bedford, Bukingham, Orforde, Berks. the Iſle of Wight, Worceter, Hert and Cambridge.

¶ An act for the preſeruation of hauens and portes in the counties of Deuon and Cornwall. Cap. xxiii.

Where by a ſtatute made in this preſent parliament for & concerning the amending and mayntenaunce of the Hauens & portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth and Foweye, in the countye of Deuonſhyre and Cornwal, among other things it was ordeyned and enacted, ẏ no perſon or perſonnes, from and after the feaſte of S. Michaell tharchangell, which was in the xxiiij. yeare of the raygne of the kynges highnes that now is, ſhould labour or worke, or cauſe to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tin works called ſtreamworks, wythin the ſayde counties of Deuonſhyre or Cornewall, nighe to anye of the freſhe waters, ryuers or lowe places, diſcending or hauinge courſe vnto the ſayde hauens or portes, or anye of them, nor ſhoulde labour digge or waſhe anye

tinne in any of the said tin workes, called streame workes, onlesse the sayde digger, owner, or washer should make or cause to be made sufficiēt hatches and ties in the end of their puddels and cordes, and therin put & lay, or cause to be put and layd all the said stones grauel and robel digged aboute thenserching finding & washing of the sayd tinne, there to be wholy and surelye kept by the sayd hatches and tyes out and from ẏ sayd fresh ryuers or water courses or any of them, so that the said stones grauell and robel ne anye part therof, be for lacke of such hatches or tyes conueyed into the sayd portes and hauens, or anye of them, vpon payne to forfaite for euery time that any owner or digger should digge or wash, or cause to be digged or washed any tinne contrary to the forme aforesaide & it. Thone halfe thereof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe therof to be to any of the inhabitaunts of the sayd port townes or hauens, that would sue for the same in anye of the kinges courtes by originall writte, bille, plainte, information or otherwise, wherin the defendant should not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne anye protection or essoine shoulde be allowable, as in the sayd acte among other thinges more plainly is expressed and declared.

And because syth the makinge of the sayde statute, the inhabitauntes of the sayd port townes or hauens, haueinge litle regarde respecte loue or affection to the amending and maintenance of the same townes and hauens, nor to their posteritye, as they ben naturally bounden and obliged, haue permitted and suffred the sayde owners and diggers to perseuer and continue in digging searching & washing of tin, nigh the sayd fresh waters, riuers, or low places, not making sufficientē hatches & tyes, as by the sayde statute is prouided & ordeined without any maner of suite comēsed or pursued by ẏ said inhabitātes, according to the tenour of the said act, to the great animation and encourage of the offendours, and to thutter vndoinge and destruction of the said port townes, and hauens. The kinges maiestye minding and entending the supportacion and maintenaunce of his sayd townes, and hauens, and the animaduertion and correction of the said offendours, hath by the assent of the lords spiritual & tēporall, & the cōmons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, ordeyned, enacted & stablished, that no person or persons hereafter shall labour or woorke, or cause to be labored or wrought in any maner of tin works, called streme works within the sayd counties of Deuonshyre or Cornewal, nighe to any of the sayde fresh waters ryuers or low places, dissendinge or hauinge course vnto the sayd hauens or ports, or any of them, nor shall labour digge or wash any tin in any of the sayd tinne workes, called streme works, onles the sayd digger, owner, or washer shal make or cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes in the ende of their puddles and cordes, and therein put and laye, or cause to be put and layde all the sayde stones, grauell, and robbell, digged aboute thenserchinge, findinge, and washinge of the sayde tin, there to be wholye and surely kept by the sayd hatches and tyes, out and from the sayde freshe riuers or water courses, or any of thē: so that the sayd sand, stones, grauel, &

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tobell, ne any part therof, be for lacke of such hatches or tyes conueyed into the sayd portes and hauens, or any of them, vpon paine to forfaite for euerye time, that any owner, tynner, digger, or laborer shal digge or wash or cause to be digged or washed, anye tinne contrarye to the fourme aforesaide xx. li. Thone halfe therof to be to the vse of his highnes, and thother halfe therof to be to anye his graces subiectes, that will sue for the same in anye of his graces courtes by original writ bill plaint information or other wise, wherin the defendante shal not be admitted to wage his law, ne anye protection or essoine shalbe allowable.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that if anye person or personnes shall happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amersed, condempned, or otherwyse vexed or troubled in his person, landes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattells by anye of the ministers or officers of anye the kinges courtes of stannery, or by anye other person or personnes for pursuinge, or attempting any suite or action accordinge to this statute, agaynst such person or persons as shall offende contrarye to the fourme aforesayde: that then all such suites accusementes, inditementes, imprisonmentes, actions, condemnations, fines amerciamentes, and euery other acte or actes to be done in anye of the saide courtes of stannerye, or els where, by anye person or personnes against any person or persons for suyng or attempting any suites or actions by vertue of this statute, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effect in the law. And that the party sued, indited, accused, imprisoned, or otherwise greeued or molested for pursuinge against anye person or persons offending this statute, shal haue his action and remedy grounded vppon this statute by original writte, bil, plainte, information, or otherwyse in anye of the kinges courtes, against such as shall procure, or attempt, to vexe, trouble, or otherwyse molest any such personne or persons for sewinge or pursuing of the forfaitures aforesaide, & shall recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the party defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, essoine, nor priuilege shalbe to him allowable.

And if it shall happen any person or personnes, for pursuing any suite or action vppon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprysoned by any maner of person or personnes beinge officers or ministers of ye court of stannerye, their Deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iustices of peace within any of the countyes aforesayd, wherein the sayde prisoner shal happen to be comitted to prison, vpon credible information therof, takinge suretye by his discretion for apparaunce of such prisoner at the next generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and aucthoritye as well to directe his warrante to the gaoler or keeper of the prison, as to anye other person or persons, to whom the said prisoner shal be committed vnto, commaundinge him or theym vppon payne of forfaiture of xl.li. to deliuer and put at large the sayde prisoner or prisoners: which if hee refuse so to do, then euery such offendour shall lose and forfaite the said xl.li. The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king, & thother

halfe to him that is greeued by reason of such imprisonment, to be restored in maner and forme aforesaid. And the defendant in any action or suite for the same shall not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protectiō alowed. And if it shall apeare vpon thappearance of such prisoner at the quarter sessions by examination of the Justicers of peace there being, that hee was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this Statute: that then he shal be forthwith dismissed and thereby discharged. And if he were lawfully imprisoned for any other iust cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discretion of the sayd Justicers.

Prouided alway, that this act or any thinge therein contayned be not in anye wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to anye of the officers of the stannerye, ne to any of theyr lawfull liberties, priuileges, vsages, lawes or customes, saiuing onely in the cases and provisions contayned and limitted within this present acte: which shall alway be put in execution, according to the tenour of this act: any vsage custome priuilege ordinaunce or liberty to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

An act for recontinuing of certaine liberties and franchises heretofore taken from the crowne. Cap. xiij.

WHere diuers of the most auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Justice, appertayning to the imperial crowne of this realme haue bene seuerally taken from the same by sundrye gifftes of the kinges most noble progenitours kinges of this realme, to the great diminution and detrimente of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance & great delay of iustice. For reformation whereof be it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that no person or persons of what estate or degree soeuer they be of, from the first daye of July whych shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde God. 1536. shall haue anye power or auctority to pardō or remit any treasons, murders, manslaughters, or anye kinde of felonies, whatsoeuer they be: nor anye accessaryes to anye treasons, murders, manslaughters or felonies: or anye bclaries for anye such offences aforesayd, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter be cōmitted, done, or diuulged by or against any person or persons in anye parties of this realme, wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kinges highnes, his heires and successours kinges of this realme, shall haue the hole and sole power and auctority thereof vnited and knit to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as of good right and equity it apertayneth, any graunts, vsages, prescription, act or actes of parliament or any other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

And be it also enacted by auctoritye aforesaide, that no person or persons of what estate, degree or condition soeuer they be, from the sayd first day of July, shal haue any power or auctority to make any Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliuerye: but that all such

such officers and ministers shalbe made by letters patentes vnder the kinges greate seale, in the name and by auctorytye of the kinges highnes, and his heires kinges of this realme, in al shires, counties, counties palantine, and other places of this realme, Wales, and marches of the same, or in anye other his dominions, at their pleasure and willes, in such maner and forme as Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole deliuery be commonly made in euery shyre of this realme, any grantes vsages, prescription, allowance, act or actes of parliament, or any other thing or thinges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by auctorytye of this present parliament, that all originall writtes, and iudicial writtes, and all maner of inditements of treason, felony and trespasse, and all maner of proces to be made vppon the same in euerye countye palantine and other libertye within this realme of Englande, Wales, and marches of the same, shall from the sayde first day of July, be made only in the name of our sayde soueraigne lord the kinge, and his heires kinges of Englande. And that euerye person or persons, havinge such countye palantine, or anye other such libertye to make such originalls iudicials, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Teste in the said original writtes & iudicial in the name of that same person or persons, that haue such county palantine or liberty. And that in euery writ and inditemente that shall bee made within any suche countye palantine or libertye, after the sayde first daye of Julye nexte comminge, whereby it shalbe supposed anye thinge to be done againste the kinges peace, shall bee made and supposed to bee done onelye againste the kinges peace, his heyres and successours, and not against the peace, of any other person or persons, whatsoeuer they bee, anye act of Parliamente graunt, custome, vsage, or allowance in Eeire before this time had, graunted, or vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, that iustices of assises, Justices of gaole deliuery, and iustices of peace to be made and assigned by the kinges highnes within the countye palantine of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by cõmission vnder the kinges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and fourme as hath bin accustomed, any thing in this act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all citties, boroughes and townes corporate within this realme, which haue libertye, power and auctorytye to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliuerye, shall still haue and enioye their libertyes and auctorytyes in that behalfe, after suche like manner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this act, any thinge in this acte, or in anye article therein conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And it is ordeyned by auctority aforesayde, that all stewards, bayliffes, and other mynisters of anye liberties or fraunchises, which in time passed haue vsed or ought to attende vppon the Justices of assise, iustices of gaole deliuery, and iustices of the peace at large in any countye, shalbe attendant

to the Justices of assise, Justices of goale deliuerye, and Justices of peace of the same shyres, wherin such liberties and francheses bee, and make due execution of al proces to thē to be directed, for ministration of iustice within such liberties or franchises. And that also al such bayliffes, or their deputies or deputy, shall giue their attendance and assistance vppon the sheriffe together with the sheriffes bayliffes at all courtes of gaole deliuerye from time to time for execution of prisoners according to iustice.

Prouided alway, that the article nerte aboue rehearsed, shall not in anye wyse be preiudiciall to any stewardes or bayliffes of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in anye shyre of this realme, which haue priuilege that they should not be compelled to attend or appere out of such cities, boroughes, or towns, wherin they inhabite, but that euery such city, borough and towne corporate, shal vse their sayd priuileges and liberties as heretofore hath ben accustomed, any thing in any of the articles aboue rehersed to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours kinges of this realme, from the said first day of July nert comming, shall haue all maner fines, issues, amerciamentes and forfaitures, that shalbe lost, forfaite, or assessed, by or vpon anye stewardes, bayliffes, or any other mynisters, or officers of anye franches or liberties for none execution, or misexecution or insufficient returnes of such writtes, warrantes, preceptes, or other proces, which to them or any of thē or to anye their deputy or deputies shalbe directed, or for any contempte or other misdemeanour, whatsoeuer it be, concerning theyr offices in and for the due execution or administration of iustice, any graunt or allowaunce, or other thing to the cōtrary hereof notwithstandinge. And that the amerciaments for insufficient returnes of writtes or other processe made by stewards or bayliffes of libertyes or franchises, hauing returnes of writtes & execution of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the heades of such stewards or bailiffes, and not vpon the sheriffes.

And furthermore it is enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that purueyours assigned by the kinges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & theyr children, shall and may prouide all vitailes, corne, and other kindes of thinges, whatsoeuer it be, accordinge to their cōmissions, as well within libertyes and franchises as without, any grantes, allowance, or other thing to the contrary or let thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that such purueiours shall obserue the statutes for them prouided in euery behalfe.

And ouer this it is ordayned by auctority aforesayd, that in all such places, wher so euer the kinges highnes in his owne moste royall persone shall come to reste, tarye, abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within liberty or wythout, there and wythin the berge limitted and accustomed to his graces courte, duringe the tyme of his abode, his grace, his stewarde, Marshall, Coroner, and all other hys mynisters

sters, shal & may kepe their courtes for iustice, & exercise their offices as shal apperteine to them, accordinge to ỳ lawes, custome & statutes of this realme as wel within liberties as without. And ỳ his graces clarkes of ỳ market, and none other during the same tyme, as well wythin liberty as wythout, shal exercise the office of clarke of the market: any priuilege, graunt allowance or other thing to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

Prouided alway, that this article nert afore rehersed or any thing therin contayned, be not in anye wyse preiudiciall to the cittye of London, but ỳ the same citty shall haue and vse such libertyes as they mought, if this article had neuer ben made.

And be it also enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that all & euery statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beinge in force against sheriffes, theyr vndersheriffes, bayliffes, or other ministers for making or retourning of panelles or Juries, or for due execution and seruinge of anye writtes or other proceslle, or for takinge of fees, or for reformation of extorcions, or for anye other thinge or thinges concerninge their offices, and all peynes and penalties contayned in euery such statute, shall from henceforth be extended to al stewards bayliffes and other mynisters and officers of libertyes & franchesses, hauing returnes of writes & executions thereof, in lyke maner fourme and condition, as they extende to sheryffes theyr vnder sheriffes, bayliffes, or other mynisters, and as if the sayd stewards, bailyffes or other mynisters or officers of libertyes and francheses, had ben specially and particularye named and rehearsed in such statutes.

Prouided alway, that this article nert aboue reheatsed, shall not be preiudiciall to any stewardes, bayliffes of francheses, or to theyr deputy or deputyes, or theyr clarkes, for exercysinge and occuppinge theyr offices ouer and aboue one yeare: but that they & euery of them may keepe and occupy theyr sayde offices for so long tyme as they be or hereafter shalbe geeuen to them as if this article nert afore rehersed had neuer been made: anye of the sayde actes to be expounded & taken against them or any of them to the contrary thereof not wythstanding.

And it is enacted by thauctoritye aforesayde, that all such Justices to be made, as is afore rehersed in this act, shall haue auctority & power to keepe and hold theyr sessions of peace, and to delyuer the same gaoles from tyme to tyme onelye wythin the same libertyes and fraunchesses, and in such places, and in none other places, by reason or auctority of that commissiō: and to do and execute all other thinges wythin the same, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace and gaole deliuery, in any shyre wythin this realme may do and haue auctority to do: any acte, graunte, vse, custome and allowance heretofore had made or vsed, or any article in this present act made to the contrary not withstanding.

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Justice of peace, gaole delyuerie, or assise, or anye of them haue ben made by anye person or persons, by vertue or auctority of anye letters patentes, of the gifte or graunte of our soueraigne lord the kinge, or his most noble progenitours kings of this realme, or otherwyse shall sit & kepe theyr sessions gaole delyuerye and assises, onely in such place and places, as the Justices of the sayd liberties lately haue ben commonly vsed within the sayd liberties. And that no person or persons, wythin the sayd libertyes or anye of them, shalbe hereafter in no wise compelled by auctority of this act, to appere out of the sayde libertyes before any other Justices of assise, gaole delyuery, or of the peace: than before such Justices as shalbe named and assigned to sit and be by the kinges highnes his heires & successours, within the sayd liberties and fourme abouesayd. And that this act shall not extende or be expounded or taken by any other liberty priuilege or franches graunted vsed or had to any person or persons other thā before in this present act is expressed & plainly declared and rehersed any thinge in this act to the contrary notwithstāding, and as if this act had neuer ben made.

Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, be in anywyse hurtful or preiudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight Justice of the county palātine of Chester & Flint, nor to his deputy or deputies nor to any of them, of for or concerninge the office of Justice or Justicer of the sayd countye palantine & Flint, nor for or concerninge any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in anye maner wyse apperteyninge or belongynge, but that the sayde sir Thomas, hys deputy and deputies and euerye of them may lawfully haue occupie and exercise the said office, and also receyue and take to theyr owen vse, all maner profittes commodities and aduauntages to the sayd office belonging or appertaynynge, accordinge to the tenour purport and effect of such letters patentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the sayd county, palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our sayd soueraine lord the king that now is, of for or concerning the sayde office, and other the premisses, or anye parcell therof in as ample and large maner, as thoughe this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in this act contayned to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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WHERE in an Acte made at Westminster in the xxii. yeare of the reigne of oure Souereigne Lorde Kinge Henry the eighte amonge other thinges it was ordayned, established, and enacted, that euery strong and valiant begger and vacabound, after hee

he were whipped for his vacabondrie and idlenes, shoulde departe from the place where he was whipped, directly vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of three yeres next before, there to continue and abide. And also that aged poore and impotent people shoulde in like wyse repaire into every hundred within the said counties, there to remaine and continue, according to the meaning and purporte of the saide acte, vpon paines limitted in the same, as in the same acte more plainly appeareth.

And for as muche as it was not prouided in the sayde acte, howe and in what wyse the sayd poore people and sturdy vacabounds should be ordred at their repayre, and at their comming into their countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of every hundred should be charged for the releife of the same poore people, nor yet for the setting and keeping in worke and labour of the aforesayd valiaunt vacaboundes at their sayd repayre into every hundred of this realme. It is therfore now ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same that all and euerye the Mayre, Aldermen, shyriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, householders, and al other head officers and mynisters of euery citye, shire townes, and pasishes of this realme, at the repayre and commynge thither of such poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is contayned in the sayd acte, shal most charitably receyue the same, and order the same in manner and fourme folowinge. That is to saye that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities, shyres, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, rydinges, tythinges, hamlets, and parishes, as well within liberties as without, shal not onely succour find and keepe all and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, within euery of the same cities, shyres, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tithinges, hamlets and parishes as well within liberties as wythoute, to be succoured, relieued, and holpen with such and conueniente necessary almes, as shall be thoughte meete by their discretions, in such wyse as none of them of verye necessitye shalbe compelled to wander idelye, and goe openlye in begging, to aske almes in any of the same cittyes, shyres, townes, and parishes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the sayd sturdy vacabounds and valiant beggers to be set and kepte to continuall labour, in such wyse as by their sayde labours they and euerye of them maye gette their owne lyuings, wyth the continuall labour of their owne handes: and euery Mayre, Aldermen, shyriffe, bayliffe, constable, and all other head officers and mynisters of euery county, city, towne and parish wythin this realme, or within any ꝑ kinges dominions, as well within liberties as without, and all other persones inhabitauntes within anye of the same, shall endeuour themselues to order and directe the poore people, valiaunte beggers, and sturdye vacabounds, in such wise as the effecte of this presente acte shall bee dulye obserued, and put in due execution, vppon payne

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that euery parish shall lose and forfaite xx.s for euery moneth in which it is omitted and vndone: and that to be inquired of at euerye quarter sessions, and to be duly presented and founde by the verdict of xii. men.

Item it is further enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that all and euerye person or persons, being whipped or sente vnto theyr countryes, in fourme aforesayd, at the ende of euerye tenne miles shall repayre vnto the constable of any parish, being directlye in his waye towardes the countrye and place, whereunto hee is so appointed: and vppon sighte of his letters, giuen vnto him at the time of his whipping and sending of him into the same his countrey, euery of the sayde constables and other the kinges subiectes, shall and may furnish him with competent meate, drincke and lodging for one night onely, or for one meale, and so hee shall continue his dailye iourney of tenne miles, vntill such times as hee shall come vnto the hundred and place whervnto hee is assigned to go.

Item it is enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all and euery idle person and persons ruffelers, calling themselues seruinge men, as well wythin the Citty of London, as within all other cities, shyres, townes, parishes, and hamlettes of this realme hauinge no maisters, shalbe entreated, vsed and ordered in euery behalfe, and to all intentes, as is conteyned and specifyed, as well in the aforesayd former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the payne aforesayde, to be loste and forfayted by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shyrifes, Bayliffes, burgesses, mynisters, and inhabitauntes of euerye of the same citryes boroughes and townes corporate, where any such ruffeler shal be suffred to be resiaunt and abyding be ỳ space of two dayes, and not punished in fourme hereafter declared.

Item it is ordayned and enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all and euerye the mayres, gouernours and head officers of euery citye borough & towne corporate, and the Churchwardens, or two other of euerye parishe of this realme, that in good and charitable wyse take such discrete and conuenient order by gatheringe and procuringe of such charitable and voluntarye almes of the good christen people wythin the same wyth boxes euerye sonday, holy day, and other festiuall dayes, or otherwyse among themselues in such good and discrete wyse, as the poore impotent, lame, feble, sicke, and diseased people, beinge not able to woorke, may be prouided, holpen and relieued, so that in no wyse they nor none of them be suffered to go openlye in begginge. And that such as be lustye, or hauing theyr limmes, stronge ynoughe to labour, may be dayly kept in continuall labour, whereby euerye one of them may get theyr owne sustinaunce and lyuing wyth theyr owne handes, vpon paine that all and euerye the mayres, gouernours, aldermen, head officers and others the kinges officers and mynisters of euery of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundreds, parishes, and hamlets, shall leese and forfaite for euerye moneth that is omitted and vndone, the summe of xx.s.

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Item it is enacted by the auctoritye aforesaid, that all leprouse and poore beddred creatures, whatsoeuer they be, may at their owne liberty remain and continue in such place where they bee, and shall not bee compelled to repayre into theyr counties, according to the tenour and purporte of thaforesaid former act, any thing contayned in the same act, or in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item it is also enacted by the auctoritye aforesaide, that the said gouernours, Aldermen, iustices of peace, and head officers, bayliffes, and constables of euery city, borough, towne, hundreth, and parishe of this realme, shal haue auctoritye by vertue of this presente acte, to take bppe all and singuler childzen in euery parish within their limmittes, that be not greued wyth anye notable disease or sickness, and being vnder the age of fourteene yeares and aboue the age of fiue yeares, in beggynge or idlenes, and to appoint thē to maisters of husbandrye or other craftes or labours to be taughte, by the which they maye get theyr lyuinges, whan they shall come to age, geuinge to them of the said charitable collections, as it may conueniently be sustayned and borne, arayment to enter into such seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeares, and vnder the age of sixteene yeres refuse such seruice or depart from the same wythout cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the sayde officers, and to be brought before the Mayre, Aldermen, Justices of the peace, Bayliffes, gouernours, Constables, or other officers and ministers of that limitte or circuite, where they be taken: and if it shal appere by his or theyr confession, or other sufficiente testimony before the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed from theyr seruice wythout cause reasonable, he shal than in the parishe where he was apprehended, be openly whipped wyth roddes by ẏ discretion of ẏ sayd gouernours, or bayliffes, and thereppon to be sente againe vnto his seruice: and so to bee serued as often as hee shalbe apprehended and conuicted in fourme aforesayde. And if anye person or persons refuse to execute and do the sayd punishment at the commaundement of anye of the said gouernours, Aldermen, Justices of peace, and other the sayde officers and mynisters: then hee or they so refusinge the same, shalbe set in the stocks by the space of two dayes, wythout hauing of any other sustenaunce, sauing onely breade and water.

Item it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all and euery the aforesayde Mayres, gouernours, Aldermen, and euerye the Justices of the peace, as well within liberties as without, shall once in euery moneth or oftner if neede shall requyre, commaunde a priuye or secrete searche to be made within euerye citty and warde, towne, hundred, parishe, and hamlet, of this realme, in suche time of the nighte and daye, as they shall thinche conueniente, to the entente that all ruffelars, sturdye vacabounes, and valiaunt beggers, and other suspecte personnes, maye bee by such meanes apprehended, taken, and ordered accordinge to the purporte and meaninge of this presente acte, and otherwyse to be vsed accordinge to the

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lawes of this realme. And that all and euerye person and persons obeye, ayde, assiste and maintayne from time to time, all and euery the commaundements of the sayd Justices of peace and other heade officers aforesayde, for and concerning the making of all the sayd serches: & the apprehending of all & euery ỹ suspect persons aforesaid, vpon payne to make fine for not doinge the same, at the nexte quarter sessions, as it shalbe thoughte by the discreation of the Mayres gouernours Aldermen and iustices of peace.

Item it is enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that no person or persons at any time after the feast of saint John Baptist next cõming, shall vse kepe and maintaine any open playing house or place for cõmon bowling, diising, carding, closhe, tenis, or other vnlawfull games, taking money for the same or other gaine, in any place of this realme, vpon payne to forfaite fiue markes for euery moneth that anye such vnlawfull houses or games shall so be openly kepte vsed and maintayned in anye place within this realme, be it within liberties or without, Anye graunt heretofore made to any person or persons in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Item it is enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that euery preacher, persõ, vicar, curate of this realme as well in all and euery their sermons, collacions, biddinges of the beades, as in time of all confessions, and at the makinge of the willes or testaments of any persons at all times of the yeare, shall exhort, moue, stire and prouoke people to be liberall & bountifullye to extende theyr good and charitable almes and contributions from time to time, for and toward the comfort and relefe of the sayde poore, impotente, decrepite, indigent & nedy people, as for the setting and keeping to continuall woorke and labour of the foresayd ruffelars, sturdy vacabounds, and valiant beggers, in euery citty, ward, towne, hundred and parish of this realme, as wel within libertyes as without.

Item it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that if any of the aforesayd ruffelers, sturdye vacabundes, and valiaunte beggers after suche time as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whipped, and sente vnto any citty, ward, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any Justice of peace, mayre, constable, bayliffe, or any other the kinges officers and mynisters, happen to wander: loyter, or idelly to vse themselues and play the vacabondes, and willingly, absent themselues from such labour and occation, as hee or they shalbe appointed vnto within anye cittye, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or parishe wherevnto he or they haue ben appointed in maner & forme aforesaide: that then he or they being eftsones apprehended & taken of suspicious of idleness in anye priuye searches aforesayde or otherwyse, shalbe broughte before the nexte iustice of peace: and vpon due examinations & proofe of the continuãce of his sayde loytringe, wandringe in idleness, or vacabuncy, shall be eftsones not onelye whypped agayne, and sent into the city, ward, towne, hundred or parishe, wherevnto hee was firste appointed, but also shall haue the vpper parte of the gristle of his righte eare cleane cutte off: soe as it maye appere for a perpetuall token after that time, that he hath beene a contem-

nour of the good order of the cõmon wealth, and that euery constable of ỹ parishe, with the assistaunce of the moste substanciall of euery such parishe, where any such ruffeler or vacabund shal happẽ thus to be taken, shal do or cause to be done this presẽt execution, as wel in whipping as in cutting of the sayde vpper grissell of the eare of euery such ruffeler or sturdy vacabund or valiaunt begger, vpon paine to leese and forfaite fiue marckes, for euery time that he shal refuse to do or cause to be don the same executiõ, & al & singuler thinhabitantes of the sayd citye, ward, towne hundred, or parish shal assist & aide the said cõstables in execution of the premisses to the best of their power with good diligence, & wout contradiction, vpon the paine aforesaid.

Item it is further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that if any ruffeler or sturdy vacabund, or valiaunt begger, not hauinge the vpper parte of the right eare, and being cut of, as is aforesayd, happen to be apprehended and taken in or at any priuy searche, as aforesayd, at any other time wandringe in idlenes, in or without anye city, warde, towne, parishe, or hamlet, within this realme, whereunto hee or they haue ben assigned, & dulye proued before anye Justice of peace, that he or they haunt idlenes, and hath not applyed, nor doth not apply such labours as he or they haue ben assigned vnto, or be not in seruice with any master: that then he or they so taken marked and hauinge the vpper parte of the righte eare cutte of, as is aforesayde, shall be by any of the sayde iustices of peace sent vnto the nert gaole, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise vntill the nert quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandring loytring and idlenes, & shall be arraigned of the same. And if hee or they shall happen to be founde guilty by verdicte confession or otherwyse, of for and vppon the same continuall loytring and idlenes, then euery such sturdy vacabunde, and valiaunt begger, so found guilty and condemned, shal haue iudgement to suffer paines & executiõ of death, as a felõ and as enemyes of the comon welth, and to lose and forfayt all their landes and goods as felons do in all other causes within this realme.

Item it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the knight marshal for the time being, shall haue ful power and auctority by vertue of this present acte, to serch do & put in due & plaine execution all and euerye the contentes as wel of the foresayd former actes as of this present acte, & of & vpon all such ruffelers sturdy vacabunds, and valiaunte beggers men and women, as in any wyse shal frequẽt haunt or loyter masterles & out of seruice, in & about the courte, wheresoeuer the kinges highnes chaunce to be resiant wyth hys most honourable household in any place of this realme.

And for the auoydinge of all suche inconueniences & infections as oftentime haue and daily do chaunce among the people by cõmon and open doles, and that moste commonlye vnto such doles many persones do resort, which haue no neede of ỹ same: It is therfore enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons shal make or cause to be made any such common or open dole, or shal giue anye readye money in almes, otherwyse than to the common boxes, and common gatheringes in euery citye,

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towne, hundred, parishe, and hamlet, to and for the putting in playne and due execution of all and euerye the good and vertuous intentes and purposes contayned in this present act, vpon paine to lose and forfayte (enne tymes the value of all such readye money as shalbe giuen in almes, contrarye to the tenour and purporte of the same. And that euery person and persons of this Realme, bodies politike, corporate, and others, that bee bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or weekely to give or to distribute any ready money, bread, vitayle, or other sustentation to poore people in any place wythin this realme, shall from the feast of Sainct Michaelmas nexte comming, give & distribute the same money, or the value of all suche breade, vitayle, or sustentation vnto such common boxes, to the intēt the same may be employed towards the releuing of the saide poore, nedye, sicke, sore, & indigente persons and also towardes setting in worke of the sayde sturdye and idle vacabundes and vaitaunt beggers, and euery of the sayd person and personnes, bodies politike corporate, and others shal be clerely discharged against all and euery other person and persons of and for al maner of bondes, or grauntes what so euer they be, for making of any of the same cōmon boxes, or others the foresayd distribucions at any time of the yere, so as the money and true value of the same be geuen vnto the boxes, towards the common almes & reliefe of the poore people in fourme aforesaid.

And to thentente that the money gathered toward the reliefe of pouerty as is aboue sayd, shalbe employed and conuerted to such charitable vses and behoues, as by this present act is limited, and no part therof to be misused, by such as shall haue the collection therof. It is therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that the Churchwardens of euerye parishe, callinge vnto them sixe or foure of their honeste neighbours, shall haue full power & auctorite euery quarter of the yere, or oftner by theyr discretions, to cōmaunde euery such collectour to appere before them, & to render & yelde accompte of all summes of money as by theym shall be gathered, and how & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accompt it shalbe seene, perceyued or founde, that anye such collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by him gathered to such vses and intentes, as be limitted by this acte, or to haue imbeciled anye parte thereof: that than euerye such offendour shall bee attached & apprehended by them, before whom hee so shall make accompt, and shall immediatly be brought before a iusticer of peace, if it be in any shyre, or before ỳ mayre or baylif, if it be in city, borroughe or towne corporate, which iusticer, mayre or bayliffes, shall cause euery such offender to be committed to warde and prison, there to remaine vnto suche time as he shall haue fully restored and payed to the collectours of the sayd almes within the parishe where he so offended, all such summes of money as by him shal so be embeciled, cōuerted, or employed to other vses or intētes, then by this acte be limitted. And also till he shall haue payed sixe shillinges viii.d. for a penalty, to be conuerted, employed, and distributed to the vses and intentes specifyed and declared in this act.

And it is ordayned by thauctority aforesayde, that the parsō, vicar, or parish prieste, or some other honest mā of euery parish of this realme, without taking or demaūding any thing for ꝑ same, shall kepe a booke of rechening and therin shall entet, write, & make mention tēo time to time, in one place or part of the booke, as well of al and euery such summes of money, as shal be gathered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of euery of the same parishes, as to make mention in one other place of ꝑ same booke, howe, vpō whom, and in what wyse any part of the same money shalbe spent: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to an other yere, be shal kepe a new booke, the booke to be boughte and paied for by the constable & Churchwardens for the time being, of the common collectiōs, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or three of them, or of some other indifferent man, by their consentes, and not with the person, vicar, or parishe prieste.

Item it is ordered by the sayd auctority, that two or three times in euery weeke, two or three of euery parish wythin cities, and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointment of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe or constable, some in one weeke, & some an other weeke, shall name and appointe certaine of the sayde poore people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drinke of euery householder wythin euery such parishe, which shalbe by their discretions distributed eueniye amonge the poore people, founde of the sayde common almes, as they by their discretions shall thincke good.

Item it is ordered by the sayd auctority, that al & euery bayliffe, constable, churchwardens, or others the collectours of ꝑ sayd almes, which shall at anye time forbeare their owne busines and labour: and shal trauayle or take any paynes in and about the execution of any part of this present acte shall haue and take for his or their so doing such competente wages of the money of the sayd cōmon collections, as by the discretiō of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bayliffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parishe shall be thoughte good and reasonable, which shalbe appointed vnto them from time to time, alwayes at the makinge of their accomptes before the whole parishe aforesayd.

Item the money of all and euery the foresaide free and charitable collections, shall be kept in the common coffer or bore, standing in the Church of euery parishe, or els shalbe committed vnto the handes and safe custody of any other such good and substantiall trusty man, as they can agree vpon, wher they shal thincke it alwayes sure and safe, and where it may be surely deliuered vnto the vses before expressed from time to time, as necessitye shall requyre, makinge alwayes mention thereof in two seuerall places of the sayd booke, as it is before declared, as oftētimes as any part therof shal be spent or gathered.

Item it is ordered by the sayd auctority, that the inhabitantes of euerye parishe of this realme, shal begin to make the foresayd free, charitable, and godly collections, and gatheringes in euerye sondaye and holye daye nexte

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after the day of saint̄ John Baptiste next comminge, and so shall continue
verely vnto the last daye of the next parliament. And euery parish makinge
default, and not puttinge all and euery the premisses in due and perfect exe-
cution: according to their power, behauiours, and discretions, shall loose &
forfaite xx.s. for euery moneth in which it is omitted and vndone. And all
Justices of peace in euery countye and liberty of this realme, shall haue full
power and auctority by vertue of this presente acte, to enquire here, order, &
determine all and euery the premisses, in maner and fourme to all intentes,
as it is before declared.

Finallye it is ordeyned, enacted, and establisshed by the auctorityе afore-
sayd, that this present act shall begin to take effect, & to be put in execution
with the foresayd former act, the morrow after the day of saint Michel the
archangell next comming, and shall continue vnto the last day of the nexte
parliament. And that the one moity of all and euery the forfaytures afore-
sayd, shalbe to thuse of the cōmon borde, to the releefe of the poore, decrepite,
sicke and indigent & impotēt people, being within any citty, towne, hundred
or parish, where any such offence is committed: and the other moity to him
or them that will sue for the same by bil action of det, plaint or otherwyse in
any court of record, or court baron of this realme, in which actiō no wager
of law, essoin, or protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this presente act shall not be hurtfull or preiudi-
ciall vnto any person or persons for geuing or sending of any ready money,
or of any fragments or broken meate or drincke vnto any person or persons,
inhabited within the parishe, where he dwelleth or to any persons, but that
they and euery of them, of their charity, maye vse sende, order, giue and dis-
pose the same to any person or persons aforesaide, as they will themselues,
either within theyr owne houses, or els where: any thing contayned in this
present act, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that they which by ỹ
auctorityе of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offendour to be cut off in
forme before mēcioned, shal certifye in wryting endented vnder their seales
at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shalbe kept in any citty, towne,
borroughe, or shyre, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same cittye, towne, or
shyre, the names of all such as shal fortune to haue theyr eares cut of, for the
causes beforesayd, and of the time and place of doinge of the same. And if
they faile & make default this to do by the space of one moneth, that thē they
shall forfaite for euery moneth so offending, xl.s.

And be it further enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that no Churchwar-
deine, collectour or collectours of any of the foresayd charitable almes, shall
continue in his or their sayd offices and rowmes aboue the space of an hole
yere. And that in al cityes, borroughes, townes and parishes of this realme,
the ouerplus of all & maner of collectours of the riche and welthy parishes
within any of the same cityes borroughes, townes, hundreds, lathes, rapes,
and wapentakes from time to time, shalbe ordered and distributed for and

towardes the sustentacion of the charges of other poore parishes, here and within any of the same cityes, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes and wapentakes, by the discrecion from time to time of the mayre, Aldermen, baylifes, gouernours, Justices of peace & high constable of the same. Prouided alwayes that in such cityes, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, tithinges, hamlets & parishes, where the voluntary and vnconstreined almes & charity of the parishioners or people, which by this act shall be contributory to such almes, and wyth such money as shalbe added and geeuen to the same from any monasteryes or other persons bodies politike, corporate, or other, wyll not suffice to the sustentacion of the poore, needy, and indigent people being within the limits of such contribucion, neyther the mayres, aldermen, sheriffes, bayliffes, constables, or other head officers, householders, myniſters or inhabitantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or run into the sayde forfaiture, danger or penalty of xx.s. for euery moneth, ne anye of thē to be constrayned to any such certayne contribution, but as theyr free willes and charityes shall extende, otherwyse than that the persons thereunto appointed by this acte shall well and truly distribute, accordyng to the purporte of the same, the sayd charity and almes, that shall come to their handes, of voluntary gift, vpon the penalties in this act for ỹ same prouided: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the saine acte beinge or founden to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also it shalbe lawful to all noble men & other, keepinge houses, theyr auners, seruaunts, officers and myniſters, to giue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drinke of the same, as well to poore and indigēt people of other parishes, as of the same parishes, where such house is kepte anye thinge in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrarye notwithstanding.

Prouided furthermore, that seruinge men departinge from theyr seruice by licence, wyll, death or exclusion of theyr Lord, lady, mayster or maystres, hauinge of the same theyr Lorde, Ladye, mayster or maystres letters: or in case of theyr death other sufficient proofe, testefying the daye of theyr exclusion or departure from suche seruice, shall not incurre or runne into anye of the punishmentes or penaltyes comprysed in this acte, for vacabounde or sturdye beggers, wythin the space of one moneth, after the daye mentioned in the sayd letters, or appearing by the sayd testimony to be the daye of theyr departure from suche seruices, ne also at or after the same moneth expired: so that by thende of such moneth they shall haue entered into any seruice, or be otherwyse in labour accordinge to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

Prouided also that in as much as fryers mendiantes, haue little or nothinge to liue vppon, but onelye by the charitye and almes of Christen people: This acte therefore, ne any thing therein contayned, shall be preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto anye person or persons for geeuing of them in gene-

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rall or particuler any maner almes in money vitayle or other thinge: ne also to them or any of them, for beinge or remayninge oute of the places, where they were borne or had their last habitation, or for passing abrode to gather the almes and charitye of christen people, or for continuance in their religiō as they haue ben accustomed to do: this act, or any thing therin mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this act, ne any thing therin mentioned, be hurtfull or preiudiciall to any abbottes, priours or other person or persons of ỳ clergye or other, that by any meanes be bound to giue yerely, weekely or daily almes in money, vitaile, lodging, clothinge, or other thinge in any monasteries, almes houses, hospitals or other foundatiōs or brotherheads, by anye good auctority or auncient custome, or of daily charity by keeping of poore men, established for that purpose, ne to any person or persons for receyuing of the same, or for theyr abiding in such almes houses or hospitalles, according to such foundation: Ne also for almes in redy money or otherwyse to bee giuen to mariners, or other persons that shall fortune to come or be set on land from shippes perished or loste on the sea: or to anye person that ryding going or passing by the way, shal after his or their conscience or charity gue money or other thinge to lame blinde or sicke aged or impotent people: any thing in this act to the contrary mencioned notwithstanding.

An act for lawes and Justice to be ministred in Wales, in like fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvi.

ALbeit the dominion principality and county of Wales iustly and rightuously is and euer hath ben incorporated annered vnited and subiect to and vnder the temporal Crowne of this realme, as a very member & ioynte of the same: wherefore the kinges most royall maiesty of mere droit and very right, is very heed king lord and ruler. Yet notwithstanding because that in the same country principality & dominion diuers rights, vsages, lawes & customes, be far discrepant frō ỳ lawes & customes of this realme, and also because ỳ the people of ỳ same dominiō haue & do daily vse a speech nothing like ne consonāt to the natural mother tōgue vsed win this realme some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction & diuersity betwene the kinges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the sayd dominion & principality of Wales, whereby great discord variaunce, debate, diuision, murmur & sedition hath growen betwene his sayd subiectes. His highnes therefore of a singuler zeale, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towards his subiectes of his sayd domination of Wales, minding and intending to reduce thē to the perfect order notice & knowledge of his lawes of this hys realme, and vtterlye to extirpe all and singuler the sinister vsages and customes

stomes differinge from the same, & to bringe his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and of his sayd dominion of Wales to an amiable concord and vnitye, hath by deliberate aduise counsell and agreement of the lords spirituall and temporal and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, ordeyned enacted & established that his sayd countrey or dominion of Wales shall be stande and continue for euer from henceforth incorporated, united, and annexed to and with this his realme of England. And that all and singuler person and persons, borne and to be borne in the sayd principalitye countrey or dominion of Wales, shall haue enioye and inherite all and singuler fredomes, libertyes, rightes, priuileges, & lawes within this realme and other the kinges dominions, as other the kinges subiectes naturally borne within the same haue, enioy and inherit, And that all and singuler person & persons inheritable to any manours landes, tenementes, reuercions, seruices or other hereditamentes, which shall discende after the feast of al sainctes next comming, within the sayd principalitye countrye or dominion of Wales, or within anye particuler lordshippe part or parcell of the sayd countrey or dominion of Wales, shall for euer frō and after the sayd feast of all saints, inherite and be inheritable to the same manours landes tenemenes rentes, reuercions & hereditamentes after the english tenour without diuision or particiō, and after the forme of ȳ lawes of this realme of England, & not after any tenure ne after the forme of any welshe lawes or customes. And that the lawes ordinances and statutes of this realme of England for euer, & none other lawes ordinances ne statutes from and after the sayd feast of all sainctes next cōming, shalbe had, vsed practised & executed in the sayd countrey or dominion of Wales & euery part therof, in like maner forme and order, as they benne and shall be had, vsed, practised and executed in this realme: and in such like maner and forme, as hereafter by this act shalbe further established and ordeyned: any acte statute vsage custome prescribente liberty priuilege or other thing, had made vsed graunted or suffred, to the contrarye in any wyse not withstanding.

And for as much as there be many and diuers lordships marchers within the sayde countrye or Domion of Wales, lyinge betweene the shyres of Englande, and the shyres of the sayde country or Domion of Wales, and beinge no parcell of anye other shyres, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and had: by reason whereof hath ensued and hath benne practised perpetrated committed and done within and amonge the sayde lordshippes and countreys to them adioyninge, manifolde and diuers detestable murders, brenninge of houses, robberies, thestes, trespasses, rowtes, riottes, vnlawfull assembles, embraceries, maintenaunces, receytinge of felons, oppressions, ruptures of the peace, and manifolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice. And the sayde offenders thereupon makinge their refuge from lordshippes to lordship, were and continued wythoute punishmente or correction: for due reformation whereof, and for as muche as diuers and many of the sayd lordships marchers be nowe in the handes

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and possession of our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the smallest nomber of them in the possession of other lords, it is therefore enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that diuers of the sayd lordshippes, marchers shall be vnited, annexed, and ioyned to diuers of the shyres of England, and diuers of the said lordshippes marchers shalbe vnited, annexed, & ioyned to diuers of the shyres of the sayde countrey or dominion of Wales, in maner & forme hereafter following. And that all the residue of the sayde lordships, marchers, wythin the sayde countrye or dominion of Wales, shalbe seuered and deuided into certaine perticuler counties or shyres, that is to saye, the countye or shyre of Monmouth, the countye or shyre of Brekenoke, the countye or shyre of Radnore, the county or shyre of Mountgomery, the countye or shire of Denbigh. And that the lordships, townes, parishes, cõmotes, & cãtredes of Monmouth, Chepstow, Matherne, l'anmyhangel, Magour, Goldcliffe, Newport, Wenllonge, l'anwerne, Caerlion, Vske, Trelecke, Tinterne, Skynfreth, Gronsmont, white castell, Reglan, Calicote, Bilton, Abergeuenny, Pentose, Grenefeld, Maghen and Hochuyslade in the countrey of Wales: and all and singuler honours, lordshipss, castels, manours, landes, tenemẽtes and hereditaments, lying or being within the compasse or precinct of ỹ sayd lordships, townes, hamlets, parishes, commotes, & cantredes, and euerye of them, in whose possession soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery parte thereof, shal stande & be from and after the said feast of all saintes gildable and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as parte & members of the sayd shyre of Monmouth. And that the said towne of Monmouth shalbe named, accepted, reputed, vsed, had, and taken head and shyre towne of the sayd county or shyre of Monmouth. And that the sheriffes county or shyre court, of and for the sayd shyre or county of Monmouth shalbe holden and kept one time at the sayde towne of Monmouth, and the nert tyme at the towne of Newporte in the same county or shire, & so to be kepte in the same twoo townes Alternis vicibus, and accordinge to the lawes of this realme of England for euer, and in none other places.

And it is further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all actions realles, hereafter shalbe conneyed, perpetrated, or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thinge within the sayde county or shyre of Mõmouth, & al actions personals, within the same shire or countye of the summe of xl.s. or aboue, and al actions mixt, shalbe sued by originall writte oute of the kinges highe Court of chauncery in England, and hard determined and tryed before the kinges iustices in Englande, by assyse or Nisi prius wythin the sayde countye of Monmouth. in such like manner fourme and wyse, as all other actions realles, personalles and actions mixt be sued hard determined and tryed in or for any shyre of this realme of England. And that the kings iustices of his bench or of his common bench of westminster, shal haue full power and auctority to directe all manner proceste to the sheriffe & all other officers of the sayd county of Monmouth and also to direct writtes of Venire facias, to the same sheriffe for the tryal of

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euery iſſue ioyned before them: and alſo to award cõmiſſions of Niſi prius into the ſayde countye of Mõmouth, for the tryall of ſuch iſſues ioyned before them, in like maner & forme as they do into euerye ſhyre of this realme of England. And all and euery the kinges ſubiectes & inhabitantes within the ſayd county of Mõmouth, ſhalbe for euer frõ and after the ſayde feaſt of all ſainctes, obliged and bounden to be obedient & attendant to the lord Chauncellour of Englãd, the kinges iuſtices and other of the kinges moſte honorable counſel, and vnto all lawes, cuſtomes, ordinances and ſtatutes of this realme of England, in like maner fourme and wyſe, as all other the kinges ſubiectes within euerye ſhyre of this realme of England be obliged and bounde, any acte ſtatute vſage, cuſtome, liberty, priuilege, or any other thing to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtanding. And that the ſherif of the ſayd county ſhall hold plee of repiegiare, and all other ſuites and playntes vnder xl.s. in his county or ſhyre courte, in like maner & fourme as all other ſheriffes do within this realme of England. And that the ſheriffe eſchetours and cõroners, that hereafter ſhalbe wythin the ſayd county or ſhyre of Mõmouth, ſhalbe obliged and bounden to execute all the kinges proceſſes, and to make due retournes thereof, and to vſe and exercyſe their offices, accordyng to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme of Englande in all and euery thinge as the ſheriffes, eſchetours and cõroners be obliged and bounden to do in all and euery other ſhyre of this realme of Englande. And that the ſheriffe and eſchetours of the ſayde ſhire or county of Mõmouth that hereafter ſhalbe appointed by our ſouereigne Lorde the kinge, make their accomptes for their ſaide offices in the kinges eſchequer in Englande in like maner and fourme as other ſheriffes and eſchetours do within this realme of Englande, and vppon ſuch like paine and penaltye as is vppon other ſheriffes and eſchetours in euerye other ſhyre within this Realme of England.

And it is enacted by thauctority aforeſayd, that the lordſhippes, townes-ſhips, pariſhes, commotes, and cantredes of Brekenoke, Crekhowell, Tretowre, Penkelly, Engliſhe talgarth, welſhe talgarth, Dynas, The haye, Glynebogh, Bryoulles: Cantercely, Lãdo, Blaynllinby, Eſtrodew, Buelthe, and Lingors, in the ſayde countrey or dominion of Wales, and all and ſinguler honours lordſhips, caſtels, manours, landes, tenements and hereditaments, lying or being within the compaſſe or precincte of the ſayd lordſhips, pariſhes, cõmotes, and cantredes, or any of them in whoſe poſſeſſion ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe, and euerye parte thereof, ſhal ſtande and be for euer from the ſaid feaſt of all ſainctes gildable: and ſhalbe reputed, accepted, named and taken as parties and members of the ſaid county or ſhyre of Brekenoke. And that the ſayd towne of Brekenoke ſhalbe named accepted, reputed, vſed, had and taken, head and ſhire towne of the ſayd county or ſhire of Brekenoke. And that the ſhyre court or county of and for the ſayd ſhyre or countye of Brekenoke, ſhall bee holden and kepte in the ſayde towne of Brekenoke.

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And it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that ꝑ lordshyps townesshyps parishes, cõmotes and cantredes of newe Radnore, Clistherman, Cluellies, Bonghed, Glasebery, Glawdistye, Mihelles church, Meleneth, Blewagh, knighton, Norton, Preston, Comothder, Rayder, Gwethronyon, and Strange in the sayde countrey of Wales and euerye of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshyps, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments lying or being within the compasse or precincte of the sayd lordshyps, townshyps, parishes, commotes and cantreds or any of them, in whose possessions soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery part therof, shall stand and be for euer from the sayd feast of all saynctes, gildable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named & taken as parties & membres of the sayde countye or shyre of Radnore. And that the said towne of New Radnore shalbe named accepted, reputed, vsed, had & taken hed and shyre towne of the sayde county or shyre of Radnore. And that the shyre court or countye of and for the saide countye or shyre of Radnore, shalbe holden and kepte one time at the said towne of New Radnore, and the nexte time at ꝑ towne of Rather gowine in the same county or shyre, and so to be kept in the same two townes Alternis vicibus for euer, and in none other place.

And it is enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that the lordshippes townesships, parishes, commotes and cantredes of Mountgomery, Kedewenkery, Cawrslande, Arnstely, Kentlloch, Doythure, Dowrslande, Clunes lande Balesley, Tempester, & Alcestre in the sayd countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshyps, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beinge within the compasse or precinct of the sayd lordships, parishes townesships commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession soeuer they be or shalbe, and euerye part therof, shal stand and be for euer, from the sayde feast of all saynctes, gildable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named and taken as partes and membres of the sayd county or shyre of Mountgomery. And that ꝑ sayd towne of Mountgomerye shalbe named accepted reputed vsed had & taken heade and shire towne of the sayd county of Mountgomery. And that the county or shyre court of and for the said county or shyre of Mountgomery, shalbee holden and taken the first time at the sayde towne of Mountgomery, and the nert time at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shyre or county and so to be kepte in the same two townes Alternis vicibus, for euer, and in none other place.

And also it is enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that the Lordshippes townelhippes, parishes, commotes, and cantredes of Denbighlande, Ruthin, saincte Talle, Kynllethowen, Bromfielde, Yale, Chirke, and Chirkelande, Moleldale, and Hopeldale, in the saide countreye of Wales, and euerye of them: and all and singuler honours, lordshippes, castells, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being wythin ꝑ compasse or precinct of the sayd lordships, towne shyps cõmotes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possessions soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery part therof

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shall stande and be for euer from the sayd feast of all saintes gildable: & shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes and members of the sayd countye or shyre of Denbigh. And that the sayde towne of Denbigh shalbe named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heade and shyre towne of the county or shyre of Denbigh. And that the county or shyre courte of and for the sayde county or shyre of Denbigh shalbe holden and kepte the first tyme at the sayd towne of Denbigh and the next tyme at the towne of Wrixham in the sayde shyre or county, & so to be kept in the same two townes Alternis vicibus for euer and in none other place.

And for as muche as the counties or shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far distant frō the city of Londō, where the lawes of Englande be cōmonly vsed mynistred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabitantes of the sayde shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerye, and Denbigh be not of substaunce power and ability to trauayle out of theyr countreis to seeke the administration of Justice. It is therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the kinge our soueraigne lord shall haue one Chauncery and Exchequer at his castel of Brekenoke, and one other at his towne and Castell of Denbigh. And that the sheryffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Brekenoke & Radnore, Mountgomery and Denbigh, from and after the sayd feast of all saintes shalbe yerelye appointed by oure soueraigne lorde the king, for and within euery of the sayd shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery and Denbigh. And that the sheriffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes of the Countyes of Brekenoke and Radnore, from and after the sayde feaste of all saintes, shall yerely make their accomptes before the kinges auditours and suche chamberlaine or barron of the sayde Exchequer, as shall be therunto appointed by our sayd soueraigne lord the king, in such like maner and fourme, as sheryffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes do yerely make theyr accomptes in the kinges Exchequier at Westminster within this realme of Englande. And that the sheryffes escheatours & other officers accomptātes of the counties of Mountgomery & Denbighe, from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, shall yerely make theyr accompte before the kinges auditours, and such chamberlayne or baron of the sayde Exchequire, as shall be therevnto appointed by our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, in such like maner and fourme as sheryffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes, doe yerelye make theyr accomptes in the kinges Exchequer at Westmynster wythin this realme of Englande.

And that Justice shalbe mynistred, vsed, exercised, and executed, vnto ỹ kinges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euerye of the sayde shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey and Denbighe, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande and accordinge to suche other customes and lawes nowe vsed in Wales aforesayd, as the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and his most honourable counsell shall allowe and thincke expediente requisite and necessarye by such Justiciar or Justiciars as shall be therevnto

thereunto appointed by our sayde soueraigne lorde the king, and after such
forme and fashion as iustice is vsed and ministred to the kinges subiectes
within the three shyres of Northwales.

And also it is enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that the lordshipp to-
nes parishes cõmotes, hundredes and cantredes of Oswestre, whettington
Malbrooke, Knokinge, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the mar-
ches of wales aforesaid, and euery of them, & all and singuler honours lord-
shipp, castels, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes tenementes, and hered-
tamentes, lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lord-
shippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes or anye of
them, in whose possession soeuer they be or shalbe, and euerye parte thereof,
shall stand & be for euer, from and after the sayd feast of all saintes gildable
and shalbe united annexed & ioyned to and wyth the county of Salop, as
a member part or parcell of the same. And that the said lordshipps of Oswe-
ster, whettington, Malbroke, and Knokinge, wyth their members, shall
be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundreds of Oswester,
in the county of Salop: and the inhabitauntes therof shalbe attendaunt
and do euery thinge and thinges at euerye sessions, Assise and gaole delive-
ry to be holden wythin the countye of Salop, as thinhabitauntes of all o-
ther hundredes do wythin the sayd county of Salop, accordinge to the la-
wes of this realme of England. And that the lordshippe of Ellesmer, wyth
the members of the same, shalbe united ioyned, and knit to the hundred of
Pymhill in the county of Salop: and shall be taken named and knowen to
be parcell of the same hundred: and the inhabitauntes thereof shalbe atten-
daunt, and do euery thing and thinges wyth the inhabitauntes of the said
hundred of Pymhill as the inhabitaunts of the same hundred now do and
vse, according to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lorde
shippe of Downe, wyth the members, shalbe united ioyned and knitte to
the hundred of Churburye in the county of Salop, and that the inhabitan-
tes of the sayde hundred of Churburye and lordshippe of Downe, shalbe at-
tendaunt to do euerye thinge and thinges, at euery sessions assise and gaole
deliuery to be holden within the sayd county of Salop, as the inhabitaun-
tes of all & other hundredes do wythin the said county of Salop according
to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that ỳ sayd hundred of chur-
bury after the sayde feaste of all saintes, nor the sayde hundred of Oswester,
nor yet the lordshippe of Ellesmere, shal be in no wyse otherwyse priuileged
nor hane no other libertye nor priuiledge, but as hundreds united annexed
and knit to the sayde countye of Salop, as other hundredes be within the
sayd county.

And that the lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes and
cantredes of Ewyas lacye, Ewias harolde, Cliffordе, Moyforton, perdesley,
Huntington, Whytney, Wygmore, Logharneis, and Stepulton, in the
sayd marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and singuler honours
lordshipps, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments, lyinge
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or being within the compaſſe or precinct of the ſayde lordſhippes, townes, pariſhes, commotes, hundredes and rātredes or any of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe, and euery part therof, ſhall ſtande and bee for euer, from and after the ſayd feaſt of all ſainctes gildable: and ſhalbe vnited annered & ioyned to and with the county of Hereford, as a member parte or parcell of the ſame countye of Hereforde, and that the lordſhippes of Wygmore and Logharneys, wyth theyr members, ſhalbe taken, named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Wigmore in ꝑ county of Hereford aforeſayd: and that the inhabitauntes thereof ſhalbe attendante, and do euery thinge and thinges, at euerye ſeſſions, aſſiſe, and gaole deliuery to be holden within the ſayde county of Hereforde, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the ſayd county of Hereforde accordinge to the lawes of this realme of Englande, and that the whole lordſhip of Ewias lacy, wyth the members, ſhalbe taken named and knowē by the name of ꝑ hundred of Ewyas lacy wythin the ſayd county of Hereford, and the inhabitauntes therof ſhalbe attendante and do euery thinge and thinges, at euery ſeſſions aſſiſe gaole deliuery to be holden wythin the ſayde county of Hereforde, as thinhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the ſayde county of Hereforde, accordinge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordſhip of Ewias harolde with the members, ſhalbe vnited ioyned and knitte to the hundred of Webtre in the ſayd county of Hereford, and ſhalbe taken named and knowen to be parcell of the ſayde hundred of Webtre: and the inhabitauntes therof ſhalbe attendant and do euery thing and thinges with the inhabitauntes of the ſame hundred of Webtre, as the inhabitauntes of the ſame hundred nowe do, accordinge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the Lordſhips of Clifforde, Winforton, Verdeſley, Whitney, and Huntington wyth theyr members, ſhalbe taken named and knowen by the name of the ſame hundred of Huntington, within the county of Hereforde aforeſayd, and that the inhabitaunts therof ſhalbe attendaunt and do euery thing and thinges, at euery ſeſſions aſſiſe and gaole deliuery to be holden wythin the ſayd county of Hereforde, as the inhabitaunts of al other hundredes do wythin the ſayd county of Hereford, according to the lawes of this realme of Englande, and that the ſayde hundred of Wygmore, wyth the members, and the ſayde hundred of Ewyas lacy, and the ſayde hundred of Huntington, and the ſayd lordſhippe of Ewyas harolde, annered vnto the hundred of Webtree, after the ſayd feaſte of all ſainctes, ſhalbe in no wyſe otherwyſe priuileged, nor haue no other libertye franches ne priuiledge: but as hundredes, vnited and annered to the ſayde countye of Hereforde, and as other hundredes bee wythin the ſayde county of Hereford.

And that the Lordſhippes townes and pariſhes, of Mollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechley, in the ſayde marches of Wales, and all honours, lordſhips, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or beinge betweene Chepſtowe bridge in the ſayde marches of Wales,

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and Glouceſterſhire, in whoſe poſſeſſiō ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe, & euery part thereof, ſhal ſtande & be gildable from and after the ſayd feaſt of all ſainctes and ſhalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to & with the ſayde countye or ſhyre of Glouc, as a member part or parcell of the ſame. And that the ſayde lord-ſhips, townes, and parihes of wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechly, and all ho-nours, lordſhippes, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamen-tes, lying or being betwene Chepſtow bridge, and the ſhyre of Glouc. as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe vnited ioyned and knit to the hundred of weſebery within the ſayd ſhyre of Glouceſter, and ſhalbe taken named & knowen to be parte and parcell of the ſame hundred, and the inhabitauntes thereof ſhalbe attē-dante and do euery thing and thinges wyth the inhabitauntes of the ſayde hundred of weſebery, as the inhabitaunts of the ſame hundred now do ac-cording to ỳ lawes of this realme of England. And ỳ the ſayd lordſhips of wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechely, after the ſayde feaſte of all ſaintes ſhalbe in no wyſe priuileged, nor haue no other liberty, frāches ne priuilege, but as parcell of the ſayd hundred of weſebery in the ſayd county of Glouceſter.

And that the lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cātre-des of Gowerſyluey, biſhops towne, Landaffe, Singhnitghe ſupra, Sin-ghnith ſubtus, Wiſkin, Ogmore, Glynerotheney, Tallagarne, Ruthien, Tallauan Lanblethyan, Lantwid, Tyeryal, Iuan Nethe, Landewey, and the Clays in the ſayd countrey of wales and euery of them: and all honors lordſhippes, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, ly-ying or being wythin the compas or precinct of the ſayd lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundreds, and cantreds, or anye of them, in whoſe poſ-ſeſſion ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe, and euery parte thereof ſhall ſtande and be gildable for euer from and after the ſaid feaſt of all ſaintes, and ſhalbe vni-ted annexed and ioyned to and with the county of Glamorgan, as a mēber part or parcell of the ſame. And that the ſaid ſhyre of Glamorgan & Mor-damoke, & al the aforeſayd lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundreds & cantredes, vnited & annexed to the ſayd county of Glamorgan, ſhall from & after the ſayd feaſt of all ſayncts, be reputed named accepted and knowē by the name and ſhyre of glamorgan only, & by none other name. And ỳ frō and after the ſayd feaſt of all ſaintes iuſtice ſhalbe miniſtred and executed to the kinges ſubiectes and inhabitauntes of the ſayd county of Glamorgan accordinge to the lawes cuſtomes and ſtatutes of this realme of England, and after no welſhe lawes, and in ſuch fourme & faſhion as iuſtyce is my-niſtred & vſed to the kings ſubiects within the thre ſhyres of Northwales. And that the lordſhippes townes pariſhes, commotes hundredes & cantre-des of Lanemth very, Abermerleſe, Redweiy, Elſeuninge, Cornwolthou, Newcaſtell, Emill, Abergoyly, in the ſayde countrye of wales and euerye of them: and all honours, lordſhips, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, lying or being withyn the compas or precinct of ỳ ſaid lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundreds & cantredes or any of them in whoſe poſſeſſion ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe, & euery part therof ſhal ſtand & be

be gildable for euer. from & after the sayd feast of al saincts, & shalbe vnited annered and ioyned to and with the county of Kaiermerthen, as a member part or parcel of the same. And that frō and after the sayd feast of al saincts iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiects and inhabitātes of the sayd coūty of Kaiermerthen, according to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes, and in such forme & fashion as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kinges subiectes, wtin the three shyres of Northwales.

And that the lordships townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantreds of Hauerford west, Kilgarran, Castelan, Laugeharne otherwyse called Tellaugherne, walwynscastel, Dewys land, Lanehadein, Lanley, Herberth, Slebeych, Rolemarkette, Castellan, and Llandoflloure in the sayde countrey of Wales and euerye of them, and all honours, lordships, castells, manours, landes, tenements, and hereditamentes lying and being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, cantreds or any of them, in whose possession soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery parte thereof, shall stand and be gildable for euer, from and after the sayd feast of all saintes and shalbe vnited annered and ioyned to and with the county of Pembroke, And that from & after the sayd feast of all saincts, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitauntes of the sayd county of Pembroke, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes and in suche forme and fashion, as iustice is mynistred and vsed to the kinges subiectes within the three shyres of Northwales.

And that the lordships, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes and cātredes of Tregaron, Gevergiline, Landway, Ureny, in the sayde country of Wales and euerye of them, and all honours, lordships, castells, manours, landes, tenements and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compasse or precinct of the sayd lordships, townes, parishes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or anye of them, in whose possession soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery part therof shall stand & be gildable for euer from and after the sayde feast of all saincts, and shalbe vnited annered and ioyned to and wyth the county of Cardigan, as a member part & parcell of the same. And that frō and after the sayd feast of all saincts, iustice shalbe mynistred & executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitauntes of the sayd county of Cardigan, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welshe lawes: and in such fourme & fashion as iustice is mynistred and vsed to the kinges subiectes within the three shyres of Northwales.

And that the lordships townes & parishes of Mouthway, in ẏ said countrey of Wales, in whose possession soeuer they be & all landes, tenements, & hereditamentes, now lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordships townes and parishes of Mouthwaye, or anye of them in whose possessions soeuer they be or shalbe, and euery part thereof shal stand and be gildable for euer from and after ẏ sayd feast of al saincts, and shalbe

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vnited annexed and ioyned to & wyth the county of Mereoneth in Northwales, as a commote member part or parcell of the same.

And be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that all Justices, commissioners, sheriffes, corroners, eschetours, stewardes, and their lieftenauntes, & all other officers and mynisters of the law, shall proclaime and keepe the sessions, courtes, hundreds, leetes, sheriffes courtes, and all other courtes, in the englisth tongue: and al othes of officers, iuries and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verdites and wagers of law, to be giuen and done in the englisthe tongue, and also that from henseforth no person or personnes that vse the welshe spech or language, shal haue or enioy any maner office or fees within this realme of Englande, wales, or other the kinges dominion, vpon payne of forfayting the same offices or fees, vnlesse hee or they vse & exercise the speach or language of Englisthe.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to the sheriffe of euerye of the foresayde shyres of Monmouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbighe, and euerye of them, to put euery misruled and suspecte personne within their sheriffwike, vnder common mainprise and suretye of their personall apparaunce, as the sheriffes do within euery of the three shyres of Northwales. And that the reconisances of such common mainprise and surety of apparaunce, taken before anye of the sayde sheriffes, shalbe as good and effectuall, as if it were taken by any iustice of recorde. And that the sheriffe of the countye of Monmouth, shal certifye such recognisances, common mainprise, or surety of apperance at euery quarter sessions, before the Justices of the peace of ẏ sayd cõtye of Monmouth. And that euery person and persons, wythin the sayd countye of Monmouth, put vnder common mainprise, and bounde to his personall apparance, shall keepe their personal apparance at the sessions holdẽ within the sayd shyre of Monmouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the said shyre next after the feast of saint Wighel tharchaungell, vntill such time that they be thereof releled after the fourme of the law, And that euery of the sheriffes of ẏ said counties of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbighe and euery of them, shall certifye such reconisances common mainprise or surety of apparance by them takẽ, before suche iustice as shalbe appointed by oure soueraigne lorde the kinge within euerye of the sayde shyres of euery sessions to be holden in any of ẏ sayd shyres before the same iustice.

And that euery person and persons within the sayde counties of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbighe: And also within the aboue named countyes of Glamorgan, Kaiermerden, Pembroke and Cardigã, or any of them, put vnder common mainprise, and bound to his or theyr personal apparance, as well by the foresayd sheriffes, as by the Justices of any of the sayd counties, shall keepe theyr apparances before the sayd iustices at euery sessions within the sayd countyes to be holden in such like maner and fourme, as is vsed in the three shyres of Northwales.

And for that the lordes marchers before this presente parliamente haue vsed to put their tenaunts wythin theyr lordships marchers vnder such cõmon mainprise & surety of apparance, and haue had the forfaitures thereof, which for euer from and after the sayd feast of all saincts shall vtterly cesse and determine. Therefore be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that after the sayde feast of all sainctes, euery lay and temporall person now beinge a lorde marcher, shall haue the moitye or halfe of euery forfaiture of all and euery common mainprise, recognisance for the peace, or apparaunce forfayted by any of theyr tenauntes, inhabitinge within any of theyr lordshippes marchers: and they to be payde the same moitye or halfe, by the handes of the sheriffes of euery of the sayd counties, where such forfaytures shall bee, if the sheriffe can leue the same: and the same sheriffe to accompt to our soueraigne lord the king for the other halfe or moity in such eschequire as they be accomptant.

Be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that immediatly vpon the prorogation or dissolution of this present parliament, the lord chauncellour of England shall directe the kinges cõmission vnder his graces greate seale, to such persons as to him shal be thought conuenient, to enquyre and viewe al the sayd shyres of Kermerden, Pembroke, Cardigã, Monmouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, Glamorgan, & Denbigh, and euerye parte and parcell of them: and vpon such viewe and search, to deuide them and euery of them into so many hundredes as they shall thincke most meetest and conuenient: And the hundredes so deuided, shal retourne and certifye wyth the sayd commission into the high Court of Chauncery before the sayde feast of all sainctes, and the same to remaine of Recorde, and to be of such force and effect as it were by act of parliament.

And that the sayde hundredes, after the sayde Certificate, shalbe vsed and taken, as other hundredes bee in euerye other shyre wythin this Realme of England.

Furthermore it is enacted by thauctoritye aforesayde, that immediatlye after the prorogation or dissolution of this present parliamente, the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kinges commission vnder hys graces greate seale to such persons as to him shalbe thoughte conueniente, to enquyre and search out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all & singuler lawes, vsages and customes, vsed wythin the sayd dominion and countrye of Wales: and the same shall retourne and certifye to the kinges highnes and his most honourable counsaile before the sayd feast of al saintes nert comming: and that vpon deliberate aduise therof had and taken, all such lawes, vsages and customes, as the kinges highnes and his sayde most honourable counsayle shal thincke expedient requisite and necessary to be had vsed & exercised in the before rehersed shyres or any of them, or in any other shyre of the dominion or country of wales, shall stande and be of full strengthe vertue and effecte, and shalbe for euer inuiolablie obserued, had, vsed and executed in the same shyres, as if this acte had neuer ben hadde ne

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made, any thing in the same act contayned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that for this presente parliamente, and all other parliamentes to be holden and kepte, for this realme, two knightes shalbe chosen and elected to the same parliamente for the shyre of Monmouth, and one burges for the borough of Monmouth in like maner fourme and order, as knights and burges of the parliamente be elected and chosen in all other shyres of this realme of Englande: And that the same knights and burgeis shall haue like dignity preminence and priuiledge, and shalbe allowed suche fees, as other knightes and burgeis of the parliament haue ben allowed: And the knights fees to be leuyed perceiued, receiued, gathered and payed in suche maner fourme and order, as such fees be gathered, leuied, perceiued, receiued and payed in other shyres of this realme of England: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as well with in the burgh of Monmouth, as wythin al other auncient burowes within the sayd shyre of Monmouth.

And that for this presente parliamente, and all other parliamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knighte shalbe chosen and elected to the same parliamentes for euerye of the shyres of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbighe, and for euery other shyre wythin the sayde country or dominion of wales: and for euery borough being a shyre towne within the sayde country or dominion of wales, excepte the shyre towne of the aforesayde county of Mereoneth, one burgeis: and the election to be in like maner, fourme & order, as knightes and burgeis of the parliamente, be elected and chosen in other shyres of this realme. And that the knightes and burgeis and euery of them, shall haue like dignitye, preeminence, & priuiledge, and shalbe allowed such fees as other knightes of the parliament haue and be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cõmons of the shyre that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to bee leuied and gathered aswell of the boroughes and shyre townes as they bee burgeis of: as of all other auncient borowes within the same shyre.

And it is further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all and euery laye and temporal person and persons now beinge lords marchers, and hauing any lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes riall, shal from and after the sayde feast of all saintes, haue all such mises and profittes of theyr tenauntes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the firste entree into theyr landes in tymes paste: and also haue holden and kept within the precincte of theyr lordships, courtes baron, court leetes, and lawdayes and al & euery thinge to the same courtes belonginge. And also shall haue within the precincte of theyr sayd lordships or law day, wayfe, straife, Infãgthef, outfãgthef, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattels of felons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murther: put in exigẽt for felony or murder: and also wreke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though such priuileges were graũted vnto

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them by our soueraigne lord the king by point of charter: any thing in this present act to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alway that this present acte, nor any thing therein contayned shal take away or derogate any lawes, vsages or lawdable customes now vsed within the three shyres of Northwales, nor shall not depryue nor take away the whole liberties of the duchy of Lancaster, but that the sayd liberties shall continue and be vsed in euery lordshippe parcel of the sayde Duchie within the dominion or country of Wales, as the libertyes of the sayde duchie be vsed in shyre ground, and not county palantine within this realme of England.

Prouided also that this acte nor any thing therein contayned do not extend nor be preiudiciall to any person or persons to auoyde any patente, ioynd patent of any office, fees, annuites or reuercio of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of theyr life or liues by our soueraigne lord the kinge, or by any other person or personnes, either for the vsing, exercisynge or occupying of anye maner office, or otherwyse, but that they shall haue and enioy theyr sayd fees, and all other offices of constableshippes, proctershippes, stewardshippes of leetes, lawdayes, court barons, and other offices, beyng not repugnaunte against this acte: And in case any such offices be repugnaunte against this acte, that then the grauntees to haue and enioy theyr fees, during theyr lyfe or lyues, any article or clause in this present acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

Prouided also that this acte nor any thinge therein contayned, be not in any wyse preiudiciall to the right honourable Henry earle of Worcester, for the exercysing vsing & occupying of the office of the iustice of the hole county of Glamorgan, any thing in this presente act contayned to the contrarye in any wyse not wythstanding.

Prouided also that this act nor any thing therein contayned extend not to depryue take away or derogate any other actes before this tyme made for the tryal of treason murther of felonies or accessaries of the same committed and done in any lordshippe marcher in Wales, or in the nexte shyres of England adioyning to the sayd lordship marcher.

Prouided alwaye, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyinge in the sayde country and dominion of Wales, which haue benne vsed tyme oute of minde by the laudable customes of the sayd country, to be departed and departable amonges issues and heyres males, shal still so continue and be vsed in like fourme fashion and condition, as if this act had neuer beene had nor made, any thinge in this act to the contrary thereof not wythstanding.

Prouided also and be it enacted by auctority afore sayd, that the kynges highnes, not withstandinge this acte, or any thinge therein contayned, shall haue power and auctority for the terme of three yeares nexte after the ende & dissolution of this presente parliamente to suspende for such tyme as shall please his grace, or vtterlye to repeale renoke and abrogate thys hole acte, or

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any part therof from time to time, as shall stande wyth his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspendinge repeale and reuocation from time to time, as often as anye such case shall happen, shalbe made in wryting vnder the great seale of England, and be annexed to the rolle of this presente parliament, wherein this act shalbe enrolled, and proclamations thereupon to be made in euery shyre within the said country and dominion of Wales. And that euerye such suspendinge repeale and reuocation so to be had and made by the kinges highnes, shalbe as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as if the same had ben don by thauctority of this present parliament: this act or any thing therein contayned to the contrary therof not wythstanding.

And where by this present acte there is appointed one Chauncerye and one eschequire at Bykenoke: and an other chauncery & eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the kinges highnes frō tyme to time wythin the terme of fiue yeres nert after the end of this parliamēt, for due ministration of iustice in the sayd countrey of Wales, shal haue power and auctorite to erecte make and ordayne such courte or courtes, and so many courtes of record, and such and so many iustices ministers, officers and clarkes, as by his highnes wythin the time of fiue yeares nerte after ꝑ ende of this present parliament shalbe thought sufficiēt and conuenient, as well for the due execution of this act or of any thing or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctority of the same, as for the good gouernaunce & rule of the sayd countrey of Wales.

Prouided alwaye, ꝑ this act, or any thing or things to be done by thauctority therof, shal not be preiudiciall to any person or persons, which nowe haue by the kinges letters patentes anye office or offices of Protonotary or clearke of the crowne in the sayd country and dominion of Wales, but that they and euerye of them shall and maye still haue and vse theyr offices, in as large and ample maner, fourme, fashion and cōdition as if this acte, or any thing to be done by auctority therof had neuer ben had nor made: any thing in this act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also that this act or any thing therein cōtayned, extende not, or in any wyse be preiudiciall or hurtfull to sir Walter Deuereux knighte of ꝑ noble order of the garter, and lorde Ferrers of Chartley, of for and concerning the offices of chiefe Justice of southwales, the office of Chamberlain of Southwales, and of the countyes of Carmarthen and Cardigā in south wales aforesaid. And of and for the office of the stewardshyp of the lordshyp of Bealth in the marches of Southwales, & of & for the office of receyuorshyp of the sayd lordshyp of Bealth: or of for or concerning any of the said offices: but that the sayd lord Ferrers may haue vse exercise and enioy ꝑ sayd offices and euery of them, with all fees wages emolumentes, commodities and profits to the same offices or to any of them in any wyse belonginge & appertayning, in as large and ample maner forme & condition, as if this act had neuer ben had or made.

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An act establishing the court of Augmentacions. Cap. xxvii.

FOr as much as in this present parliament begunne at London in the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeare of the raigne of the king our soueraigne lorde, and from thens adiorned to Westminster & there holden, and frō that time continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the fourth day of Februarye in the xxvii. yeare of his moste noble raigne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeined & established, by the assent of the kinges maiesty, his lords spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that his maiestye shoulde haue & enioye to him hys heyres and successours for euer, all and singuler such monasteries, priories, & other religious houses of monckes, chanons, & nunnes, of what kindes or diuersities of habites rules or orders soeuer they be called or named, which haue not in landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, & other hereditaments aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred pounds: and all the scites & circuites of all such religious houses, and al & singuler the manours granges, meses, lands, tenements, reuercions, rentes, seruices, tithes, pensions, porcions, aduousons, patronages, rights, entrees, conditions, and other hereditamentes appertayning & belonging to euery such monastery, priory and other religious house, not hauinge as is aforesayde, landes and tenementes aboue the said clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large and ample maner, as the abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other gouernours of suche monasteries, priories, & other religious houses then had or ought to haue had the same in the righte of theyr houses. And that his highnes shall haue to him and to his heires all & singuler such monasteries, abbeies, and priories, which at anye time within one yeare, nexte afore the making of the sayde acte, haue ben giuen and graunted to hys maiestye by anye abbot, priour, abbesse, or prioresse, vnder theyr conuente seales, or that otherwyse haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al & singular the manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, tithes, pentions, porcions, churches, chapels, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions, and all other interestes and hereditaments, to the same monasteries, abbeyes, or priories or to any of them appertayning or belonging, to do and vse therwith his and theyr owne willes, to the pleasure of almighty God, and to ꝑ honour and profite of this realme.

And further it is ordayned by the sayd act, that ꝑ kinges maiesty should haue and enioye all such ornamentes, iewels, goodes, catteles, and dettes, which appertayned or belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the sayd monasteries or religious houses, in the right of theyr sayde monasteryes or houses at the first daye of Marche in the yeare of oure Lorde God 1535. or at any time sithen wheresouer, and to whose possessions soeuer they shal

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come or be found, except such goodes cattels and other thinges excepted & forprised in the sayd act, as by the same act among other things more plainly at large may appeare.

For the more surety and establishmente whereof, and to the intent that the kinges maiestye, his heires and successours shalbe yearely as well truly and iustly answered cōtented and payd of the rents, fermes, issues, reuenues and profites, rysinge, comming and growing of the sayde manours, landes, tenements, & other hereditaments before specifyed, as of the goodes cattels, plate, stuffe of household, dettes, money, stocke, store & other what soeuer profite and commodity giuen graunted or appointed to the kinges maiestye by the same, in such courte place fourme maner and condition, as hereafter shalbe limitted declared and appointed. Be it enacted, ordayned and established by thassente of the kinges maiesty, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter followeth in articles, that is to say.

First the kinge our sayd soueraigne lorde, by thauctoritye aforesayde, ordeyneth, maketh, establisheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonly to be called, the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, which court, by thauctority aforesayd continually shalbe a courte of recorde, and shall haue one greate seale and one priuy seale to be engraued and made after such fourme fashion and maner, as shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, and shall remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shalbe declared.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that there shalbe one certaine person to be named & assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe chauncellour of the saide court, and shalbe chiefe and principall officer of the same courte and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shall haue the keeping of the sayde great seale and priuy seale, to be assigned for the sayd court.

Also that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kinges highnes which shalbe called the kinges Treasurer of the court of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same court.

Also it is ordayned by thauctority aforesayd, that there shalbe one perſō learned in the lawes of the land, to be named by the kings highnes, which shalbe called the kinges attourney of the sayde court, and shalbe the thirde officer of the same courte.

Also that there shalbe one person to bee named by the kinges highnes which shalbe called the kinges Solicitour of the sayd courte, and shalbe the fourth officer of the same court.

Also that there shalbe ten particular auditours to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called auditours of the reuenues of the sayde augmentations.

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Also there shalbe xviii. particuler receyuours, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called receyuers of the sayd reuenues.

Also that there shalbe one parson to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called clearke of the sayde courte: and one other person, which shalbe hushier of the same courte: and one other person, which shalbe called Messanger of the same courte, which hushier and messanger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, and eyther of them shall haue such peare, fees, rewards and profites as the hushier and messanger of the duchy chamber of Westminster haue and perceiue.

Also the sayde Chauncellour, which shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, shall take a corporall othe afore the lord Chauncellour of England for the time being, after the tenour ensuing: Ye shall swere that ye wel and truly shall serue the king in the office of chauncellour shippe of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and poore, to the best of your cunninge witte and power: and that yee shall diligently procure all thinges, which may honestly and iustlye be to the kinges aduauntage and profite, and to the augmentacion of the rightes and prerogatiues of his crowne, and truelye vse the kinges seales appointed to your office, & alle endeuour your selfe to ꝑ vttermost of your power to see the kinge truelye answered of all such rentes, reuenues, issues and profites, which shall or maye arise or growe to your office, & from tyme to time deliuer wyth speede such as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receiue of any person any gifte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependinge before you, or wherein the kinges highnes shalbe party, whereby anye preiudice hinderance losse or dishersion shall growe or be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that the sayde Treasurer shall take a corporall othe before the sayde Chauncellour of the sayde courte, according to the tenoure ensuinge: Ye shall swere that ye shal well and truly serue the kinge our soueraigne lorde and his people in the office of treasurer of this courte: And yee shall reasonably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and doe right to all maner of people poore and riche, in thole thinges which touche your office, and the kinges treasure ye shall truelye keepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompt thereof shall make from time to time ꝑoute any concelement according to this act made for the stablishmente of this courte, and further shal do euery thing that of right appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also eyther of the saide attourney and Solicitour shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chauncellour according to the tenour ensuinge: ye shall swere, that ye wel & truly shall serue the king as his attourney in al courts for & concerning any matter or cause that shal concerne or touch the possessions & hereditaments limitted to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kinges profite thereof, and that ye shall truely councell the king & his chauncellour of this court in all thinges cõcerninge the same, to

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the best of your cunning, witte and power, and with all speede and diligẽce from time to time at the calling of the sayd chauncellour, ye shall endeuour your selfe for ỹ hearing & determinatiõ indifferently of such matters & causes, as shall depend before the sayd chauncellour. And that ye shall not take any gyft or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same court or elswhere, wherein the king shalbe party, whereby the kinges maiesty shall be hurted hindred or disherited, and further do all & euery thing that shal appertaine to your office, so helpe you God and all saincts.

Also that euery of the sayd auditours shall take a corporall othe before ỹ saide chauncellour after the tenour ensuinge, ye shall sweare that yee shall well and truly serue the kinge in your office and true allowaunce make to euery person, which shalbe accomptaunt before you, ye shall not take nor receyue of poore or rich any gift or reward, in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same courte, but such that shalbe your ordinary fees. And ye shall do all and euery other thing, which shall appertayne to your office, so helpe you God and al sainctes.

Also that euerye of the sayde particuler receyuours shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuinge. Ye shall sweare that ye truly shal serue the king in your office, and nothing concele, but true accompte make of all such reuenues rentes sommes of money & other profits, wherwyth ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your office, ye shal make no petition nor aske allowance, but such as shalbe good iust and true and reasonable, and ye shall do all and euery thinge and thinges, which yee ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this act, so helpe you God and all sainctes.

And that the said clearke of the counsell shal take a corporal othe before the said chauncellour after the tenour ensuing. Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge in your office of clearke of the counsell of this courte, & truly do and execute all and euery thing & things, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effect of this act, so helpe you God and all saincts.

Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that al the sayd monasteries priories and other religious houses, which be dissolued, and come, or shall come to the kinges highnes by the act aforesayd, and all the manours meses, lands, tenements, rentes, seruices, tithes, pensions, portions, aduousõs, patronages and all hereditamentes appertayning or belonginge to any the sayd monasteryes priories or other religious houses, shalbe in the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court, & of the officers and ministers therof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profits comming and growing of the premisses or any parte therof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in maner and forme as hereafter shall be declared. Except alwayes and reserued such & as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamẽts possessions goodes and cattelles, which the kinges maiestye, by his letters

patentes vnder his great seale shall declare and limitte to continue and be in their essencial estate, and to persever in the body and corporation, as they were before the making of the sayd act.

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Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that al those manours, landes, tenements & hereditaments, which ỹ kings highnes hath purchased & now remain in his graces handes, or in ỹ handes or possessiõ of any persõ or persõs to his vse, & which hereafter his highnes shal purchase, shal be & remaine in the order suruey & gouernãce of ỹ sayd court, in forme as is above rehersed

Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all giftes, graunteꝭ releasses, confirmations, leses, letters patentes, and other wrytinges, which shalbe in the name of the kinges highnes, his heires or successours of anye estate of freehold only, or any for terme of yeres, or at will or at pleasure, of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, which be before assigned to the order suruey & gouernaunce of the sayde court, or of any rent charges, annuities, nett aduoydance of aduousons, offices or wards, to be geuẽ letten or graũted out of the same or any part ther of, or by any meanes concerning the sayd court, or any of ỹ premisses cõmitted to the suruey of the sayd courte, to any persõ or persõs or bodies politike or of any office appertayning or belonginge to the sayd courte of Augmentacion, shalbe made by the clearke of the sayde courte, or his deputy or deputyes, and subscribed with his owne proper hand & name, & sealed wyth the great seale, assigned to and for the sayd courte. And that all and euery such giftes graunts releasses confirmations, leases, letters patentes, and other wrytinges, which shall be made and sealed as is aforesayde, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe without liuery & sealon or attournemẽt against the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, accordinge to the tenours, purpores and effectes of such giftes graũtes releases confirmations, leses, letters patentes, or other wrytinges so to be made, and that the sayd chancellour vppon euery warrant to be directed to him vnder the kinges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctority to cause to be made by the sayde clearke of the sayd court, or his deputy or deputies in due order and fourme all such giftes, graũtes, releases, confirmatiõs, leases, letters patentes, or other wrytinges as is aforesayd, according to the tenour and effect of euery such warrante, which to him shalbe directed, and to seale all such patentes and wrytinges wyth the sayde greate seale remayning in his custodye: the sayde Chauncellour and other officers to take for his and theyr fees, for the ensealing and wrytinge of euery patente such fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour or other officer or officers of the kinges duchye of Lancaster in like case. And that the sayd Chancellour shall haue power and auctority to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shalbe made vnder the sayd seale in his custody, and to make cancellation of such leases and letters patentes, that shalbe to him surrendred, and cause the daye time and yere of euery such surrender to be regestred and enrolled by the sayd clearke of the sayd court.

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Also the sayde chauncellour by the consent of the Treasourer atturney & Solicitour, or two of thē, wythout any warrant from the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctority to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments limitted to the order survey and gouernaunce of the sayd court. And shall also haue like power and auctority in the kings name to make leasses for terme of xxi. yeares, and not aboue, by letters patentes, to be written by the sayd clerke of ẏ same court and his deputy or deputies, & the name of the said clerke of the same courte as is aforesayd, and to be sealed wyth the sayd great seale, of any of the manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes aforesayd mencioned, which be appointed, or hereafter shall happen to be in the order & gouernaunce of the sayd courte, the sayde chauncellour, and other officer or officers, takinge for his or their fees therof, as is aforesayde. And that euery lease so to be made, shalbe good & effectuall in the law against the king his heyres & successours accordyng to ẏ tenor & effect of the same, Prouided alway that vpon euery such leasse to be made by the sayd chauncellour, there shalbe reserued to the kinges highnes & to his heires so much yerely rēt & profit, as the lāds tenements or hereditaments cōprised in such leses, haue ben letten heretofore or more or after such yerely value as they shalbe certifyed by ẏ kings cōmissioners, into the said court. Prouided also ẏ no leases for terme of yeres shalbe made of any reuersion, without the kinges speciall warrante for the same.

Also the said clerke of ẏ sayd court shall enrol & regester in a great booke in parchmente all & euery those giftes graūtes releases confirmations lesses letters patents and all other writynges which shalbe made and graunted vnder the sayd great seale, and also the day time and yeare of the surrender of anye of them, whan anye such surrendre shall happen. which regester of enrollementes, shall remaine and be safely kepte in the sayde courte, as a recorde to the kinges vse, by the appointment of the sayd chauncellour; And that also the sayd clerke shal enter in a booke ẏ apparances of euery person that shalbe called to appeare before the sayde Chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shalbe made by the sayde chauncellour and counsaile taking such fees for the same, & for writyng & enrolling of any giftes graūtes releases confirmacions lesses letters patentes or other writynges, as ẏ clerke of the duchie of Lancaster hath bene accustomed to take and haue.

Also it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that vpon all and singuler letters patentes to be made vnder ẏ great seale of England, of any manours lands tenements & hereditamēts, belōging or appertayning to any of ẏ said houses, comprised in the sayd act, and committed to the survey of the sayde court, to any persō or persons, or body politicke for any estate of enheritāce there shalbe alwayes reserued to the kinges highnes his heires and successours a tenure by knightes seruice in Capite, and a yerely rent of the x. part of the yearely value of the landes to be comprised in euery such letters patents, accordyng to such rate, as the same manours, landes and tenements & giuen, shalbe expressed to be of yearely value in the same letters patentes:

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any thing or clause contayned in any warrant to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, and that the sayd rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shal be contented and payed to the officers of the sayd courte to the kinges vse, according as other reuenues there shalbe payed: and that none auerrement shalbe made or admitted by or for the kinge or any other person, that ỳ same manours, landes and tenements be of more yerely value than in the same letters patentes shalbe declared.

Also the sayd chauncellour shal haue power and auctority to take recognisaunces of euery particuler recepuour, which shalbe assigned for the saide court, and of his suerties, for the sure payment of his receites: and also to take recognisaunces in the kinges name of euery fermer bayliffe true or other accomptantes, for the true payment of receptes: and of euery person & persons, which shalbe endetted to the kinges highnes for anye arrerages of his receite ferme or charge, as for any other cause for & concerninge anye of the premisses, and all such recognisances, of what summe soeuer they be, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes as recognisances taken in ỳ kinges Chauncery, or els where before any Iudge of Record.

Also it is ordeyned by auctority aforesaide, that the Chauncellour of the same courte for the time beinge, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde writtes of Sirefac. vnder the great seale of his office vpon euery such recognisances in the said courte to be taken, if case so requyre, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execution to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kinges highe court of chaunerie. Prouided alway, that if any issue or tryal, triable by the verdite of xii. men fortune to arise in the pledinge of the same, that then in euery such case the sayde chauncellour shall and may deliuer the record thereof to the Iustices of the kinges bench, for ỳ time being, and thereupon the sayd court of the kinges benche to do euerye thing for the tryall of the same issue, as they ought to doe, in case the saide issue or triall had beene sente or deliuered to them out of the kinges court of Chauncery. And after the tryall thereof in due forme had, & the iudgement thereupon giuen, the Iustices of the kinges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordingly, and the moneye thereof comming to be deliuered by the same Iustices or clerke of the papers of the same courte to the treasourer of the said courte of Augmentacions to the kinges vse.

Also that the saide Chauncellour for the time being, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde vnder the priuie Seale, appointed to the sayde courte in the kinges name, such processe and preceptes wyth reasonable paynes to be therein limitted, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kinges Duchie chambre of Lancaster being at Westminster, againste euery person or personnes, whatsouer they be, for and concerninge the interesse, righte and title of the kinges maiestye his heyres and successours of in or to any of the premisses limitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde

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courte: or of or for any rente, accompt, receite, or seruices in anye wyse touching or concerning the same premisses or any parte of them, for and on the behalfe of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, or of or for any dette rysynge or growing by occasion of the same. Also it is ordeined by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the sayde attourneye and Solicitour, shall diligently from time to time attende vppon the chauncellour of the sayd courte, for the heeringe and orderinge of matters and causes of the sayde courte: and procure withall diligence, that all rents, fermes, profits, casualties, emprouements, and all other emoluments of the manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, beinge in the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte shalbe truelye and tuellye payed and aunswered to the treasorer of the sayde courte, to the vse of the kinges highnes, wythout conceling any part thereof. And shal also cause & procure proces to be made against such as shalbe indetted to the kinges highnes, and their sureties of and for any part thereof from time to time, as the time or case shall require.

Also it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that if any of ỳ sayde officers appointed for the same court, do concele or withdraw willingly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goods giuen to the king by the sayd acte: that then the officer so offending, shall lose the double value of the thing so conceled or withdrawen.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery of the said particuler auditours and receyuours shalbe attendant vpon the sayde chauncellour from time to time as cause shall require. And that euery of the sayde particuler receyuours shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuye to the kinges vse, all such fermes, issues and profittes, as shalbe limitted to his charge, and distrein for the same, if neede so require. And that euery of the sayde particuler receyuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappointmente of the sayde chauncellour shall well and truly suruey all maner of reparacions needefull to be done in or vpō any of the said manors landes, tenements, or hereditamentes limitted to his charge, and appoint the sayde reparacions to be done to the kinges most profite & least charge. And also to suruey the woods limitted to their charge, and what woodsales shalbe conueniente to be made, and make certificate of the premisses frō time to time to the sayd chauncellour.

Also it is ordayned by thauctority aforesayd, that al the rentes, fermes, issues and profites of the sayd religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, and all other the premisses, which be assigned to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the saide courte, as they shall growe due be payable, shall be payed and deliuered to the handes of the sayde Treasurer by euery of the sayde particuler receyuours to be safely kepte to the kinges vse: And that euery acquitance, which shalbe subscribed wyth the name and hād of the sayde Treasourer, made to any of the sayde particuler receyuours, or to any person or persons, whereby shal appeare that the sayde treasourer shall haue receyued of any of the sayde particuler receyuours, or other person or

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persons, any of the fermes, rentes, issues and profites in the charge of the said particuler receyuours, or for any det that shalbe due to the kinges highnes by occasion of the premisses or any parte thereof: or for any sommes of money, which the sayde treasorer shall haue power to receiue to the kinges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquittaunces made by any of the sayd particuler receyuours to any whatsoeuer person for the receite of any thing touching ỹ premisses appointed to his or theyr charge, shalbe a good and effectuall discharge for euery of the sayd particuler receyuours and other whatsoeuer persons aforesayd, against the kinges highnes his heyres and successours for euer.

Also it is ordayned that the sayde treasorer shall yerely accompte before the sayde Chauncellour and such two or mo of the sayde auditours, as the sayd chauncellour shall appointe. And that euery of the sayd particuler receyuours shall yerely accompt before one of the sayd tenne auditours to be assigned to him by the said chauncellour. And that euery of the sayde particuler receyuours for the yere to be ended at the feast of saunct Michaell the archangell, shall make and finishe his accompt before the xx. day of Marche next after the same feast ensuing. And that the sayd treasourer shall yearely finishe his accompt before the last day of Aprill next after following.

Also it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd that the sayd chauncellour by the cõsent of the sayd treasorer attourney & Solicitour, or two of them shal deuide to euery particuler receyuour such porcion as euery of them shall receyue of the sayd religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditaments aforesayd, and shall also proporciõ the sayd religious houses and other the premisses in tenne partes: & shall assigne to euery part thereof one of the sayd ten auditours: And that euery of the sayd ten auditours, as they shalbe assigned, shal yerely ryde to ỹ part to him to be limitted betwene the feast of S. Myghel tharchangel & Christmas, & take the accompts of al baliffes, reues, fermers, tenantes & occupiers of the manours, lands, tenementes and other hereditamentes within the limittes of his assignement.

Also it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the said auditours & particuler receyuours at al times, vpon warning giuen to thẽ by the said chauncellour shall assemble together, aswel for the ordering of the sayd religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same from time to time, as the case shall require as for the viewing and determinacion of the sayd accomptes to be made thereof.

Also it is ordayned by thauctority aforesayd, that al the accompts of euery yere, to be ended at the feaste of saincte Myghell the Archangell, as well of the sayd particuler receyuours, bayliffes, reues, fermers, tenauntes, and occupiers of the sayd houses, manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesayd, as of the said treasorer shalbe wel & perfitly ingrosed in parchmente by the sayde auditours, and deliuered to the sayde chauncellour, safely to be kepte to the kinges vse, euery yere yearely before the furste day of Maye nexte ensuinge the said feast of saint Myghell tharchaungell,

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Also it is enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that the auditours & other officers & mynisters of the sayde courte, for the time being shall yearely perceiue and take by the handes of the sayd Treasorer, particular receyuours, and all other officers and mynisters accomptant, all and singular such ydle dieties, rewards, profites and commodities, as well for their attendaunce vpon the sayde Chauncellour for the time being, and for making of bookes declarations and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concerninge the sayde courte: and also for therpences, costes and charges of the sayd auditours and particuler receyuours, & euery of them, yearely vpdinge their seuerall circuites and limittacions, in as large and ample maner and forme as the kinges auditours of his duchye of Lancaster & other officers and ministers there, do yearely perceiue, receiue take and be allowed in for and about any such like matters causes and busines: and that the sayd auditours for the time being and euery of them, shall haue power and auctocity to allow the same.

Also it is ordayned by auctority aforesayde, that all reparacions and buildinges, which shalbe done from time to time in or vppon any the premisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the said chancellour, by ỳ consent of the sayd treasorer attourney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the sayd Treasorer from time to time vpon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shalbe limitted vnto him for exercise of his office, as of and for all such sommes of money as hee shall paye to any patentee or patentees or anye office fee or annuitie, that shalbe graunted or giuen vnder the seale of the sayd court. And also of al such sommes of money as he shall pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or bil assigned: and also such sommes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any bill assigned and subscribed with the handes of the sayde chauncellour attourney and Solicitour or two of them, vpon such considerations, as shalbe thoughte conuenient by their discretions. And that the sayde auditours, takinge the accomptes of the sayde Treasourer, or of anye of the sayd particuler receyuours, shall haue power and auctority to allow to the Treasourer the premisses and euery parte thereof, and also to allow to euery particuler receyuour and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wages, and all other such sommes of money, as they or any of thē shall pay for in and aboute any buildinges or reparations, as all other honest and resonable petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after such forme fashion and condition as the kinges auditours of his duchis of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any bill or warrant to be sued for the same.

Also it is enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all maner of proces that shalbe made oute of the kinges escheker to or against any person or persons for any fermes, rentes, issues, or profittes concerninge the premisses or any part therof, limitted by this act to be in the suruey order and gouernāce of ỳ

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said court and the ministers therof, shalbe clearely voyde and of none effect.

Also it is ordeyned & enacted by auctority aforesaid, that the sayd Chancellour and treasurer shall yerely declare to the kinges highnes the state of the clere yerely value of the sayde houses, manours, lands, tenements, rentes, pencions, portions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whom they be employed, and what remayneth therof in the handes of the said Treasurer.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by thauctority aforesaide, that all such manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, and other hereditamentes, which in any maner wyse shal come to or be in the handes or possession of oure sayd soueraigne lorde y king his heyres or successours by auctority of the sayd former act of parliament, set lying and beinge as well within the county palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, and hereditamentes, with theyr commodities and appurtenaunces, set lying and being wythin this realme of Englande, Wales, or either of them, out of the sayd county palantine, which be or were appertayninge or belonging vnto the saide monasteries or anye of them, which were of the foundation of our said soueraigne lorde, or of anye of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, may at the free will, liberty, & pleasure of our said soueraigne lord be assigned, limitted, & appointed vnto the order surveying, rereits, letting & setting of the chancellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the said chauncellour and officers of the sayd duchie haue vse and exercise at this presente time of or vppon and in any manours lands, tenements, or hereditamentes, appertayning or in any wyse belonging vnto the said duchie: This act or any thing therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

GOD SAVE THE KINGE.

ANNO XXVIII. HENRICI VIII.



Acts made in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the viii. day of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord King Henry the viii. and there continued and kept till the dissolution of the same Parliament: that is to say, vntil the xiii. day of July next the same yeare inclusiue.

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¶ And it was further ordeyned by ỳ same acte, that all foreine pleas triable by the countrey, which should be pledead by any person or persõs arrai-

ned vpon inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shoulde bee tried before the same Justices, afore whom suche persons shoulde be arrayned, and by the same iurours of the countie, that shall trie the pety treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delay: And that no person arrayned for any pety treason, murder, or felony, should be admitted to any paremtorye challenge aboue the numbre of.xx. whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the said act amõges diuers clauses and prouisions contayned in the same more plainely is expressed.

¶ And where also in the same parlyament it was enacted, that no person or persons, which shoulde happen to be found guilty after the lawes of this realme for any maner of petye treasone, or for any wylfull murder of malyce pretensed, or for robbinge of anye churches, chappelles, or other holye places, or for robbinge any persone or personnes in theyr dwellinge howses or dwellinge place, the owner or dweller in the sayde howse, his wyfe, his children, or seruauntes then being within, and put in feare and dreade by the same: Or for robbinge of any persone or persones in or nere aboute the hyghe wayes, or for wylfull burnynge of anye dwellinge houses or barnes, wherin any corne or grayne shall happen to be: nor that any person or persons beynge founde gyltie of any abettment, procurrment, helpyng, mainteyninge, or counsaylinge of or to any such pety treason, murders, or felons, shoulde bee admitted to the benefite of theyr clergie (suche as be within holy orders, that is to say, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue all onely except) with many other clauses and prouisions conteined in the said acte, as by the same acte more plainly appereth: which acte was also made to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

¶ And where also in the same parlyamente it was further enacted, that euery suche personne and persons, whiche should happen to be indyted of any pety treason, wylfull burnynge of houses, murder, robborie, or burgulary, or other felony, accordinge to the tenour and meaninge of the sayde estatute nexte aboue rehersed, and therupon arrayned, dyd stande muet of malyce or frowarde mynde, or chalenge paremptorie aboue the numbre of xx. or els wyl not aunswere directly to the same inditemẽt of felony, wherupon they shall be arrayned: That then euery such persone and personnes should lose the benefyte and priuilege of their clergy.

¶ And it was also ordeyned by the same acte, that if anye person or personnes be endited and found guilty for stealynge of any goodes or cattelles, in anye countye of this realme, or beyng indited, stande muet of malyce, or chalenge paremptorye aboue the numbre of. xx. personnes, or wyll not aunswear directly to the law, should also lose the benefyt of theyr clergye, in lyke maner and fourme as they should haue done, if they had bene endyted, arraygned, and founde guiltye in the same countye, where the same robberie or burgularie was done, if it shall appere to ỳ Justices by euidence or examinacion, that the sayde felons or robbers arrayned before them, should or ought to haue lost theyr clergy by force of the sayd estatute,

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in case they had ben found gilty of the same felonyes or burgularies in the same shyre where they were committed, as by the sayde acte amonges other thinges more at large is expressed.

And where also in the sayd parliament it was further ordayned, that ye detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankinde or beast, should be felony, & that the offenders therin should lose the priuiledge of their clergy: which act was made to endure to the laste day of the nexte parliamente, as by the same act amongest other thinges it appereth more at large. For as much as the sayd actes be beneficiall and profitable for the commō weith of this realme. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the sayde actes and euery of them, and all clauses and prouisions conteyned in the same, shal stand in full strength and vertue, and from henceforth to continue and endure vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

And be it also enacted by auctority aforesayd that such as be within holy orders, shall from henceforth stande and be vnder the same peynes and daungers for the offences contayned in any of the sayd statutes, & be vsed and ordered to al intentes and purposes, as other persons not being with in holy orders: Any prouision or exceptiō specified in any of the sayd actes, or any other vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary therof notwithstanding. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ An act for continuing of two statutes made in the last parliamēt touching such as go away with caskettes, iewels, goodes, or plate of their maisters. Cap. ii.

WHere in the last parliamēt begonne and holden at London, the third day of Nouēber, in the xxi yere of the kinges most gracious raigne, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogaciōs vnto the dissoluciō therof, it was ordayned and enacted amonges other things, that if any seruāts, to whom any caskets iewels money goods or cattells, should be deliuered to kepe by his or theyr maisters or maistresses, do go away with the sayd caskets, iewels, money, goods or cattelles, or any part therof, to the intente to steale the same, and defraude his or their saide maister or maistres therof, contrarye to the trust & confidence to him or them put by his or theyr sayde maisters or maistresses: or els beinge in seruice without assent or commaundement of his said maister or maystres embesyle the caskettes, iewels, moneye, goodes, or cattelles of his sayde mayster or maistresse, or anye parte thereof, or otherwyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with like purpose to steale, than if the sayde caskettes, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, that any suche seruaunte shal goe awaye wyth, or which hee shall embesyle wyth purpose to steale it,

(as is afore sayde) be of the value of xl.s. or aboue: that then the same false fraudulent and vntrue act, and demeanour should from henceforth be demed and adiudged felony. And that he or they so offendinge, should be punished, as other felons be punished for felony committed, by course of the cõmon law, which act was then made to endure to the nert parliament.

And wher also in another acte made in the sayd parliament, it was enacted, that if any seruaunt for the time being in seruice wyth any persõ or persons, happẽ to steale, or felonously take away any iewels money plate or other goods or cattels of his maister or maistresse: or if any seruaunt, to whom any casket, iewels money goodes or cattells were deliuered by his maister or maistresse, and go awaye wyth the sayde casket, money goodes or cattels, or any part therof, contrary to the trust and cõfidence to him or them put: or without the assent or commaundement of his sayd mayster or maistres, embesyle any casket, iewelles, money, goods or cattels, or anye part therof, or otherwise conuert the same to his owne vse, with purpose to steale it, if the said casket, money, iewels, goodes, or other cattels, be of ỳ value of xl.s. or aboue: that then the offendoure in such case should lose the benefite of his clergie, and the priuilege of al saintuaries, as by the sayde seueral actes more plainly appereth. For as much as ỳ sayd acts ben thought necessary for the commõ wealth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that the same actes, and euery of them, and all and euery clause article and prouiso therein conteyned, shall from henceforth stand good and endure and continue for euer.

An act geuing the kinges highnes auctority newly to allot the townes hips in the shyres and marches of Wales, at any time within three yeres nert ensuing. Cap. iii.

Where in the parliament begunne and holden at London the iii. day of Nouember, in ỳ xxj. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viii. and from thence adiourned to Westminster, & there holden & continued by diuers prorogacions vnto ỳ iiij. day of Febuary, in the xxvij. yere of the reigne of our said soueraign lord, & then & there holden and continued vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte & ordinance was made in the session of the sayd parliament, holden the sayd iiij. day of Febuary, wherby amonges other things diuers shyres & counties were newely made and named wythin the dominion and principality of Wales, & diuers townes parishes lordships, commotes and cantredes within the said dominion and principality, were alloted, appointed and limitted to the sayd seueral shyres & countyes, as by ỳ same act more plainly and particularly amonges other thinges appereth. And for as much as by credible information it is comen to the kinges knowledge sithens the making of the sayd acte, that some lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes

motes, hundredes, & cantredes, be not indifferently allotted and limitted to the shyres named in the sayd acte, for the commodity of the kinges subiectes therein inhabited: Bee it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the kinges highnes (during the tyme of three yeres next after the ende of this present parliament) shal haue power and auctority, by wryting vnder his great seale, to allot appoint assigne and limitte to euery of the shyres named in the saide acte, such and so many lordships townes parishes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiesty by his most high wysedom shall thincke most conuenyente and agreable for the ease and commodity of his louing subiectes the inhabitantes of his sayd dominion and principality. And shal likewyse haue power and auctority to name and assigne the shiere townes in euery of the sayd shiers named in the sayd act. And that euery such limitacion appointment nominacion and assignement to be made by the kings highnes in that behalfe, by auctority of this act, shalbe as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as though it had ben don and made plainly and particularly by auctority of parliamente: any thing conteyned in the sayd act, made in the last parliament, or any other thing or thinges to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An act repelling the statute lately made for the bringing in of doulas and lockerams. Cap. iiij.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster the thyrde day of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the viii. amonges other thinges it was enacted and established, that no person nor persons, englishe nor strannger, denisen nor alien, from or after the feast of S. Myghel tharchangel thā next folowing, should bring or conuey, or cause to be cōueyed or brought by any maner of meanes into this realme of England any linnen cloth called doulas or lockerams, oneles euery whole peece of doulas contayned in length fiue score ells of assise, accompted to euery elle, one inch of assise, and in bredth one yard of assyse: And euery halfe peece fiftie elles in length, and one yarde in bredth of like assise, & al the whole peece & half peece of one goodnes in making. And also it was there enacted and established, ẏ euery whole piece of lockerams should be of like length, as the whole piece of doulas: & euery half piece of lockerams should be of like length as the half piece of doulas: & euery such whole piece & half piece of lockerās to be in bredth a whole yard, lacking a nayle of the yarde: & euery piece & half piece to be in like goodnes by all the length of ẏ same piece, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same doulas & lockerams so to be brought or cōueyed into this realme, not conteyning the ful length bredth and goodnes, or the value thereof, as in ẏ same statute more plainly at large doth appeare. Sithens the making of which act a greate

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nomber of the kinges subiectes, that is to say weauers, tuckers, spinners, diers, and wulpikers, and many other haue ben idle and without woorke, to theyr great impouerishinge, which more and more is like daylye to encreace, if remedy be not prouided, for as much as the clothmakers, which before the makinge of the sayde acte, were wonte to conueye theyr sayde clothes into Britaine, where the sayde linnen clothe called doulas and lockerams is made, and from thens to bringe wyth them the sayde linnen clothe called doulas and lockeram, which they cannot doe sythens the makinge of the sayd acte, without daunger and forfayture of the sayde linnen clothe, by reason that there shall no Englishe man bee suffered to carrye or conuey any of the sayd clothes, called doulas or lockerams, from ỳ parties of beyonde the sea into this realme of the length contayned in the said act: which will make the sayd clothmakers to leaue the making of theyr cloth, to the great & manifold perilles of the kinges subiectes: Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our Souereigne lorde, wyth the assent of the Lords spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that the sayde acte, made in the sayd xxi. yeare, be to all intentes purposes and constructions in the lawe, made vtterly voyde and of none effect, as if this sayd act had neuer beene had nor made. Neuertheles to the intent that the vier of the sayde linnen clothes, shal not at any time hereafter be deceyued by the lengih of ỳ sayd clothes, Be it therefore enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that after the feast of saint Michel tharchangell nert comminge, no maner of personne Englishe nor straunger, denisen nor alien, put to sale anye whole piece, or halfe peece of the sayde linnen clothe, called doulas and lockerams, onles ther be mention expressed vpon euery of the sayd whole peece or half peece of ỳ sayd linnen cloth called doulas or lockeram, so put to sale, as is aforesayd, the whole and entier nomber of the yards or elles, that is conteyned in euery such whole piece or halfe piece, vpon payne of forfayture of ỳ same whole piece or halfe piece, not conteynynge the nomber of yards or elles, so mencioned vpon euery of the sayde whole piece or halfe piece, so put to sale as is aforesayd: The one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to the kinge our Souereigne lorde, and the other halfe to him that shall sease and wyll sue for the same by action of det, bill, plainte, informacion, or otherwyse: in which action, suite, or informacion, no wager of law nor essoyne shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this act or any thing therein contayned, be not preiudicial ne hurtfull to any person or persons, that before the firste day of this parliament hath made any seaser or put in any informacion into any of the kinges courtes for any maner of forfayture done or committed by any person or persons, contrary to the sayd estatute, made in the sayde thyrd day of November, the xxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight.

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¶ An acte for auoydyng of exactions taken vpon prentices in the cities boroughes and townes corporate. Cap. v.

WHere in the parliament begonne at London the third day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the .viij. and from thens adiourned and proroged vnto westminster, the .xvi. day of Januarie, in the .xxii. yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne lord, and there then also holden: it was and is recited, that where before that time it was established & enacted in the .xix. yere of our late soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the .vii. that no maister wardeyns and felowship of craftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of the gyldes or fraternities shoulde take vpon them to make any actes or ordinances, ne to execute any actes or ordinances by them before that time made, or then hereafter to be made, in disheritaunce or diminutiō of the prerogatiue of ỹ king nor of other, nor against the common profite of the people, but if the same actes or ordinances were examined or approued by the chauncellour, treasourer of England, or chief Justice of either bench, or three of thē, or before the Justices of assise in their circute or progres in the shire wher suche actes or ordinaunces be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of .xl. li. for euery time that they do the contrary, as more plainly in the sayd act doth appeare. Sith which time diuers wardens and felowships haue made actes & ordinances, that euery prentice should pay at his first entre in theyr common hal to the wardēs of the same felowship, some of thē .xl.s. some .xx.s. some .xx.s. some .xiii.s. iiii.d. some .vi.s. viii.d. some .iii.s. iiii.d. after their owne Synester minds and pleasure, contrary to the meaning of the sayd acte, made in the sayd .xix. yere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henry the .vii. and to the greate hurte of the kinges true subiectes puttinge their children to be prentises: It was therfore in the sayd parliament, holden at westminster the said .xxii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the .viii. established and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporal, and of the commons in the same parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that no mayster wardeins or felowshippes of craftes, or maisters or anye of them, nor anye rulers of fraternities shoulde take from henceforth of any prētice or of any other person or persons for the entree of any prentice into their said felowship, aboue the some of .ii.s. vi.d. nor for his entree whan his yeares and terme is expyred and ended, aboue .iii. s. iiii. d. vpon payne of forfaiture of .xl. li. for euery tyme that they doe to the contrary, the one halfe to the king oure soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to the party that therefore shall sue by action of dette information or otherwise, and that in the action aforesayde no protection or essoin shal be allowed: As by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteined more playnely maye appere. Sythen whiche sayde seuerall actes established and made, as is aforesayde, diuers maysters, wardeyns and

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felowshippes of craftes, haue by cautell and subtill meanes compassed and practised to defraude and delude the sayd good and holsome statutes, causing diuers prentices or ponge men immediatly after their yeres be expyred, or that they be made free of their occupacion or felowship, to be swornc vpon the holy Euangelyst at their first entre, that they ne any of them after their yeres or terme expired, shall not set vp or open anye shop, house nor sellar, nor occupy as freemen, without the assent and licence of the maister wardens or felowshippes of their occupacion, vpon peine of forfaytynge their freedome, or other like penaltie. By reason wherof the said prentices and iourneymen be put to as much or more charges therby thē they before time were put vnto for the obteining and entering of their fredome, to the great hurte and impouerishmente of the saide prentices and iourneymen, and other their friendes. For remedie wherof be it now, by the auctority of this present parliament established, ordeined, and enacted, that no mayster wardens or felowshipps of craftes, nor any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities, guilds or brotherhedes from henceforth compell or cause any prētice or iourneymā by othe or bond heretofore made or hereafter to be made or otherwise, that he after his apprētiship or terme expired, shall not set vp nor kepe any shop, house or sellar, nor occupy as a freeman without licence of the maister wardens or felowship of his or their occupacion, for and cōcerning the same, nor by any meane exacte or take of any suche prentice or iourneymē, nor any other occupieng for them selfe, nor of any other persōs for them, after his or their said yeres expyred, any sume of money or other things for or concerning his or their freedome or occupation, otherwise or in any other maner then before is recited limitted and appointed in ỳ sayd former act, made in the said .xxii. yere of the reigne of kinge Henry the .viii. vpon the peyne to forfayte for euery time that they or any of them shall offende contrary to this act .xl.li. The one halfe therof to the kinge our souereigne lord, & the other halfe to the party that will sue for the same in any of the kings courtes, by action of det, information, or otherwise: in which suit or action no protection nor essoine shall be alowed for the partie defendant.

¶ An acte for continuaunce of ỳ statutes for beggers & vacabondes, and against conueyance of horses and mares out of this realme, against Welshemen making affrays in the counties of Hereff. Glouc. and Salop, and against the vice of buggery. Ca. vi.

WHere in the parliament begonne at London the third daye of November, in the .xxi. yere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the .viii. and from thense adiourned to westminster, and there holden and continued by prorogacion vnto the .xvi. day of January, in the .xxii yere of our said soueraigne lord, it was then in that session of the saide parliament, an act made and established, declaryng and concernynge

as well how aged, poore, and impotente persons, compelled to liue by almes should be ordered, as how vacabundes and mighty stronge beggers should be whipped and punished: which act was the made to endure and continue vntil the last day of the next parliament. And where also in the sayde session of the sayde Parliamente, one other act was made for the restraynt of carying and conueying of horses and mares out of this realme, which acte was also made to continue and endure to the last dare of the nexte parliamente, as by the sayd two seuerall actes more plainely appeareth. And where also at the sayd parliament continued and proroged vnto the third day of November in the xxvi. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne lorde, it was then in that session of the sayd Parliamente an other acte made and established, for punishment of wilfull men, attemptinge assaultes or affrayes vppon any the inhabitantes of Hereford, Gloucester, or Shropshyre, which acte was also made to endure to the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the sayd acte more plainly appeareth. And where also in the sayd parliament, continued and proroged vnto the xv. day of January, in the xxv. yere of our sayd soueraigne lorde it was then in that session of the sayd parliament one other acte made and established for punishment of the vice of buggery, declaryng such offence to be felony, which act was then made to endure to the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the saide acte more plainly appereth. For as much as the sayde foure seuerall actes be beneficiall and profitable for the common weale of this realme: Be it therefore enacted by thauctority of this presente parliament, that the sayd iiii. actes and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouision therein conteyned, shal from hensforth be obserued and kept, and continue and endure vnto the last day of the nexte parliamente.

An act for the establishment of the imperiall crowne of this realme. Cap. iii.

In their most humble wyse shewen to your most royal maiestye, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and all other your most louing and obediente subiectes, the commons in this your most high courte of parliament assembled, that where in your laste parliamente begonne and holden at London the third day of November, in the xxvi. yere of your most gracious reigne, and from thens adiorned to Reding, and there holden and continued by diuers & sondry prorogations vnto the xv. day of January, in the xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, & then there holden: it was made & ordeyned an act concerning amonges many thinges as well for ratification and confyrmation of your mariage, than had and solempnized betwene your highnes and the late lady Anne Boleyne Marques of Pembroke, as for the limitacion of the succession of your imperiall crowne of this realme, to the issue of your body begotten, & to be begotten of the body of the

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sayd lady Anne, with diuers remainders ouer for defaut of such issue, as in the sayde acte plainly and particularly more at large is expressed and mencioned. And where also by the sayde acte it was ordayned and established, that all and singular your subiectes should take a corporall othe for the fulfilling, maintayning and defending, the whole effects and contents of the sayde acte. And it was further ordayned by the sayd acte amonges other things, that if any person or persons subiect or resiant within this realme or within any your graces dominions after the first daye of Maye, than next ensewing, by writing, print, deede, or acte procured or done, or cauled to be procured or done any thinge or thinges to the prejudice, slaunder, disturbance, or derogation of the sayd matrimony, solemnised betwene your maiesty and the sayd lady Anne, or to the peril, slaunder, or disherison of any the issues and heyres of your bodye, being limitted by the same acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, wherby any such issues or heires of your bodye might be destroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritaunce to the crowne of this realme, as to them is limitted in the same acte: that then euery such person and persons and their aydours, counsaylours, maintaynours, and abettours, and euery of them for euery such offence, should be adiudged high traytours, & that euery such offence shoulde be adiudged highe treason. And the offendours, and their aydours, counsaylours, maintaynours, and abettours, & euery of them, being lawfully conuicte of such offence by presentment, verdicte, confession, or processe, according to the customes and lawes of this realme, should suffer paynes of death, as in cases of highe treason; as in the sayd acte amonges many other articles, clauses, and provisions, is more at large mencioned and specifyed.

And also in the sayd parliament holden at Westminster by prorogation in the third day of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of your most noble raigne, an other acte was made for declaration and ratification of the sayd othe, which diuers of your subiectes then had taken, and all your subiectes after that were bounde to take for due obseruation of the sayde act of the sayde Succession, as by the same acte amonges other thinges is also specifyed and expressed. And all be it most drabde louereigne lorde, and that the sayd actes were then made, as it was then thought by your maiesty, nobles & commons, vppon a pure perfect and clere foundation, thinkinge the sayd mariage then had betweene your highnes and the sayde Lady Anne in their consciences to haue ben pure sincere perfit and good, and so was reputed, accepted, and taken in the realme, till now of late, that God of his infinite goodnes (from whom no secrete thinges cane be hidde) hath cauled to be brought to lighte euidente and open knowledge, as well certaine, iuste, true, and lawfull impedimentes vnknowen at the makinge of the sayde actes, and sithen that time confessed by the sayde ladye Anne, before the moste reuerende father in God Thomas Archbishoppe of Canterbury, Metropolitane and primate of all Englande, strunge

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iudicially for the same: by ỳ which plainly appereth, that the sayd mariage betwene your grace and the sayd lady Anne, was neuer good nor consonāt to the lawes, but vtterly voyde and of none effect: By reason wherof your highnes was and is lawfully deuorced and seperated from the bōdes of ỳ said maryage in the lyfe of the said lady Anne: And this notwithstandinge moste gracious soueraigne lord the lady Elizabeth your doughter, beyng borne vnder the sayd vnlawfull maryage, by vertue & auctority of the acte of your succession aboue remembred, for lacke of heires males of your body should immediatly succede as your lawfull heyre in ỳ moste royall estate of your imperiall crowne of this realme, against al honour equity reason and good cōscience, if remedy should not be prouided for ỳ same: And ouer this moste dread soueraigne lorde, al be it that your maiestie not knowing of any lawful impediments, entred into ỳ bondes of the said vnlawfull mariage, & aduāced the same lady Anne to ỳ honour of ỳ soueraign estate of ỳ queene of this realme: yet neuertheles she inflamed with pride and carnall desires of hir body, putting a part the dred of god and excellent benefites receiued of your highnes, cōfederated hir selfe with George Boleine late lord Rochford, hir natural brother, Henry Norreis esquier, Fraunces Weston knight, William Brereton esquire, gentylmen of your priuie chaumbre, & Marke Smeton Grome of your said priuie chaumbre, and so being confederat, she and they moste traiterously committed and perpetrated diuers detestable and abhominable treasons, to the moste fearfull peryll and daunger of the destruction of your moste royall person, and to the vtter losse disherison & desolatiō of this realme, if god of his goodnes had not in due time brought their sayde treasons to lyght: for the which beinge plainely and manifestly proued, thei were conuicte & attainted by the due course and order of your common lawes of this realme, and haue suffered accordinge to theyr merytes, as by the recordes therof more at large may appere.

¶ And all be it most gracious & moste dread soueraigne lord diuers & sundry honorable iuste true & reasonable clauses be conteined and expressed in the said act, made for the establyshement of your succession, whiche be very necessary and profitable for the cōmon welth of this realme: yet neuertheles bycause certayne articles and clauses conteined in the same, concerning the ratification of your sayde vnlawfull mariage, betwen your highnes & the sayde lady Anne, and the limitacion of youre succession to the issues of your body had by the said lady Anne, and the other expressed and mēcioned in both the actes aboue remembred for the defendinge and maintenynge the hole effectes and contentes of the sayde acte, whiche clauses and artycles bee nowe become of late so dishonorable, and so farre distaunte from the due course of your common lawes of youre realme, and also somuch against good reason equitee and good conscience, that thei cannot be sustened nor tollerated to continue and endure without great peryll of diuisiō hereafter to be had by occasion of the same amonges vs your sayde moste humble louing and obedient subiectes and our posteritie: It may therfore

pleaſe your highnes of your moſt excellent and accuſtomable goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour & harty affection, ỳ your maieſtye hath alwayes borne and beareth to the common welth of this your realme, and for ỳ cõſeruacion of the good peace vnity and reſte of vs your moſt bounden and obedient ſubiectes, and of our ſayde poſterities, that it may be enacted by auctorityy of this preſent parliament, that the ſaide two actes and euery of them, and all clauſes articles & prouiſions therin conteined, from ỳ fyrſte day of this preſent parliamente, ſhall be repealed, adnulled, and made fruſtrate, and of none effecte.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that the ſayde repeale and adnullacion of the ſayde acte, whiche was made for the eſtablyſhement of your ſucceſſion, ſhall not be taken expounded nor vnderſtande to diſcharge any perſon or perſons, which haue done or committed any offences of treaſõ or miſpriſion of treſon, contrary to the ſame acte, or any part therof at any time afore ỳ firſte daye of this preſente parliamente: but that ſuche offences of treaſon and miſpriſion of treaſon, done and committed by anye perſonne or perſonnes, contrary to the ſame acte, afore the fyrſte daye of this preſent parlyament, ſhall be and remayne in the ſame degree and qualitee to be puniſhed by auctority of the ſame acte, as if the ſame acte had not beene repealed: the repeale and adnullacion of the ſame acte by auctoritie of this preſente parlyamente in any wyſe notwithſtandynge. Neuertheles the kinges moſt royall maieſtie, moſte graciouſtly conſiderynge, that dyuers and manye of his moſte louinge and obedyente ſubiectes nowe lately afore the begynninge of this preſente parliamente, haue ſpoken, doone, practiſed, procured, and attempted, as well by wordes, writynge and pryntyng, as by exterior actes, not onelye againſt the ſayde vnlawfull mariage, ſolempniſed betwene his highnes and the ſayde ladye Anne, and to the preiudyce ſclaunder diſturbance and derogacion therof, but alſo to the peril ſclaunder and diſheryſon of the ladye Elizabeth the kinges doughter illigyttimate borne vnder the ſame mariage, and to the let diſturbance and interruption of the ſaid lady Elizabeth to the title of the crowne: and alſo to depriue the ſaid lady Anne late queene, and the ſaid lady Elizabeth, and euery of them of their dignity, tytle and name of their royall eſtates, contrarye to the tenours, purpoſtes, prouiſions and ordinaunces, as well conteyned in the ſaide acte made in the laſt parliament for the eſtablyſhmente of the kyngs ſucceſſion, as in an other acte made in the laſte parliament for punyſhment of treaſons. Which wordes, doinges, practiſes, procurements and attemptes of his ſayd ſubiectes, all be it they proceded of no malyce, but vpon true and iuſte groundes, for puniſhment of the ſayde late lady Anne, accordyng to hir deſertes, and for reformation of the ſaide vnlawfull mariage for the ſurety of the kings highneſſe and for the vnity and wealth of this realme: yet neuertheles the kynges ſayde ſubiectes mought hereafter happen to be empeched, troubled and vexed for ſuch their wordes, doings, actes, procurementes and attemptes, as well by reaſon of the ſayd eſtatute, made for the

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eſtabliſhment of the kinges ſucceſſion, and now repealed by this act, as by occaſion of other ſtatutes heretofore made for puniſhment of treaſon and miſpriſion of treaſon, to the great daunger and perilles of the liues lands and goodes of the kinges ſayde ſubiectes, which onely for harty good will and faithful obedience, that they beare to the kinges maieſty, incurred unto the ſayd daungers and perils: The kinges highnes therefore of his moſt bonntiful mercy and benignity is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, that all and ſinguler his louing ſubiectes, which haue ſpoken done practiſed committed or attempted, or procured to be done or attempted directly or indirectly, by wordes, writinges, printes, or any exterior act, any thing or thinges whatſoeuer it be, againſt the ſaide mariage, ſolempniſed betwene his highnes and the ſayd late Queene Anne, or for the ſetting forth or prefermēt of the dyuorce or diſſolution thereof: or againſt the ſayde late Queene Anne, or the ſayde lady Elizabeth, or to any of their ſlaunders perilles or diſherisons: or haue wiſhed willed or deſired by wordes or writings, or inuented imagined practiſed or attẽpted any bodily harme to ẏ ſaid late Queene Anne, or lady Elyzabeth, or to depriue ẏ ſame late Queene Anne, or lady Elizabeth, or any of them, of the dignitye title or name of theyr royall eſtates, or haue ſpoken done or procured to be don any other wordes writings printings wiſhing willing, thinge or things, act or actes againſt the ſayd late Queene Anne or lady Elizabeth, which is or mought be deemed or interpreted for treaſõ, or miſpriſion of treaſon by anye conſtruction vppon any of the ſtatutes of this realme heretofore made, ſhalbe freely and clerely pardoned diſcharged and releaſed by auctority of this act of al thoſe and ſuch treaſons and miſpriſions of treaſons aboue mencioned. And that none of his ſayd louinge ſubiectes for any of the ſayd treaſons or miſpriſiõs of treaſon aboue mencioned and ſpecifyed, ſhall hereafter at any time, by any maner of meanes be empeched vered or troubled in their bodyes liues lãds goods or cattels, any thing in this act, or in any act or actes heretofore made for treaſons or miſpriſion of treaſon, to the contrary thereof not withſtanding.

And that it bee further enacted by auctority aforeſayde, that the ſayde late Queene Anne, George Boleyn, late lorde Rochford, Henrye Norreis eſquier, Frauncis Weſton knight, William Brereton eſquier, and Marke Smeton, for their abhominable and deteſtable treaſons, by them and euery of them moſt abhominably and traiterouſly committed & done againſt your maieſty and the realme, ſhalbe by auctoritye of this preſente parliament conuicted and attainted of highe treaſon, in ſuch maner and fourme and accordingly as they bee, by the due courſe and order of your lawes of this realme. And that the ſayd late Queene Anne, George lorde Rochford, Henry Norreis, Fraunces Weſton, William Brereton, and Marke Smeton, and euery of them, ſhall loſe and forfaite to your highneſſe and to your heyres, all ſuch theyr manours, meaſes, landes, tenements, rentes, reuerſions, remaynders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, rightes, condicions,

and all other hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualities so euer they be, which they or any of them, or any other to their vses, or to the vse of any of them had or ought to haue had of any estate of inheritaunce in fee simple or in taple, in vse or possession at the dayes of their seuerall treasons committed and expressed in their inditement, or at anye tyme after. Sauinge to euery person and persons, and bodyes politike, and to the heyres assignes and successours of euery of them (other than to the sayd late Queene Anne, and the other traytours aforenamed, and their heyres and assignes of euery of them, and all and euery other persone and persones claymyng by them, or any of them, or to their vses, or to the vses of anye of them or to the vse of any of their heyres) all such right tytle vse possession interest condicion fees offices rentes annuities commens, & all other commodities and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they or any of them moughte shoulde or ought to haue had, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

And ouer this moste gracious souereigne lorde, for as much as it hath pleased your moste royall maiesty, notwithstanding the great and intolerable perils and occasions, which your highnes hath suffered and sustayned, as well by occasion of your firste vnlawfull mariage solempnised betwene your highnes and the lady Katherine, late princes dowager, as by occasion of the said vnlawful mariage betwene your highnes and the said late Queene Anne, at the moste humble peticion & intercession of vs your nobles of this realme, for the ardent loue & feruente affection, which your highnes beareth to the conseruation of the peace and vnity of the same, & for the good and quiet gouernaunce therof, of your most excellente goodnes to enter into mariage againe, and haue chosen and taken a right noble vertuous and excellent lady Quene Jane to your true and lawful wyfe, and haue lawfully celebrated & solemnysed mariage with her, accordinge to ỳ lawes of holy church: who for her conuenient yeres, excellent beauty, and pureneſſe of fleshe and bloud, is apte, (god wyllinge) to conceyue issue by your highnes: which mariage is so pure and sincere, without spotte doubte or impediment, that the issue procreated vnder the same, when it shall please almighty God to sende it, cannot be lawfullye truly nor iustlye interrupted or disturbed of the right and title in the succession of your crowne: It may therefore now please your most gracious maiesty, at the most humble petition and intercession of vs your nobles and commons, assembled in this present parliament, as well for the clere extinguishment of all ambiguities and doubtes, as for a pure and perfect vnity of vs your most humble and obedient subiectes, and of all our posterities, that it may be enacted by your moste gracious and royall maiestye, by consente of vs the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commõs in this present parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter in articles ensueth.

First for as muche as the maryage heretofore solempnysed betweene youre highnes and the sayde ladye Katheryne princes dowager deceased,

sed, whiche afore was lawfull wyfe to your naturall brother prince Arthur, and by him carnally knowen, as hath duely bene proued by sufficiente wytnesses, at all tymes was is and ought to be demed and determyned, to be against the lawes of almighty god, & not dispensable by any humayne auctority, & so hath bene deemed & determined, as well by ỹ whole clergie of this realme, in bothe conuocations, and by both the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleaunce, Tolowes, Angiew, and diuers other, & also by a great numbre of priuate writinges of many righte excellente well learned men: Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, accordinge as it was ordeined and enacted in the sayd acte made in the laste parliament for the establishment of your succession, that the sayde maryage heretofore had and solempnised betwene your highnes & the sayd lady Katherine, which was before lawfull wyfe to the sayd prince Arthur your elder brother, and by him carnally knowen, as doth duely appeare by sufficient profe in a lawfull proces had and made before the sayd moste reuerend father in god Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god archebyshoppe of Caunterburye, Metropolitane and prymate of all England, shalbe by auctoritie of this presente parlamente diffinitiuely clerely and absolutely declared, deemed & adiudged to be against the lawes of almighty god, and also accepted, reputed and taken of no value ne effect, but vtterlye voyd and adnichiled: And that ỹ seperation therof made by the sayde Archebishop shall be good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, any licence, dispensacion, or any other act or actes goyng before or ensuinge the same, to the contrarye therof in any wyse not withstandynge. And that euery suche lycence, dispensacion, acte or actes, thinge or things, had made done or to be done to the contrary therof, shall be to al intentes voyde and of none effecte, and so shall be reputed and taken by & amonges all vs your true subiectes and inhabitauntes, our heyres & successours of and in your realme & dominiõs for euer. And that the issue borne and procreated vnder the same vnlawfull mariage, made & solemnised betwene your highnes and the sayd lady Katherine, shalbe taken deemed and accepted illegittimate to al intentes and purposes. and shall be vtterly forclosed excluded & barred to clayme chalenge or demaunde any inheritance as lawfull heire to your highnes by lyneall dissent.

¶ And also for almuch as the mariage solempnised betwene your highnesse and the sayde late queene Anne vppon true and iust causes was and is deemed & adiudged by the sayd moste reuerend father, to be of no value ne effect, & a deuorce and seperacion therof had and made by the due orde and processe of the lawes of the churche of Englande, before the saide reuerend father, Be it therfore enacted, by the auctoritye of this present parlyamẽt, that the same maryage betwene your highnes & the said late queene Anne, shalbe takẽ reputed demed & adiudged to be of no force strẽgth vertu nor effecte and that the seperation and deuorce therof had by the sentence and iudgemente of the saide moste reuerend father, shalbe good & effectuall,

and so hereafter shall be taken and reputed for euer by all your subiectes, their heires and successours. And that none appeale, repeale, reuocation or adnullation therof, or any parte of the same, shall hereafter be had taken allowed or admitted in any behalfe. And that all the issues and children borne and procreated vnder the same mariage betwene your highnes and the sayd late queene Anne, shall be taken reputed and accepted to be illegitimate to all intentes and purposes, and vtterly forclosed excluded and barred to claime, challenge, or demaunde any inheritaunce as lawfull heyre or heires to your highnes by lineall discente, the sayd former acte made in the last parliament, for the establishement of your succession, or any thing therin conteined, or any other thinge or thinges to the contrarye therof in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And furthermore since manye inconueniences haue fallen, as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryng within the degrees of mariage, prohibited by goddes lawes, that is to saye. the sonne to mary the mother, or the stepmother carnally knowen by his father, the brother the sister the father his sonnes daughter, or his daughters daughter: or the sonne to mary the daughter of his father procreate and borne by his stepmother: or ꝑ sonne to mary his aunte, being his fathers or mothers syster: or to marye his vncles wife carnally knowen by his vncle: or ꝑ father to mary his sonnes wife carnally knowen by his sonne: or the brother to mary his brothers wife carnally knowen by his brother: or any man maried, & carnally knowinge his wyfe, to marie his wiues daughter or his wiues sonnes daughter, or his wiues daughters daughter, or his wiues syster.

¶ And further to dilate and declare ꝑ meaninge of these prohibicions, It is to be vnderstãde, that if it chaunce any man to knowe carnally any woman, that then all and singuler persons, beinge in anye degree of consanguinitie or affinity, as is aboue written, to any of the parties so carnally offendyng, shall be deemed and adiudged to be within the cases and limytes of the sayde prohibicions of mariage. All whiche mariages all be it they be plainly prohibited & detested by the lawes of god, yet neuertheles at sometymes they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensacions by mans power whiche is but vsurped, and of right ought not to be graũted admitted ne allowed. For no man, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, hath power to dispence with goddes lawes, as al the clergie of this realm in the sayde conuocations, and the moste parte of all the vniuersities of Christendome, and we also do affirme and thinke.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by auctority aforesayde, accordinge as it is declared and conteyned in the sayde acte, made in the laste parliament for the establishement of your succession, that no person or persons, subiectes, or resiauntes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate degree or dignity soeuer they be, shall from henceforth mary within the degrees afore rehersed, what pretence soeuer shall be made to the contrary therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate, dignity, degree or condicion so e-

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uer they be, ỹ bene heretofore maried within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, within any the degrees aboue rherſed, and by any the archebiſhoppes or miniſters of the church of England be ſeperate from the bondes of ſuch vnlawfull mariages: That then euery ſuch ſeperacion ſhalbe good lawfull firme & permanent for ever, & not by any power auctoritie or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter. And that the children proceding or procreat vnder ſuch vnlawfull mariage, ſhal not be lawful ne legitimate: any forrein lawes, licences, diſpenſacions, or other thing or thinges to the contrary therof not withſtanding. And that in caſe there be any perſon or perſons within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions al redy maried within any of the ſaid degrees aboue ſpecified, and not yet ſeperate from the bondes of ſuch vnlawfull mariage, that then euery ſuch perſon, ſo vnlawfully maried, ſhalbe ſeperate by ỹ diffinitiue ſentence & iudgment of the archebiſhops, biſhops, and other miniſters of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions, within the limittes of their iuriſdictions & auctorities, and by none other power or auctority. And that all ſentences and iudgemētes giuen & to be geuen by any archbiſhop, biſhop, or other miniſter of the church of Englande, or in any other the kinges dominions, within the limites of their iuriſdictions and auctorite, ſhall be diffinitiue firme good and effectuall to al intentes, and be obſerued, and obeyed, wout ſuing any prouocacions, appeales, prohibicions, or other proceſſe, from or to the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrary to the acte made ſithen the beginning of the laſte parliament for reſtrainte of ſuch prouocacions, appeles, prohibicions and other proceſſes.

¶ And alſo be it enacted by auctority afore ſayd, that all the iſſue hereafter to be had and procreate betwen your highnes, and your ſayd moſt deare & entierly beloued lawfull wife queene Jane, ſhall be your lawfull children & heires, and be inheritable and inherite, accordinge to the courſe of inheritaunce and lawes of this realme, the imperiall crown of the ſame, with all dignities, honours, prehemineces prerogatiues, auctorities, & iuriſdictions, to the ſame annexed or belonginge, in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this preſent time hath the ſame as king of this realme, the inheritaunce therof to be and remaine to your ſayd children and right heirs in maner and fourme as hereafter ſhall be declared, that is to ſay.

¶ Firſt the ſayde imperiall crowne and other the premiſſes, ſhalbe to your maieſty and to your heires of your body lawfully begotē, that is to ſaye, to the firſt ſonne of your body betwene your highnes and your ſayde lawfull wife queene Jane begotē, & to the heires of the body of the ſame fyrſt ſonne lawfully begoten. And for defaulte of ſuch heires, than to the ſecond ſonne of your body, and of the body of the ſayd queene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of the ſame ſeconde ſonne lawfully begoten, as aforeſaid and ſo to euery ſonne of your body, and of the body of ſayd Queene Jane begotē, and to the heires of the body of euery ſuch ſonne begoten, accordinge to the courſe of inheritaunce in that behalfe. ¶ And if

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it shal happen your said most dere and entierly beloued wife queene Jane to decease without issue male of the body of your highnes to be begotten (which god defende) then the same imperiall crowne, & all other the premisses to be to your maiesty, as is aforesayde, and to the sonne and heire male of your body lawfully begotten by any other lawfull wife, & to the heyres of the body of ỳ same sonne & heyre male lawfully begottē: And for default of suche issue, than to your seconde sonne of your body lawfully begottē, & to the heires of the body of the same seconde sonne lawfully begotten: and so from sonne and heyre male, to sonne and heire male, and to ỳ heires of ỳ seuerall bodies of euery such sonne and heire male lawfully begotten, according to the course of inheritaunce, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aboue sayde.

¶ And for default of suche sonnes of your body lawfully begottē: and of the heires of the seuerall bodies of euery such sonne lawfully begotten, ỳ then the sayde imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, shall be to the issue female betweene your maiesty and your saide moste deere and entierly beloued wife Queene Jane begotten: And for lacke of such issue, than to the heires females of your body lawfully begotten by any other lawfull wyfe: that is to say, fyrste to the eldest issue female, and to the heires of her bodie lawfully begotten, and so from issue female to issue female, and to theyr heires of their bodies one after an other by course of inheritaunce according to theyr ages, as the crowne of England hath bene accustomed and ought to succede and go, in case when there is heire female inheritable to the same.

¶ And for as much as it standeth at this present time in the only pleasure and will of almightie god, whether your maiestie shall haue heires begotē and procreated betwene your highnes and your sayd most dere & entierly beloued wife queene Jane, or els any lawfull heires and issues hereafter of your owne body begoten by any other lawful wife, & if such heires should fayle, as god defende, and no prouision made in your life, who should rule and gouerne this realme for lacke of such heyres: that then this realme after your transitorie life shall be destitute of a lawfull gouernour: Or elles parcase encombred with suche a person, that would couet to aspire to the same, whome the subiectes of this realme shall not finde in their hartes to loue dred and obediently serue as their soueraigne lorde. And if your grace afore it may be certainely knowen, whether ye shall haue heires or no should sodaynly name and declare any person or persons to succeade after your decease, and for lacke of heires of your body lawfully begottē, into the royall estate of the imperiall crowne of this realme: than it is to bee doubted, that such person that should be so named, mought happen to take great hart and courage, and by presumption fall to inobedience & rebellion. by occasion of which premisses great diuision and discension may bee and is very likely to arise and springe in this realme, to the greate perill and distruction of vs your moste humble and obedient subiectes, and of all our

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posteritie, if remedy for the same should not be prouided. For reformatiō and remedy wherof, we your most bounden and louing subiectes, most obediently knowledging, that your maiesty most victoriously, prudētly, politikely & indifferentlye hath mayntayned, defended, gouerned, and ruled this realme in good peace rest quietnes & obedience, during all the time of your most gracious reigne, which we moste hartely desyre mought continue for euer, putting all our whole trust and confidence in your highnes, and nothing doubting, but that your maiesty, if ye shoulde fayle heyres of your body lawfully begotten (which God defende) for the hartye loue and feruente affection, that ye beare to this realme, and for auoydinge all the occasions of deuision afore rehersed, so earnestly mindeth the wealth of the same, that ye can best and moste prudentlye prouide such a gouernour for vs and this your realme, as shal and will succeede and folowe in the iust & right trade of all your proceedinges, and maintayne keepe and defende the same, and all the lawes and ordinaunces established in your most gracious time for ỹ wealth of this realme, which al we desyre, wherby we your said most louing and obediente subiectes, and oure heyres and successours shal and may liue as nere as may be, in as good peace vnity & obedience after your decease, as we haue liued in ỹ time of your most gracious reigne: Do therfore most humbly beseech your highnes, that it may be enacted, for auoyding of all ambiguities, doubtes, deuisions and occasions in that behalfe, by your most royall maiesty, by the assente of vs the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commōs in this your present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that your highnes shall haue full and plenar power and auctoritye to giue dispose appointe assigne declare and limitte by your letters patents vnder your great seale or els by your last will made in wryting, & assigned wyth your most gracious hande, at your onely pleasure from time to time, hereafter the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, & all other the premisses thereunto belonginge, to bee, remayne succede and come after your decease, and for lacke of lawfull heyres of your body to be procreated and begottē as is afore limitted by this acte, to such person or persons in possession and remainder, as shall please your highnes, & according to such estate, and after such maner fourme fashiō order and conditiō as shalbe expressed declared named and limitted in your sayde letters patents, or by your sayd last will. And we your most humble & obedient subiectes do faythfully promise to your maiesty by one common assent, that after your decease, and for lack of heyres of your body lawfully begottē, as is afore rehersed, we our heyres and successours shall accept and take, loue dred, serue and alonely obey such person and persons males or females, as your maiesty shall giue your sayde imperiall crowne vnto by auctority of this act, & to none other, & wholy to sticke to them, as true & faythfull subiects ought to do to theyr regall rulers gouernours and supreame heads.

And for sure corroboration thereof be it further enacted by auctoritye aforesayde, that such person and personnes, as to whom it shall please your ma-

maiesty to dispose limit and assigne your sayde crowne, and other the premisses therto apertayning, by your letters patentes, or by your laste will, as is aforsayde, shall haue and enioye the same after your decease, and for lacke of heyres of your body lawfully begotten, accordinge to suche a state and after such maner fourme facion order and condicion as shall be therof expressed mentioned & conteyned in your sayde letters patentes, or in your sayd laste will, in as large and ample maner, as if such person and persons had ben your lawful heyres to the imperial crowne of this realme, and as if the same crowne of this realme had ben given & limitted to them plainly and particularly by special names and sufficient termes and wordes by the full and immediat auctorite of this your most high court of Parliament.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesayd, that if any of your heyres or children hereafter do vsurpe the one of them vppon the other in the crowne of this realme, or claime or chalenge your sayd imperial crowne in any other fourme or degree of discente or succession then is afore limitted by this acte: Or if any person or person, to whom it shal please your highnes of your most excellente goodnes, by auctority of this act to giue and dispose your sayd crowne and dignity of this realme, or the heyres of anye of them, do at any time hereafter demaunde chalenge or clayme your sayd crowne of this realme, otherwyse or in any other course fourme degree or condicion then the same shalbe giuen disposed and limitted vnto them by your highnes, by vertue and auctority of this acte. Or if any such person or persons, to whom your maiesty shall hereafter giue or dispose your sayd crowne by auctority of this act, or any of theyr heyres, do interrupte or let any of the heyres of your maiesty, that is or shalbe begotten, borne, & procreated vnder your lawfull pure sincere & vndouted mariage nowe had & solempnised betweene your highnes & your sayd most dere and entierly beloued wyfe Queene Jane, or any other your lawful heyres hereafter to be begotte of your body by any other lawful mariage, peasibly and quietly to keepe haue and enioy the sayde imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, by course of inheritannce according to the limitacion thereof, expressed and declared by this act, that then all and singuler the offendours in any of the premisses, contrary to this act, & all theyr abbettours, maintenours, fautours, counsaylours and aydours therin, shalbe deemed & adiudged highe traytours to the realme. And that euery such offence shalbe accepted reputed and taken to be high treason, & the offendours therein, theyr aydours, maintenours, fautours, counsaylours and abettours & euery of them, for euery such offence shal suffer such iudgement and peynes of death, losses & forfaytures of landes, goods, and priuileges of sainctuary, as in any cases of high treason. And ouer that as well your sayde heyres and children, as euery suche person and persons, to whom your highnes shall limitte your sayd crowne, in fourm as is aforesayd, and euery of theyr heyres for euery such offence aboue specifyed, by them or any of them to be committed, shal lose and forfayte as wel al such right title and interest, that they maye

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clayme or challenge in or to the crowne of this realme, as heires by discēt. or by reason of any gift or act shall be done by your highnes, for his or their aduauncemente, by auctority of this acte, or other wyse by any maner of meanes or pretence whatsoeuer it be.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree dignitie or condicion so euer they be, at any tyme hereafter, by wordes writing, imprintinge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously or willingly procure, or do or cause to be procured or done directly or indirectly, any thinge or thinges, to the perill of your moste royall person, or to the perill of the person of any your heires or successours, hauyng the royall estate of the crowne of this realme: or maliciously or wyllyngly giue occasion by wordes, writing, print, deede or acte, wherby your highnes or any your sayd heires or successours, haumge the royall estate of the crown of this realme, might be disturbed or interrupted of the crowne of this realme: or by wordes, writing, print, deed or act procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thing or things, to or for the interruption, repele or adnullation of this acte, or of any thing therin conteined, or of any thing that shall be done by your highnes in the limitacion and dispolition of your crown by auctority of ꝑ same: Or by wordes, writing, print, deed or act procure or cause to be procured or done any thinge or thinges, to the preiudice sclander disturbance or derogation of the sayd lawful matrimony, solempnised between your maiesty and ꝑ said queene Jane, or any other your lawful wife or wyues hereafter by your highnes to be take: or to the peril sclander or disherison of any of the issues and heires of your highnes, beynge ymitted by this act to enherite or to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in such forme as is aforesayd: Or to the interruption or disherison of any such person or persons, to whom your highnes shall assigne and dispose your sayde imperiall crowne by auctoritie of this act as is afore remēbred: wherby any such issues or heires of your highnes, or such other persō or persons might be distroied disturbed or interrupted in same body or title of ꝑ inheritaunce to ꝑ crowne of this realme as to them is limitted in this acte in forme aboue rehersed, or as to them shalbe limited and assigned by your highnes, by vertue and auctoritie of this act. Or if any person or persōs by wordes, writing, imprinting or any other exteriour act directly or indirectly accept or take, iudge or beleue any of the mariages had and solempnised betwene the kinges highnes and the sayde lady Katharine, or betwene the kynges highnes and ꝑ said late queene Anne, to be good lawfull or of any effect: Or by wordes, writing, printing or any other exterior acte directly or indirectly, sclaunder, interrupt, empeach, gainsaye, or impugne, the lawfull iudgementes and sentences of the saide moste reuerend father in god, Thomas archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all Englande, for and concernyng the diuorces and seperations of the sayde vnlawfull mariages or any of them. Or by wordes, writing, print or any other exterior act directly or indirectly, take, accepte, name, or call by any pretence any of the children borne

borne and procreated vnder any of the said vnlawful mariages, to be legitimate and lawful children of your maiestie. Or if any perſō or perſōs craftyly imagine, inuent or attempt by colour of any pretence to depriue the kynges highnes, the queene, or the heires of their bodies begotten, or anye other the heires of the kings body lawfully begotten, or any perſon or perſonnes, to whome the kynges highnesse ſhall diſpoſe, giue and limitte the crowne of this realme, by auctoritie of this acte, of any of their tytle, ſtiles, names degrees or royal eſtates or regal power: Or if any perſon or perſōs at any time hereafter, being required or commaunded by the kinges hyghnes, or by ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall bee auctoriſed by his grace or his lawful heires to make or take an othe, to anſwere to ſuch queſtions and interrogatories, as ſhalbe obiected to them, vpon any clauſe, article, ſentence, or woorde, conteined in this acte, do contēptuouſly or vtterly refuſe to make or take ſuche othe, or without fruſtratory delay do not make or take ỹ ſame Othe: or after the makyng or takynge ſuch othe, do contemptuouſly refuſe directlye to aunſweare to ſuche queſtions and interrogatories, as be obiected concernyng the ſame or any parte therof: that then euery ſuche perſon and perſons, of what eſtate degree or condicion ſoeuer he or thei be, and their aydours, counſailours, mainteinours and abettōurs, and euery of them, for euery ſuche offence afore declared, ſhall bee adiudged highe traytours. And that euery ſuche offence afore ſpecified ſhall be adiudged hygh treaſon, and the offendours therin and their aidours coūſaylours mainteinours and abettours, and euery of thē beyng lawfully conuict of any ſuch offence by preſentmente, verdit, confeſſion or proceſſe, accordyng to the cuſtome & lawes of this realme, ſhall ſuffer peines of death as in caſes of high treaſō: And that alſo euery ſuch offēdour, being cōuict as is aforeſaid ſhal loſe and forfaite to your highnes, and to your heires or ſucceſſours kynges or regall rulers of this realme, al ſuch manours, landes, tenements, rentes, annuities and hereditamentes, which they had in poſſeſſion as owners, or were ſole ſeaſed of, by or in any right, title or means, or any other perſon or perſons had to their vſe of any eſtate of enheritaūce, at the day of ſuch treaſons and offences by them committed and done. And ſhal alſo loſe and forfayte to your highnes & your ſayd heires, as well all maner ſuch eſtates of freehold and intereſt for yeres of landes and rentes, as all other goods catalles and dettes, which they had at the time of their conuiction or attainder, of any ſuche offence: Sauinge alwaye to euery ſuche perſon and perſons and bodies politike, to their heires aſſignes and ſucceſſours, and to ỹ heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them other then ſuch perſon as ſhalbe ſo conuicte or attaynted and their heires and ſucceſſours, and all other claymyng to their vſes, all ſuch right, title, vſe, intereſt, poſſeſſiō, condiciō, rentes, fees, offices, annuities, and cōmens, which thei or any of thē ſhal haue in or vpon any ſuch manours, lands, tenements, rentes, annuityes or hereditamentes, that ſhall ſo happen to be loſt and forfaite by reaſon of any cōuiction or attaynder, for any the treaſons and offences aboue reherſed, at-

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any time before the sayd treasons and offences committed.

Be it also enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that no person or persons, offending in any the treasons contayned & limitted by this act, or in any other treasons, shall in any wise haue & enoy the priuiledge or immunity of any maner sainctuary within this realme, or elswhere wythin any the kings dominions: but shall vtterly lose & be excluded of the same, any vse, graunt, custome, prescription, confirmacion, or anye other thing or thinges to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by auctority aforesaid, that if your maiesty shall happen to decease before any such your issue and heire male of your body, which should inherite the crowne of this realme, shalbe of his age of xviij. yeares, or before that such your issue and heyre female, which should inherite ẏ crowne of this realme, shall be maried, or be of the age of xvi. yeres, (which almighty God defend) that than ẏ said issue and heyre male to the crowne, so being within the age of xviij. yeres, or your said issue and heire female to the crowne, so being vnmaried, or wythin the said age of xvj. yeres, shall be and remaine, vntill suche time as such issues and heyres shall come to theyr said seueral ages afore lymitted, at and in the gouernance of theyr naturall mother, and of such other your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your highnes shall limitte and appointe by your laste wyll made in wrytyng, signed wyth your most gracious hand, if it shal be thought by your highnes most conueniente so to be: or els the sayde issues and heyres shalbe at and in the gouernaunce of such of your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your maiestye shall name and appointe by your last wyll made in wrytinge, and signed wyth your moste gracious hande, as is aforesayd. And if any person or personnes by wrytyng printing or exterior deede or act, directly or indirectly, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done anye thinge or thinges, to the let or disturbaunce of the same: that then euery such offence shalbe high treason, and the offendours being therof conuicted shal suffer such paynes of death and losse of inheritaunce, priuiledges of sainctuaryes, freeholdes, interestes for yeres, goods, cattels and dettes, in such maner & fourme as is aboue specifyed in cases of treason afore mencioned.

And for the more sure establishment of the succession of your moste royall maiesty, according to the tenour and fourme of this act, Be it further enacted by auctority aforesayd, that as well all the nobles of your realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subiectes nowe lyuinge and beinge, or that hereafter shalbe at theyr full ages, by the commaundement of your maiesty, or of your heyres or successours, at all times hereafter from time to time whā it shal please your highnes or your heyres or successours to apoint, shal make a corporal othe in the presence of your highnes, or your heires or successours, or before such other as your maiesty or your heires or successours will assigne for the same, for the keping obseruinge defendinge auowinge and mainteyning of this acte, and of all thinges that shall bee

done vp your highnes by auctoritye therof, accordinge to the tenour of an othe hereafter ensuyng: That is to say, ye shall sweare to beare faith, truth and obedience all onely to the kyngs maiestie, supreme head in earth vnder god of the churche of Englande, durynge his lyfe, and to his heires of his body of his most deare & entierly beloued lawfull wife queene Jane, begoten and to be begoten & procreated: And further to the heires of our sayde soueraigne lorde, accordinge to the limitacion in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme, in the parliamente begon and holden at Westminster in the. viii. day of June, in the . xxviii. yeare of the kinges moste gracious reygne. And also for lacke of such heires, to such person and persons as the kynges highnes shall limitte and apoynt to succeed to the crowne, by vertue & auctority of ỳ same acte, & not to any other within this realme, nor foreine auctority, power or potentate. And in case any other othe be made or hath bene made by you to any person or psons: ỳ then ye to repute the same as vayne & adnichilate. And that to your conynge, witte and vttermost of your power, without guile, fraud, or other vndue maner, ye shall obserue keepe maynteyne and defende the sayd acte of succession made in the sayd parlyamente, begon and holden at Westminster in the sayde. viii. day of June, in the sayd. xxviii. yere of the kinges most royall reygne, and all the whole effectes and contentes therof, and all thinges that shall be done by the kynges highnes by auctoritie of the same, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmacio or for execucio of the same or of any thing therin cõteined: and this ye shal do against al maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degre or cõdicion soeuer they be: & in no wise do or attempt, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directely or indirectly any thinge or thinges priuily or apertly, to the let, hynderance damage or derogation therof, or of any part of the same, or of any thynge or thinges, that shall be done by the kynges highnes, by vertue or auctority of the sayde acte, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall, suynge lyuerey. or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heires or successours, or doinge any fealty to your highnes, or to your heires or successours, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall sweare the sayde corporall othe aboue mencioned. And that they nor any of theim, shall hereafter haue any lyuereys, oustre le mayne, or restitution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heyres or successours, tylle they shall haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue reherced. And if any person or persons, beyng commaunded by auctoritie of this acte, to make the sayde othe aforesayde sympted, obstinately or wilfully refuse that to doo, or wyll protest and say, whan they shall be examined vpon any interrogatories, that shall be obiected to them, for or concernynge this acte, or any thynge therin contayned

feyned, that they be not bounde to declare theyr thought and conscience, & stiffely thereon abyde: that then euery such person so doing, for euery suche offence shalbe taken and accepted for offendour in highe treason:
And that euery suche refusall shalbe deemed and adiudged highe treason, & the offendour therein, being as afore is limitted, lawfully conuicted or attainted thereof by the lawes of this realme, shall suffer suche peynes of death losses and forfaytures, and also lose priuiledges of sainctuaries, in like maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned, for the treasons afore limitted by this acte.

And be it further enacted by auctority of this present Parliament, that if it shall please the kinges maiesty at anye time hereafter, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his last wyll made in wrytinge, and signed wyth his most gracious hande, to aduaunce any person or persons of his most royall bloud to any title stile or name, of any estate dignitye or honour, whatsoeuer it be, & to giue to them or to anye of them any castells honours manours landes tenements liberties francheses or other hereditamēts, in fee simple fee taile or for terme of their liues, or the life of any of them: that then al and euery such letters patents and last will of his highnes, so to be made to any such person or persons of his bloud, shall be good and effectual to them and euery of them, accordinge to the tenour purportes and effectes of euery such letters patentes and laste will. And that the said person and persons, and euery of them, shall haue and enioye as well all suche titles stiles and names of honour dignity and estate, which shall be conteyned, and expressed in any such letters patentes or laste will of the kinges highnes, as suche castelles honours manours landes tenementes libertyes frauncheses and all other hereditamentes, which shalbe specifyed and mencioned in euery such letters patētes or last wyll, in such maner fourme fashion and condicion, and accordinge to such estate or estates in ỹ law, as shalbe expressed and limitted in euery such letters patentes or laste will, in as large and ample maner to all intentes and purposes, as if the titles stiles and names of honoure dignity and estate, and the castelles, honour manours landes tenementes libertyes francheses and other hereditamentes, which shalbe comprysed in anye suche letters patentes or laste wil to be made, were all ready giuen by good and sufficient letters patents to such person or personnes of the kinges bloude by theyr speciall names and surnames, and ratifyed and confirmed by auctoritye of this presente parliamente. Or as if the names of such person and personnes, so beinge of the kinges bloude, and suche titles stiles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes libertyes frauncheses or other hereditamentes, had been specially named and expressed in this acte, and giuen to such personne and personnes of the kinges bloude by theyr proper names and surnames, by sufficient wordes termes clauses and sentences, immediatly by auctority of this present parliament. Sauing to all and euery person & persons and bodyes politike, and to theyr heyres assignes and successours

done vp your highnes by auctoritye therof, accordinge to the tenour of an othe hereafter ensuyng: That is to say, ye shall sweare to beare faith, truth and obedience all onely to the kyngs maiestie, supreme head in earth vnder god of the churche of Englande, durynge his lyfe, and to his heires of his body of his most deare & entierly beloued lawfull wife queene Jane, begoten and to be begoten & procreated: And further to the heires of our sayde soueraigne lorde, accordinge to the limitacion in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme, in the parliamente begon and holden at Westminster in the .xxx. day of June, in the .xxviii. yeare of the kinges moste gracious reygne. And also for lacke of such heires, to such person and persons as the kynges highnes shall limitte and apoynt to succeed to the crowne, by vertue & auctority of ỳ same acte, & not to any other within this realme, nor foreine auctority, power or potentate. And in case any other othe be made or hath bene made by you to any person or psons: ỳ then ye to repute the same as vayne & adnichilate. And that to your conynge, witte and vttermost of your power, without guyle, fraud, or other vndue maner, ye shall observe keepe maynteyne and defende the sayd acte of succession made in the sayd parlyamente, begon and holden at Westminster in the sayde .xxx. day of June, in the sayd .xxviii. yere of the kinges most royall reygne, and all the whole effectes and contentes therof, and all thinges that shall be done by the kynges highnes by auctoritie of the same, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmacio or for execuc̃o of the same or of any thing therin cõteined: and this ye shal do against al maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degre or cõdicion soeuer they be: & in no wise do or attempt, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directely or indirectly any thinge or thinges priuily or apertly, to the let, hynderance damage or derogation therof, or of any part of the same, or of any thynge or thinges, that shall be done by the kynges highnes, by vertue or auctority of the sayde acte, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall, suynge lyuerey. or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heires or successours, or doinge any fealty to your highnes, or to your heires or successours, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall sweare the sayde corporall othe aboue mencioned. And that they nor any of theim, shall hereafter haue any lyuereys, oustre le mayne, or restitution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heyres or successours, tylle they shall haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue rehersed. And if any person or persons, beyng commaunded by auctoritie of this acte, to make the sayde Othe aforesayd, obstinately or wilfully refuse that to doo, or wyll protest and say, when they shall be examined vpon any interrogatories, that shall be obiected to them, for or concernynge this acte, or any thynge therin contayned

feyned, that they be not bounde to declare theyr thought and conscience, & stiffely therein abyde: that then euery such person so doing, for euery suche offence shalbe taken and accepted for offendour in highe treason:
And that euery suche refusall shalbe deemed and adiudged highe treason, & the offendour therein, being as afore is limitted, lawfully conuicted or attainted thereof by the lawes of this realme, shall suffer suche peynes of death losses and forfaytures, and also lose priuiledges of sainctuaries, in like maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned, for the treasons afore limitted by this acte.

And be it further enacted by auctority of this present Parliament, that if it shall please the kinges maiesty at anye time hereafter, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his last will made in writinge, and signed with his most gracious hande, to aduaunce any person or persons of his most royall bloud to any title stile or name, of any estate dignitye or honour, whatsoeuer it be, & to giue to them or to anye of them any castells honours manours landes tenements liberties francheses or other hereditamēts, in fee simple fee taile or for terme of their liues, or the life of any of them: that then al and euery such letters patents and last will of his highnes, so to be made to any such person or persons of his bloud, shall be good and effectual to them and euery of them, accordinge to the tenour purportes and effectes of euery such letters patentes and laste will. And that the said person and persons, and euery of them, shall haue and enioye as well all suche titles stiles and names of honour dignity and estate, which shall be conteyned, and expressed in any such letters patentes or laste will of the kinges highnes, as suche castelles honours manours landes tenementes libertyes fraunchefes and all other hereditamentes, which shalbe specifyed and mencioned in euery such letters patētes or last will, in such maner fourme fashion and condition, and accordinge to such estate or estates in ỳ law, as shalbe expressed and limitted in euery such letters patentes or laste will, in as large and ample maner to all intentes and purposes, as if the titles stiles and names of honoure dignity and estate, and the castelles, honour manours landes tenementes libertyes francheses and other hereditamentes, which shalbe comprysed in anye suche letters patentes or laste wil to be made, were all ready giuen by good and sufficient letters patents to such person or personnes of the kinges bloude by theyr speciall names and surnames, and ratifyed and confirmed by auctoritye of this presente parliamente, Or as if the names of such person and personnes, so beinge of the kinges bloude, and suche titles stiles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes libertyes fraunchefes or other hereditamentes, had been specially named and expressed in this acte, and giuen to such personne and personnes of the kinges bloude by theyr proper names and surnames, by sufficient wordes termes clauses and sentences, immediatly by auctority of this present parliament. Sauing to all and euery person & persons and bodyes politike, and to theyr heyres assignes and successours

other than to the kynges highnes, his heyres or successours, al such right title interest possessiō rents annuitys fees offyces cōmens rightes interestes peticions condicions and all other hereditaments, whych they or any of them may or mought clayme of in or to any the sayd titles stiles names castelles honours manours lands tenements liberties francheses & other hereditamentes conteyned or mencioned in anye suche letters patentes or last wyll, in as large & ample maner, as if this act had neuer bene had nor made.

And be it finally enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that this present act, and euery clause article and sentence comprysed in the same, shall be taken and accepted accordyng to the playne woordes and sentences therein conteyned, & shall not be interpreted nor expounded by coloure of any pretence or cause, or by any subtill argumētes inuentiō or reasons, to the hinderance disturbance or derogacion of this act, or any part therof; Any thinge or thinges, acte or actes of parliament heretofore made, or hereafter to be had done or made to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And that euery act statute law prouision thinge and thinges heretofore had or made, or hereafter to be had done or made, contrary to the effect of this statute, shalbe voyde and of no value nor force.

An act for continuaunce of the statutes agaynst the carryage of brasse laten and copper out of this realme, And for making of Cables and ropes: for the wyndinge of wolles, and agaynst killyng of weynlinges vnder the age of two yeares. Cap. viij.

Where in the last parliamente begunne and holden at Londō the thyrde day of Nouember, in the xxj. yeare of the kynges most gracious raigne, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and cōtinued by diuers proroga-cions vntil the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned & esta-blished amongest other things one acte for restrayning the cariages of brasse, latten, & copper oute of thys realme: And also one other acte was made in this parliamente for the true makinge of cables hallers and ropes: One other act for true wynding of wolles: and one other acte to restrayne killing of weynlyngs bullockes steres or heffers, being vnder the age of two yeares. All which foure seuerall actes were made to continue and endure to the nert parliament, as by the sayde actes more playnly appereth. For as much as the sayd seuerall actes, & euery of them, be necessary for the common wealth of this realme, be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the sayde foure seuerall actes, and all clauses articles and prouisions therein conteyned, shall from hencefoth be and stād good and effectual, and to endure and continue vntil the last day of the nert parliament.

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An act for continuaunce of the statutes of periury, for making of iayles, for pewterers, and for sowing of flare and hempe. Cap. ix.

WHere in the parliament begonne and holden at London the third day of Nouember, & from thence adiourned to Westminster, & there holden and continued by prorogacion vnto the xv. day of January, in the xviii. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viii. & was then in that session of the sayd parliamente one act made & established for the attaintes to be sued for punishmente of periury by vntrue verdictes, which act was then made to endure to the last daye of the nert parliament. And where also in the sayd session of the sayde parliament one acte was made and established, for makinge of iayles in diuers shyres of this realme, which act was then made to continue and endure for one yere nerte after the end of the same parliament. And wher also in ye time of the same parliament, one other act was made concerning pewterers, which act was also made to endure to the last day of the nert parliament. And also in the time of the sayd parliamēt one other act was made concerning sowing of flare and hempe, which act also was made to continue and endure to the last day of the nert parliament, as by the said foure seuerall actes more plainly appereth. For asmuch as the sayde foure actes be good & beneficiall for the commun wealth of this realme, bee it therfore enacted by authority of this present parliamente, that the sayd iiii. actes & euerye of them and all clauses articles and prouisions therein conteyned, shal stande continue and indure in theyr force & strength, and be obserued & kept to the last day of the nert parliament.

An act extinguishing the auctority of the bishop of Rome. Cap. x.

FOr as much as not withstandinge the good & holsome lawes ordinances & statutes heretofore made enacted and established by the kinges highnes our most gracious soueraigne lord, and by the hole consent of his high court of parliament, for the extirpacion abolicion and extinguishment out of this realme, & other his graces dominiōs segniories & cōtreis, of ỳ pretēded power & vsurped auctority of the bishop of Rome, by some called the Pope, vsed w̄in the same or elswhere cōcerning ỳ same realme dominiōs segniories or cōtreis, which did obfuscate & wrest Gods holy word & testament a long season frō ỳ spiritual & true meaning therof, to his worldly & carnal affections as pompe, glory, auarice, ambicion, & tyranny, coueringe & shadowing the same, wyth his humaine and politike deuises, tradicions, and inuencions set te foorthe to promote and stablishe his onelye dominion, both vpon the sowles and also the bodyes and goodes of all Christian people,

excluding Christ out of his kingdome and rule of mans soule, as much as hee maye, and all other temporall kinges and Prynces out of theyr dominions, which they ought to haue by Gods lawe, vppon the bodyes and goodes of theyr subiectes: whereby he did not onely robbe the kinges maiesty, being onely ꝑ supreme head of this his realme of England immediatly vnder God, of his honour, right and preeminence, due vnto him by the law of God, but spoyled this his realme verely of innumerable treasure, & wyth the losse of the same deceyued the kinges louing & obedient subiects perswadinge to them by his lawes, bulles, and other his deceyuable meanes, suche dreames, vanityes, & fantasyes, as by the same manye of theym were seduced and conueyed vnto superstitious & erronious opinions: so that the kinges maiestye, the lords spirituall and temporall and the commons in this realme beinge ouer werped & fatigated, wyth therperiēce of the infinite abhominacions and mischieues proceding of his impostures, & craftely colouring of his deceytes, to the great damages of soules bodyes and goods, were forced of necessitye for the publique weale of this realme, to exclude that forayne pretended power iurisdiction and auctority, vsed & vsurped wythin this realme, and to deuise such remedyes for theyr relefe in the same as doth not onely redound to the honour of God, ꝑ high prayse and aduauncement of the kynges maiesty, and of his realme, but also to ꝑ great and inestimable vtility of the same. And notwithstanding the sayde holsome lawes so made, and heretofore established, yet it is comen to the knowledge of the kinges hyghnes, & also to diuers and many his louinge faythfull and obedient subiectes, how that diuers sedicious and contentious persons, being impes of the sayde byshop of Rome and his See, and in hart members of his pretended monarchy, do in corners and els where, as they dare whisper inculke preach and perswade, and from time to time instill into the eares and heads of the poore simple and vnlettered people, the auauncement and continuance of the sayd byshoppes feyned and pretended auctority, pretending the same to haue his grounde and original of Gods lawe, whereby the oppinions of many be suspended, theyr iudgmēts corrupted & deceyued, & diuersity in opinions augmented & encreased, to ꝑ great displeasure of almightly God, the highe discontentacion of our sayde most dred souereigne lord, & the interruption of the vnity loue charity cōcord and agreement, that ought to be in a christen region and congregacion: For auoyding wherof & repression of the follyes of such sedicious persons, as be the meanes & authours of such inconueniences, Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng oute souerayne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, & by thauctority of the same, that if any person or persons, dwelling demurring inhabityng or resyant wythin this realme, or wythin any other the kinges dominions segniories or countreys, or the marches of ꝑ same, or els where wythin or vnder his obeysance & power, of what estate dignity preeminence order degree or condicio soeuer he or they be, after the

laſt day of July, which ſhalbe in ỳ yere of oure Lord God. M. D. xxxvj. ſhal by wryting, cyfring, prynting, preching or teachyng, deede or act obſtinatly or malicioully hold or ſtand wyth, to extolle, ſet forth, mayntayne or defend the auctority, iuriſdiction or power of ỳ byſhop of Rome, or of hys ſee, here tofore claymed, vſed, or vſurped wtin thys realme or in any dominiõ or coũtrey beyng of within or vnder the kyngs power or obeyſaunce, or by any pretence obſtinately or malicioully inuente any thynge for thertollynge, auaũcement, ſettyng forth mayntenannce or defence of ỳ ſame, or any part therof, or by any pretence obſtinately or malicioully attrybute any maner of iuriſdiction, auctority or preheminence to the ſayd ſee of Rome, or to any byſhop of the ſame ſee for the tyme being wythin this realme or in any the kynges dominions or countreys: that then euery ſuch perſon or perſonnes, ſo doyng or offendynge, theyr aydours, aſſiſtentes, comforters, abettours, procurers, mayntayners, fautours, counſaylours, concelours, and euery of them, beyng therof lawfully cõuicted, accordyng to ỳ lawes of this realme for euery ſuch default and offence ſhall incurre and runne into the daungers, penaltyes, peynes, & forfaytures, ordeyned & prouided by the ſtatute of prouiſion and premunire, made in the xvi. yere of the reigne of the noble and valyant prince king Richard the ſecond, againſt ſuch as attempt procure or make prouiſion to ỳ ſee of Rome or els where, for any thing or thinges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogatiue royall or iuriſdiction of the crowne and dignity of this realme.

And to thentent that this act at all tymes maye be well and truly executed, and the offendours therof haue and receyue condigne puniſhmente accordyng to theyr demerites, It is enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayde, that as wel iuſtices of aſſyſe in theyr cyrcuites, as iuſtices of peace within the limittes of theyr commiſſion & auctorities, or two of euery ſuche iuſticiers of peace at the leaſt, wherof one to be of the quorum, ſhal haue ful power and auctority to enquyre of all offences, contemptes and trãſgreſſiõs, perpetrated committed or done contrarye to this acte, in like maner and fourme as they may of other offences agaynſt the kinges peace: And ſhal certifye euery preſentment afore them or any of them had or made, concernyng this act or any parte thereof, before the kynge in hys benche, wythin xl. dayes nert after any ſuch preſentment had or made, if the terme be then open: And if not, than at the fyrſt day of the terme nert followyng ỳ ſaid xl. dayes, vpon payne ỳ euery of the iuſticiers of aſſyſe, or iuſticiars of peace before whom ſuch preſentment ſhalbe made, making default of ſuch certificat contrary to this ſtatute, to loſe and forfayte forty pounds to the kinges highnes.

And it is enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayde, that the Juſticiars of the kynges benche, as well vpon euery ſuch certificat as by inquyry before themſelues within ỳ limits of theyr auctorities, ſhal haue ful power & auctority to heare order and determine euery ſuch offence, don or cõmitted cõtrary to this act, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, in ſuch like maner

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and fourme to all intentes & purposes, as if the person or persons, against e whom any presentment shalbe had vpon this statute, had ben presented vpon any matter or offence expressed in the sayd estatute, made in the saide xvj. yere of king Richard the second.

And it is also enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that all & euery Archbishops, bishops and archedeacons, within this realme, theyr commissaryes, vicars general, & other theyr ministers, in euery theyr visitacions & seanes shall make diligent insearche, enquiry, & examination of all and euery ecclesiastical and religious person within any of theyr iurisdiction, which shalbe suspected accused or deemed to bee a transgressour or offendour of this act. And if vppon such serche enquiry and examination any ecclesiasticall or religious persons shalbe presented suspected accused, or founde culpable by witnes or confession, of any offence contrary to this act, and be present at the time of such presentmente examination or accusation: that then euerye the archbishoppes, bishoppes & archdeacons theyr commissaryes, vicars generall, and other theyr ministers, afore or to whom any such person shalbe presented suspected, accused or founde culpable, as is aforesayde, shall committe euery such person so presented suspected, accused or founde culpable, if he be present, as is aforesayde, to the nexte common iayle of the shyre where such enquiry, examination, or accusation shalbe had or made, or els by good and sufficiente sureties to be bounden by obligation to the kinges vse, shal let euery such personne to bayle by theyr discretions, to appere before the king and his counsayle in the starre Chamber at westminster, wythin xv dayes nexte after suche enquiry presentmente or accusation if the terme be then open and kept, or els in the first day of the terme nexte folowyng after the same enquiry, presentment or accusation. And at the same daye limitted for suche apparaunce, they shall certifye into the sayde starre chamber by wryting vnder theyr seales, as well the sayd bonde and obligation taken for such apparance, as the presentment, examination, accusation or conuiction of euery such person, and al depositions and circumstances therof, and the name of the iayle, whereunto they haue committed the sayd person. And if any suche ecclesiasticall, or religious person, beynge presented suspected or accused in any seane or visitation, be not presente at the time of the sayde seane or visitation as is aforesayde, that then nevertheless euery the sayd archbishops, bishops and archdeacons, theyr commissaryes, vicars generall, & all other theyr ministers, afore or to whom any such presentment suspection and accusatiõ shalbe had or made, shal certifye euery such presentment, suspection & accusatiõ, & al circũstance therof (as is aforesayd) into the starre chamber at westm. within xv. dayes nexte after such presentment, suspection & accusation, had or made, or in the first day of the terme nexte folowinge after such presentmente, suspection, or accusation, in such maner and fourme as is afore rehearsed. And in case any ecclesiasticall or religious person, being presented suspected or accused of any offence don or attẽpted contrary to this estatute, be therof cõicted by

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confession or witnes before any archbishoppe, bishop, or archdeacon, or before any ꝑ commissaryes, vicars generall, or other their ministers in their seanes or visitations, or before the kinges counsayle in the starre chamber at westminster: that then euery such spirituall and religious person, so beinge conuicte, shal suffer such peynes penalties and forfaytures, as be expressed in the sayd statute made in the sayd ꝯsistory of kyng Rychard the seconde.

It is also enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that if any ecclesiastical iudge or visitatour do volūtarily cōceale cloake hide or colour any presentment accusation or confession, that shalbe made to him cōcerning this statute, and do not certifye euery such accusation presentment or confessiō before the kinge and his counsayle in the starre Chamber at westminster, in such maner and fourme as is aboue specifyed in this estatute: that than euerye suche ecclesiastical iudge and visitatour, so wilfully offendynge, for euery such defaulte shal forfait xl.li. the one halfe thereof to the kinges highnes, the other halfe to such person as wyl sue for the same by original writ, bill plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes: in which suite no essoyne protection or wager of law shalbe admitted nor allowed.

And for stronger defence and mayntenaunce of this acte, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayd, that all and euery ecclesiasticall iudge, ordinary, chauncellour, commissarye, officiall, vicar generall, and other ecclesiasticall officer or mynister, of what dignitye, preeminence or degree so euer they shal be: And all and euery temporal iudge, iusticyar, maier, bayliffe, shyreffe, vndershyriffe, eschetour, alderman, turat, constable, hedborowe, thyrdborough, borsolder, and euery other lay officer and mynister, to be made, created, elected, or admitted wythin this realme or anye other the kinges dominions, of what estate, order, degree, or cōdition so euer he shalbe from and after the sayd laste day of July, shal before he take vppon him the execution of such office, make take and receyue a corporal othe vppon the Euangelistes, before such person or persons as haue or shall haue auctority to admit hym, that he from henceforth shall vtterly renounce, refuse, relinquishe or forsake the byshop of Rome and hys auctoritye, power, and iurisdiction: And that he shall neuer consent nor agree, that the bishop of Rome shal practyse, exercyse or haue any maner of auctority, iurisdictiō or power wythin thys realme, or any other the kinges dominions, but ꝯ he shal resist the same at al tymes to the vttermost of his power. And that from henseforth hee shal accepte, repute and take the kinges maiesty to be the onely supreme heade in earth of the Church of Englande. And that to hys cunning, witte, and vttermost of his power, wythout gyle fraude or other vndue meane, he shal obserue keepe, mayntayne and defende the whole effectes and contentes of al and singuler actes and statutes made & to bee made wythin this realme, in derogation, extirpation & extinguishment of the bishop of Rome and hys auctority. And all other actes and statutes made and to be made in reformation and corroboratiō of the kinges

ges power of supreme head in earth of the Church of England: and this he shall do against al maner of persons, of what estate dignity degree or condicion they bee, and in no wyse do nor attempte, nor to his power suffer to be done or attempted directlye or indirectlye anythinge or thinges prively or apertly, to the let hinderaunce damage or derogation thereof, or of anye part therof, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence. And in case any othe be made or hath been made by him to any person or persons in maintenaunce, defence or favour of the bishop of Rome or his auctority iurisdiction or power, he repute the same as vayne and adnichilate, so help him God all saynts and the holy Euangelist.

And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons spirituall and temporal, suyng liuerie restitutions or oustre le mayne out of the kyng, his heyres, or successours handes, or doyng anye fealtie to his highnesse his heyres or successours, or which shalbe sworne to the king his heyres or successours, or that shal haue any office fee or roume of the most gracious gift of the kinges maiesty, his heyres or successours, or shall be reteyned in seruice wyth his grace his heyres or successours, shal make, take, and receyue the sayd othe. And that also all and euery religious personne, at the time of his or theyr profession or entree into religion, and euery other ecclesiasticall personne at the time of his taking of orders, and all and euery other person, which shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of learning in any Vniuersity within this realme or other the kinges dominions at the time of his promotion or preferment, & euery of the shall make, take, and receyue the sayde othe before his or theyr souereigne, ordinary, or the commissary of such Vniuersity.

And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that if any person or personnes, limitted or commaunded by auctority of this acte to make the sayde othe, or commaunded by anye other person or persons auctorised by the kinges highnes commission, vnder his greate seale, or his seale ordeyned for causes ecclesiasticall, to make the sayde othe, obstinately refuse that to do: that then euery such offence & contempt shall be highe treason, and the offendours therof being lawfully conuicted, shall suffer peynes of death & other forfaitures penalties and losses, as is limitted and accustomed in cases of high treason by any lawes or statutes of this realme heretofore made.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte nor anye thinge or thinges in the same rehearsed mencioned or comprised, be in any wyse preiudiciall hurtfull or derogatorie to the ceremonies, vses, and other laudable and politike ordinaunces, for a tranquillity, discipline, concorde, deuocion, vnity, and decent order heretofore in the church of Englande vsed instituted taken and accepted, nor to any person or persons accordingly vsing the same or any of them.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that this acte, concerninge the bishoppe of Rome or anye thinge

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to be done by his vsurped auctoritye, shall no further bynde nor extende to and vpon the kynges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gerneseye, and Alderney, in any other maner forme or condicion, than it shall please the kynges highnes, with the aduise of his moste honorable counsayle, vppon consideration and examination of the estate and disposition of his sayde yles, and the common wealthe of the same, hereafter to establishe, ordeine and declare vnto them by his gracious letters patentes vnder his great seale: and that the sayde letters patents and euery thing therin to be conteined, shall be of the same effect, strength, and vertue, as if they had bene passed and enacted by auctoryty of parliament, any thinge in the sayd act conteined to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte for restitucion of the first fruicts in time of vacation to the next incumbente. Cap. xi.

For as much as in the statute of the payment vnto the kynges maiesty, his heyres and successours, of the fyrst fruictes of spirituall promotions, offices, benefices, and dygnityes within this realme, & other the kynges dominions expresse mencion and declaratiō is not had ne made from what time the yere shall be accompted, in whiche the fyrst fruictes shall be due and payable to his highnes that is to witte, whether immediately from the death resignation or deprivation of euery incumbent, or from the time of admission or new takyng of possession in euery suche promotion. And also by reason that in ỳ same statute it is not declared, who shall haue the fruites, tithes and other profites of the sayde benefices, offices, promotions and dignities spirituall, durynge the tyme of vacation thereof, dyuers of tharchebisshoppes and bisshoppes of this realme, haue not onelye when the time of perceiuynge and takinge of tythes (that is to say, woll, lambe, corne, and haye, and tithes vsually payed at the holy tyme of Easter) hath approched, differred the collation of such benefices, as haue bene of their owne patronage, but also haue vpon presentaciōs of clerkes made vnto them by the laufull patrones, protracted, and deferred to institute, induete, and admitte the same clerkes, to the entente that they might haue and perceyue to theyr owne vse, the same tithes growynge durynge the vacation: So that throughe suche delayes (ouer and aboue the fyrste fruictes, whiche be iustly dewe to the kinges highnes) they haue bene constrained also to lose all or the most parte of one yeres profites of their benefices and promotions, and to serue the cure at theyr and theyr friendes proper costes and charges, or vtterlye to forsake & giue ouer their benefices & promotions, to their great losse and hinderaunce. For reformation whereof, it is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde

yere, in whiche the firste fruites shall be payed to the kynges grace, shall beginne and be accompted immediately after the auoydaunce or vacation of any suche benefice or promocion spirituall afore reherſed. And that the tithes, fruites, oblacions, obuentions, emolumentes, commodityes, aduauntages, rentes, and all other what so euer reuenues, casualties, or profites certayne and vncertayne, afferyng or belonging to any archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardeynshyppe, prouostshyppe, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignitye, or office, (chauntries onely except) within this realme, or other the kinges dominions, growinge, ryſinge, or commynge, duryng the tyme of vacation of the same promocion spirituall, shall belonge and appere to suche person, as shall be therunto nert presented, promoted, instituted, inducted or admitted, and to his executours, toward the payment of the fyrst fruites, to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours: Any vsage, custome, liberty, priuiledge, or prescription to the contrary had vsed or beinge in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that if any archebisshoppe, bisshoppe, archedeacon, ordinarye, or any other person or persons to their vses and behoofe, at any time heretofore sith the fyrst day of May last paste, haue perceiued, receiued, or taken, or at any time hereafter dooe perceiue, receyue, or take the fruictes, tithes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodites, reuenues, rentes, aduauntages, profites, or casualties, commynge, growinge, or belongynge, or whiche hereafter shall come, growe, appere, or belonge to any Archdeaconry, Deanrye, Prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshyppe, prouostshippe, or other spirituall promocion, benefice, dignitye, or office (chauntries onelye excepted) within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, duringe the vacation of such Archdeaconry, Deanry, Prebend, Personage, Vicarage, Hospitall, Wardenshyp, Prouostshype, or other Spyrituall promotion, benefice, dignity, or office, chauntries onely excepted. And the same vpon reasonable request from henceforthe to be made, doth not render, restore, satisfy, contente, and paye to the nert Incumbente, beynge lawfully instituted, inducted or admitted to suche archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, or vicarage, or other promocion, benefice, dignitye, or office spirituall, except before excepted: or do let or interrupte the sayde incumbente to haue the same: that then euery Archbyshoppe, byshoppe, archedeacon, ordinary, or other person so doynge shall forfaite and lose the treble value of so muche as he shall then haue receiued of the fruictes of euery prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshyppe, prouostshyppe, or other spirituall promocion, whereof he so shall perceiue, receyue, or deteyne, lette, or interrupte the Incumbente, to perceyue, receyue, and haue the fruictes, tithes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodyties, reuenues, rentes, aduauntages, profites, or casualities: The moytye of whyche forfayture shall be to the kynge ours soueraygne lorde, and

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the other moyty therof to the Incumbente of the same prebende, perso-
nage, or vicarage, or other spirituall promocion, to be recouered in anye of
the kynges courtes by action, bille, playnte, information, or otherwyse. In
which action or suite the defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his
law, nor any protection or essoyne shalbe vnto the defendaunt allowed.

Prouided alway, that it shalbe lawful to every archbishop, bishop arch-
deacon and ordenarye, theyr officers & mynisters, to retaine in his or their
custody, so much of the tythes, fruites, obuencions, oblations, emolumen-
tes, commodityes, aduauntages, rentes, reuenues, casualtyes, and profites
as shall amounte to paye vnto such persone or persons as hath or shall serue
or kepe the cure of such archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, or vi-
carage, or other spirituall promocion, during the vacatio, his or theyr rea-
sonable stipend, or salary. And also for the collection gatheringe and leuy-
ing of such tithes, fruites, emolumentes, rentes and other profites, rysing
and growing during the vacation aforesayde: any thinge in this acte con-
teyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandinge.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayde,
that in case any of the incumbentes aforesaid, happen to dye, and before his
death hath caused any of his glebe landes to be manured and sowen at his
proper costes and charges wyth any corne or grayne: that then in that case
all and euery of the same incumbents may make & declare theyr testamentes
of all the profites of the corne, growing vpon the same glebe landes, so ma-
nured & sowen: Any thing contayned in this present act in any wyse not-
wythstanding.

And where also before this tyme diuers and many personnes, vicars,
and other spirituall persons, being seased for termes of theyr liues, of and
in the sayde spirituall promotions afore named, as well for great summes
of money to them before hand paid, as for other causes and consideracios,
haue let in ferme for terme of yeres, by sufficient wrytinges, theyr sayd per-
sonages, vicarages, and other spirituall promocions, or parte therof, vnto
diuers and manye of the kinges subiectes, and after such leases by them
so made, the leassoures therof haue oftentymes vsed to resigne theyr sayd be-
nefices or spirituall promocions, to demised and letten in ferme, by reason
of which resignacion and other the actes of the said leassoures, the sayde be-
nefices and other spirituall promocions haue ben voyde, and the title and
interestes of the saide leasses, hath ben therby alienchated, and of none ef-
fect in the law, contrary to right and good conscience. For reformacion
wherof, & for a quietnes the better hereafter to be had and continued be-
twene the kinges subiectes: Be it enacted by auctority of this present par-
liament, that from the sayd first day of May late paste, no maner of
such lease, by sufficiente wrytinge heretofore made, nor hereafter to bee
made by anye spirituall person within this realme of Englande, Wales,
or the marches of the same, to anye laye person or, of anye personage, vi-
carage, or other spirituall promocion aforesayde wythin this realme, vp-

vpon which leasse the rend & seruices reserued, wheth̄ wher the yerely charges of the leasse, as in rentyng the cure and other wise, shall amount within xl shillinges by the yere, of as much as the said personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promocion aforesayd, so letten, is rated and valewed at vppon the kinges bokes, for paying the fyrste fruites, shalbe adiudged vpon aduisement & determined, vpon relacion of any suche resignacion or other auoydaunce of the said benefice or spirituall promocion so letten by the onely act of the said leassour, but that euery such leasse & grauntes of any such benefices or spirituall promocions aforesayde, their executours or assignes, shall haue and maye enioye their termes and interestes of and in the same, for the terme of fyue yeres to be accompted next and immediatly after the said auoydaunce, (the said leassour in no wise withstandyng) and the leasse so by him be fore made, do so long continue in their dyre. And that after such auoydaunce, the fore leassour & successours of euery such leassour shall and may distreine for the rente and seruices so reserued, and maye haue accion of det and all other aduantages by way of action entree or otherwise, against the said lessee, his executours or assignes, for recouery of the said rent and couenauntes vpon the said leasse reserued, as the leassour therof might haue had, if no such auoydance had ben had.

And further be it enacted by the auctoryty aforesayd, that if hereafter it happen any such leassour to decease and dye before the ende of the terme by him so made, and that there be fyue yeres at leaste to come of the sayde terme, that then the said leasse to the executours or assignes, to holde and enioye their said leasse to the ende of the same yere, wherein he is so entered at the time of his said leassours death, if this said leasse do so long continue, bearyng and payeng vnto the successour of euery such leassour all such rent and seruices, as for the same shuld of the sayde yeare shall vpon euery such leasse be due for the same wherof the said successour shall and may haue all such charges and aduauntages, as before is limited & geuen to the successour, where his predecessour maketh such leasse and resignacion

Prouided alwayes that euery successour after the death of his predecessour may and shall haue vpon euidence thereof, warrantyng after the same of his induction the mansion house of euery such personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promocion aforesayde, with the glebe belonging to the same not being so letten at the time of his said predecessours death, for the maintenance of his houshold, dedutting therefore in his yeres accompte such rent as hath ben borne for the same, any thyng in this sayde act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that if the fruites of the benefices of the said spirituall promocions be not sufficient to paye the curates stipende and wages for seruing the cure the vacation time, that then the same to be borne and paid by the next incumbent within xl dayes next after that he hath the possession of the said promocions spirituall.

¶ An acte declarynge the limites of the kinges palace of Westminster. Cap. xii.

FOr as muche as the kynges palace at Westmynster, buylded and edifyed there, before the tyme of mynde, by and nygh vnto the monastery and abbey of saint Peter at Westmynster, in the countye of Myddlesex, is and of longe tume hath bene in vtter ruine and decaye: And that our moste dradde soueraygne lorde kynge Henrye the eyght, kynge of Englande and of Fraunce, defendour of the Faythe, lorde of Irelande, and Supreme head in earth of the Church of England, hath lately obteined and purchased one great mansyon place and house, sometyme parcell of the possessions and inheryteunce of the Archebyshopryche of Yorke, sytuate and beynge in the towne of Westmynster, in the same countie, not muche distaunt from the same auncient Palace. And the kynges highnes nowe of late vppon the soyle of the sayde mansion place, and howse, and vppon the grounde thereunto adioynynge, moste sumptuously and curyously hath builded and edified many and dystynct beautifull, costely and pleasaunt lodgynges, buyldynges, and mansions, for his graces syngular pleasure, comforte, and commoditie, to the greate honour of his hyghnesse, and of his realme, thereunto adioynynge hath made a Parke, walled and enuyronned with bryck and stone, and therin hath deuised and ordeyned many and synguler commodious thinges, pleasures, and other necessaries, moste apte and conuenient to apperteyne onely to so noble a prynce, for his singuler comforte, pastyme and solace: Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliamente, that all the sayde soyle grounde, mansion and buyldinges, and the sayde parke, with all other thinges, commodities and pleasures theruppon made, builded and deuised, as is aforesayde, and also the soyle of the sayde auncient palace, shall be from henceforth the kings hole palace at Westminster, and so to be taken demed reputed, called & named the kinges palace at westminster for euer. And that the same palace shal from hēcefoorth extend and be as well within the soyle and places afore limitted and appointed for ỹ same, as also in all the street or waye leadinge from Charinge Crosse, vnto the sainctuary gate at westminster aforesayd, and in all the houses, buildinges, landes and tenemētes on bothe the sydes of the same street or way frō the sayd Crosse vnto westminster halle, sytuate lyinge or beinge betwene the water of the Thames of the easte parte. and the sayde parke walle of the weste part and so forth through all the soyle precincte and limites of the sayde olde palace.

¶ And that the sayde palace nowe made by the auctority of this acte, shall from henceforth haue and enioye within the precincte, limites, and bondes before expressed and declared of and for the same, all suche and lyke prerogatiues, lyberties, preheminences, iurisdictions, and priuileges, as to the kynges auncient palace within this realme, haue at any tyme here-

to fore belonged vsed or of right apperteyned. And that the same olde and auncient palace of westminster from hensforth be reputed demed and taken only as a member & parcel of the sayd newe palace: made by this act, as is aforesayd: any prescription recorde or vsage heretofore had vsed or allowed to the contrary notwithstandinge. Saunge to all and synguler person & persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and euery of thē, al such right, title, interest, possession, rentes, reuercion, remainder, distresse, action, lease, leases, graūtes, annuities, suites, petitions & condicions, in suche maner and forme as they or any of them, their heires and successours, or the heires and successours of any of them, haue had, should myght or ought to haue had in the premisses or any parcel therof, if this act had neuer bene had ne made: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwaies that this present act, nor any thing therin conteined be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to William Babyngton, keeper of our olde palace of westminster, his heyres nor assignes, for or cōcerning his said office, but it shalbe lawfull to the sayde Wylliam Babington, his heyres and assignes, to haue, holde, occupie, exercise, and enioye the sayde office of keper of the sayd palace at westminster, with all commodities, profytes, aduauntages, and other emolumentes, rysynge or growinge of the same office, in as large and ample maner as if this presente acte had not beene made: Any thyng in this presente acte to the contrary heretofore notwithstandynge.

¶ An acte compellyng spirituall persons to keepe residence vppon their benefices. Capitulo. xiii.

WHere in the parliament begun at London, ỳ thyrd daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. & from thence adiorned and prorogued to the palais of westminster, the xvii. day of Decēbre thā next ensuing, amongest other good acts and ordinances, then and ther by thauctority of the said parliament, it was established, ordeined, & enacted, that as wel euery spiritual persō, thē being promoted to any archdeacōry deanry or dignitie in any monastery or cathedrall church, or other churche conuentuall or collegiall, or being beneficed with any personage or vicarage, as al and euery spirituall person & persōs, which should after the feast of saint Mychaell tharchangell, whiche was in the foresaide. xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the. viii bee promoted to any of the saide dignities or benefices with any personage or vicarage, should frō the sayde feaste of saincte Mychaell tharchaungell, be personally residente and abidynge at and vpon his saide dignitie prebende or benefice, or at one of them at the leaste. And in case any such spiritual person, at any time after

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the sayd feaste, kepte not residence at one of hys sayd dignityes prebend or benefices (as is aforesayd) but absent himselfe wilfully by the space of one moneth together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere, and make his residence & abydinge in any other places by such time: that then he shal forfayte for euery suche default x.li. sterling, as in the same acte more plainly doth appeare. In which acte amonge other prouisions contayned and specifyed in the same, it was prouided, that the sayde acte of none residence should not in any wyse extend ne bee preiudiciall to any scholer or scholers, beinge conuersaunte and abyding for studye wythout fraude or couyne at any Uniuersity wythin this realme or wythoute, as by the same prouision doth also appeare more at large. Sythens the makynge of which good acte and statute, diuers and many persons, beinge benefyced wyth cure of soule (as is aforesayde) and beyng not apte to studye, by reason of theyr age or otherwyse, ne neuer entending before the making of the sayd act to trauayle in study wythin any of the sayd Uniuersityes for the encrease of learning, but rather mynding and entending theyr owen ease singuler lucre & pleasure, by ỹ same prouiſō colourably to defraude the same good statute & ordinaunce, do daily & cōmonly resort & repayre to the sayd Uniuersityes of Oxēford & Cambridge, and to either of them, where they vnder the sayd pretence & colour of study doth continue and abyde, lyuing dissolutely, nothinge profytinge themselues by study at al in learning, but consume the time in idlenes, and in other pastimes and insolente pleasures, gyuinge occasion and euill example thereby to other yong men and studentes wythin the sayd Uniuersyties, little or nothing regarding theyr cure and charge of soule, contrarye to the myndes and intente of the makers of the foresayd good statute and ordenaunce. And also dyuers and many old benefyced men haue & do continually remaine there, neuer exercysinge nor practisinge theyr learninge, to the example of vertue and maintenaunce of the common weale, in discharge of theyr conscience, according to theyr duty, hauing neuertheles and occupying such romes and commodities, as were institute and ordayned for ỹ maintenaunce and relefe of poore scholers, to the great hinderaunce & detriment of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and ỹ commons in this present parliament assembled, that all & singuler spirituall person and persons, which now bee or hereafter shall be to any benefyce or benefyces promoted as is aforesayd, being aboue the age of xl. yeres, the chancellour, vycechancellour, cōmissary of the said vniuersities, or any of them, wardēs deanes, pronostes, presidentes, rectours, maisters, principals, & other head rulers of colledges, halles, and other houses or places corporat within the sayd Uniuersityes, or any of them, doctours of ỹ chaire, reders of diuinity in the comon scholes of diuinity, in any of ỹ said Universities onely excepted, shalbe residēt & abyding at & vpō one of theyr said benefices, according to the entent & true meaning of the sayd former act, vppon such paine and

penaltyes, as be conteyned in the sayd former act, made and appointed for such beneficed persons for theyr none residence. And that none of the sayd beneficed persons, being aboue the age aforesayd, except before except, shal from hensforth be excused of theyr none residence vpon the sayd benefices for ỳ they be studentes or resiaunt wythin the sayd Vniuersyties or any of them, any prouiso, or any other clause or sentence, specifyed or contayned in the sayd former acte of none residence, or any other thinge or things to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwythstanding.

And ouer this be it enacted by thauctority beforesayde, that all & singuler, such beneficed persons being vnder the age of xl. yeares, resiant and abyding wythin the sayde Vniuersityes, or any of them, shal not enioy ỳ priuiledge & liberty of none residence conteyned in ỳ prouiso of ỳ said former acte, made for the scholers & studentes of the sayde Vniuersityes or any of them, vnles he or they be present at the ordinary lecture & lectures, as wel at home in theyr houses as in the common schole or scholes: & in theyr proper persons kepe sophemes, problemes, disputacions, and other exercises of learning, & be apponent and respondent in the same, according to the ordinaunces and statutes of eyther of the sayd Vniuersityes, where he or they shalbe so abyding or resiant, any thing contayned in the said prouiso or former acte to the contrary not wythstanding.

Prouided alway that this act shal beginne to take effect at the feast of S. Michael tharchangell next comming, and not before.

Prouided alway, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shal extende to any person or persons, which nowe is or hereafter shalbe readers of anye publique or common lecture in diuinity, lawe ciuile, phisicke, philosophy, humanity, or of anye of the liberall sciences, or publique or common interpretours or teachers of ỳ Hebrew tongue, Caldey, or Greeke, in what soeuer colledge or place of any of the sayd vniuersityes the sayd persons for the time being, shal reade the said common or publique lectures: Nor yet to any person or persons, which after or about the age of xl. yeres, which shall resorte to any of the sayde Vniuersityes to proceede doctours in diuinity, lawe ciuile, or physicke, for the time of theyr procedinges, and executing of such Sermons disputacions or lectours, which they be bound by the statutes of the Vniuersityes there to do for the sayde degrees so obteyned.

An acte lymiting the prices of wynes. Cap. xiiij.

BE it enacted by thauctority of this preset parliament, ỳ no person or persons shall sell any Gascoyne Guyon or Frēch wynes aboue viij. d. the galon, that is to saye, a penye the pint, two pence the quart, foure pence the potell, and viij. pence the galon, vpō payne of forfaiture for euery pinte to be sold aboue the sayd price iiij. d. and for euery quart sold aboue the sayd price viii. d. and for euery pottel so sold aboue the said price xij. d.

xii. d. And for euery galon so solde aboue the sayde price afore limitted.ii.s. And that no Malmeseys, Romneys, sackes, or other swete wines shall be sold by retayle aboue, xii.d.the galon .vi.d.the potell .iii.d.the quarte and.i. d.ob.the pynte, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte.iii.s.iiii.d.for euery galon xx d.for euery pottell .xii.d.for euery quart, and.vi.d.for euery pynte, that shall be solde contrary to this acte.

¶ Prouided alway, that the lord Chancellour, lord Treasourer, lord Presidente of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, lorde pryue seale, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or.v.iiii.or.iii.of them, shall haue power and auctorite by their discrecions, to sette the prices of all kynde of wynes, that is to say, of the pryces of the butte, tonne, pype, hoggeshed, poncheon, teers, barrell, or rundlet, when it shall be solde in grosse, so that they or any of them cause the prices by thē set to be writen, & open proclamaciō therof to be made in the kings court of Chācery openly in the terme tyme, or elles in the citie borough or towne, where any such wynes shall be sold in grosse: any thinge conteined in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, after such prices be set and put in writynge by the sayd lorde Chauncellour, lord treasourer lorde presidente of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, lorde pryue seale, and the.ii.chiefe iustices, or by.v.iiii.or.iii.of them, and proclamacion therof had (as is aforesayd) do sell any wynes in grosse by any fraude or couyn, contrary to the sayde prices so sette and proclaymed: that then euerye offendour in that behalfe shall lose and forfayte for euerye vesselle by them solde in grosse contrary to the sayd prices.xl.s.the one halfe of all which forfaytures to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe therof, if it be within any city borough or towne corporate, to be to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or other head rulers of such cities boroughes or townes corporate. And if it be without citie, borough, or towne corporate, than to be to suche of the kynges subiectes as wyll sue for the same. And that euery suche forfayture shall be recouered by originall writ of debt, byll, playnt, or information. In which suyte no wager of lawe shall be admitted, nor any protection or essoyne allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted, that the iustices of peace in euery shyre of this present realme, and all mayres, sheriffes, bailiffes and other head officers in cities, boroughes and townes corporate, that is to say, euery of them within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities, as well within franchises as without, shal haue power and auctorite to examine here inquere & determin the defaultes of such as shall attempt to sell any wynes in grosse or by retayle contrary to this acte, and to punishe the offendours by imprisonmēt or otherwise by their discrecions.

¶ And where as in the parliament holden at westmynster in the fyrst yere of the reigne of king Rychard the thyrd, among other thynges it was established, ordeyned, and enacted, that euery tonne of wyne shoulde conteyne

CClij. galons, euery butte of Malmesey should conteyne. Crrbi. galons, euery pype Crrbi. galons, euery tercyan or poncheon, lxxxiiii. galons, eue hogges head, lxiii. galons, euery teerce xli. galons, and euery barrell. xxxi. galons and di. and euery rondelet xbiii. gallons and di. And that no bessel should be put to sale, till it were gauged, vppon payne of forfayture, as by the same statute it doth appere more at large. Neuertheless great disceite is daily vsed in selling of wynes and oyles in caskes and bessells, not bearing the contentes aboue limitted, to the greate losse of the kynges poore subiectes. For remedy wherof, it is enacted by thauctority of this presente parliament, that the sayd estatute made in the fyrst yere of kyng Richarde the 3. and al other estatutes heretofore made for the true gawging & measuringe of wynes, oyles, hony, or any other lycours, which estatutes afore this tyme be not repelled nor eryred, shal stand in theyr strength and vertue, and be put in due execution, according to theyr tenours and effectes in euery behalfe.

And ouer that be it enacted by thauctority of this present parliamente, that euery gauger wythin this realme shall truly and effectually wythin the limittes of his office, gauge all the sayde tunnes, buttes, ppes, terses, poncheons, tercians, barrelles, hogges heades and rundlettes, and shall plainly and truly marke vppon the head of euery such bessell the contente of the same, vppon peine to forfaite to the party, to whose vse the wyne, oyle, or other thing therein being shalbe sold, foure times the value of that that the bessell so marked shall lacke of his lawful content aboue wrytten: the same forfaiture to be recouered ouer and besydes the costes of the suite, by the kinges originall writte, or by bill in any of the kynges courtes of his common lawes, or in any competent courte, hauing iurysdiction in the place where that offence shalbe cõmitted, by action or bill of det, in which action or suite, none essoyne, protection, nor wager of law shalbe accepted admitted or allowed to the defendãt or defendantes. And that euery marchaunt or other person, sellyng the said wyne oyle, or other thing cõteyned in the said bessell marked, shall allow of the price thereof to the byer of the same, for euery quantitye of wyne, oyle, or other thinge conteined in the sayde marked bessell, the full value of the lacke thereof, beinge by reason of default of full gauge of the bessell marked, or of default of fyllinge of the same bessell, or by reason of defaute of anye of theym, after the rate of the whole price of the wyne, oyle, or other thinge so beinge solde by that bessell marked: and that vppon payne of forfayture to the same byer the double value of the same bessell and wyne, oyle, or other thing therin being so sold: the same forfayture to bee recouered together with the costes of the suite, in maner and fourme as the forfayture laste before wrytten is limitted to be recouered.

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¶ An acte for punishement of pyrotes & robbers on the sea. Cap. xv.

WHere traytours, pirotes, theues, robbers, murtherers, and confederatours vpon the sea, many times escaped vnpunished, bycause the triall of their offences hath heretofore bene ordered iudged and determined before the admyrall or hys liuetenaunt or commissarie, after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, y before any iudgement of death can be giuen against the offendours, eyther they muste playnely confesse their offences (which they will neuer do without torture or peynes) or els their offences be so playnly and directly proued by witnes indifferent, such as sawe their offences committed, whiche can not be gotten but by chaūce at fewe times bycause suche offendours committe their offences vppon y sea, and at many times murder and kylle such persons, beyng in the shippe or bote, where they commit their offences, whiche should witnesse agaynst them in that behalfe, and also suche as shoulde beare witnes be commonly mariners and shippe men, which bycause of theyr often viages and passages in the seas, depart without longe tarieng and protraction of time, to the great costes and charges, as well of the kynges hyghnes as suche as woulde pursue suche offendours. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliamente, that all treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies hereafter to be committed in or vppon the sea, or in any other hauen riuer creke or place, where the admirall or admiralles haue or pretende to haue power auctority or iurisdiction, shall be inquired, tried, harde, determined and iudged in suche shyres and places in the realme, as shalbe limitted by the kinges commission or commissions to be directed for the same, in like fourme and condicion as if any such offence or offences had bene committed or done in or vpon the lande, and such commissions shall be had vnder the kynges great seale directed to the admirall or admiralles, or to his or their liuetenaunt, deputy and deputies, and to iii. or iiii. such other substantiall persons, as shall be named or appointed by the lord Chauncellour of England, for the tyme beyng, from time to time and as ofte as neede shall require, here and determine suche offences, after the common course of the lawes of this land, vsed for treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies of the same done and committed vpon the lande within this realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that suche persons, to whom such commission or commissions shall bee directed, or iiii. of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctority to enquyre of such offences and of euery of them, by the othes of twelue good and lawfull inhabitātes in the Shyre limitted in their commission: in suche like maner & fourme, as if suche offences had beene committed vppon the lande within the same shyre. And that euery inditement founde and presented before such com-

commissioners of any treasõs, felonies, robberies murders, mãslaughters or suche other offences, committed or done, in or vppon the seas, or in or vppon any other hauen, riuer, or creke, shalbe good and effectual in the law. And if any person or persons happen to be indited for any such offence done or hereafter to be done vpon the seas, or in any other place aboue limitted: that thẽ such order processe, iudgemẽt and execution shalbe vsed had done and made to and against euery such person and persons, so beinge indicted as against traytours, felons, and murderers, for treason, felony, robberye, murder, or other suche offences done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of this realme is accustomed. And that the triall of such offence or offences, if it be denied by the offendour or offendours, shall be had by twelue lawfull men, inhabited in the shyre limitted within such commyssion, which shall be directed as is aforesayd, and no chalenge or chalenges to be had for the hundred. And such as shall be conuict of any such offence or offences, by verdict confession or processe, by auctoritie of any suche commission, shall haue and suffre such peynes of death losses of landes, goods, and cattalles, as if they had ben attainted and cõuicted of any treasons, felonies, robberies, or other the sayd offences, done vpon the lande.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that for treasons, robberies, felonies, murders, & confederacies, done vpon the sea or seas, or any place aboue rehersed, the offendours shall not be admitted to haue the benefit of his or their clergie, but be vtterly excluded therof and from the same, and also of the priuilege of any sainctuarie.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for takyng any victayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, which any such person or persons compelled by necessitie) taketh of or in any shippe, which may cõuenientlie spare the same, so the same person or persons pay out of hande for the same victayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money, or money worthe, to the value of the thyng so taken, or to deliuer for the same a sufficient bill obligatorie to be payed in fourme folowynge, that is to say, if the takyng of the same thinges be on this side the straites of Marroke, then to be payed within iiii. monethes. And if it be beyond the sayde straites of Marroke, than to be payed within xii. monethes next ensuyng the makynge of such billes. And that the makers of suche billes well and trewely paye the same debte at the day to be limitted within the sayde billes.

¶ Prouided alway, that whan soeuer any suche cõmission for the punishment of the offences aforesayde, or of any of them, shall be directed or sente to any place within the iurisdiction of the fiue portes, that then euery such commission shall be directed vnto the lorde wardeyn of the saide portes for the time beyng, or to his deputy, and vnto three or foure suche other person or persons, as the lorde Chauncellour for the tyme beynge shall name and appoynct: Any thynge in this presente acte to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

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Prouided alway, that whan soeuer any commission shalbe directed vnto the fiue portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any of the offences, expressed in this act, that euery such inquisition and trial to be had by vertue of suche commission shalbe made and had by the inhabitantes in the sayde fiue portes or the members of the same: any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

An acte for the release of such as haue obteyned pretended licences and dispensations from the see of Rome. Cap. xxj.

WHere the bishop of Rome and hys predecessours, of his and theyr couetous & ambicious minde, to thentent to aduance and enrich themselues & the see of Rome, to ỹ greate empouerishing of this realme of England, & other the kinges dominions, cõtrary to Gods law, the lawes & statutes of this realme, and in derogation of the imperiall crowne of this sayd realme, haue heretofore wrongfully pretended, erected, vsed, and exercised wythin the same dyuers and many vsurped powers, iurisdictions, & auctorityes, duryng & by the whych tyme the sayd bysshop & hys predecessours, arrogãtly and vnlustly haue taken vpon them for great sommes of money and other profites to them gyuen, to graunte vnto the kyngs subiects, & other inhabitauntes wythin this realme, and other the kings dominions, many dyuers and sondry auctorityes, immunities, facultyes, priuileges, lycences, indulgences & preeminences, of diuers kynds natures & qualityes: which although they proceeded by an vniust & vsurped auctority, haue been vnto now of late by the subiectes of thys realme temerously and ignorantlye accepted, receyued, vsed, and erroniously put in exercise & execution: the which vsurped auctority iurisdiction and power is nowe iustly, truly, and ought to be clearely and absolutely extinguished extyrped and abolysshed wythin this realme and other the kynges dominions. And for as much as all and euery such person and persons bodyes politike and corporate, whych vnlawfully and wythout any maner of auctority or iust grounde, heretofore haue temerously and ignorantly accepted, receyued vsed & erroniously put in execution & exercyse the sayd facultyes, immunities auctorityes, pryuiledges, lycẽces, indulgences & preempynences, haue now sincere, pure, & perfit intelligence and knowledge of the saide vsurped auctority, iurisdictiõ and power: And that the said facultyes auctorityes, priuiledges, licences, & indulgences, so as is aforesayd accepted, receyued, vsed, and erroniously exercised, were and ben to all intentes & purposes, clearely voyde, frustrate, and of none effect. All be it if they should be impeached or interrupted of such priuiledges, libertyes, preemineces, auctorities, iurisdictions, profites & other commodityes, which they now haue vse and exercise by colour of such vayne and voyde licences, dispensations and facultyes,

ties, it should be to their intollerable inquietations and vtter vndoing. Wherfore be it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that al bulles, breues, faculties, & dispensations, of what names natures or qualityes soeuer they be of, heretofore had or obtained of the bishoppe of Rome, or of any his predecessours, or by the auctorite of the see of Rome, by or to anye subiectes resiauntes or bodyes politike or corporate of or in this realme, or of or in anye other the kinges dominions, shall from henceforth be clerelye voide and of no value, force, strengthe nor vertue, and shal neuer hereafter be vsed admitted allowed, pleaded or alledged in any places or courtes of this realme, or of any other the kinges dominions, vppon the peynes conteined in the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the xvj. yere of ỳ reigne of king Richarde the seconde, yet not withstandinge at the moste humble peticion and intercession of the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, it may please the kings maiesty, of his moste gracious benignity, goodnes and blessed disposition that it may be enacted by auctority of this parliament, that all mariages, had and solemnised within this realme, or in any other the kings dominions, before the third day of Nouember, in the xxvj. yeare of ỳ kinges moste gracious reigne, wherof there is no deuorce or seperation had by the Ecclesiastical lawes of this realm, & which mariages be not prohibited by gods lawes, limitted and declared in the act made in this present parliament for the establishmente of the kinges succession, or otherwyse by holy scripture, shalbe by auctority of this present parliament good lawfull and effectuall and shalbe from the beginning of such mariages reputed, esteemed, taken, adiudged, receyued, approued and allowed by the auctority of this present parliament, to al and singuler purposes, effectes and ententes, as good, as sufficient and as vaylable, as though no impediment of matrimony had euer ben betwene them that haue contracted and solempnised such mariages: And that all children procreated & to be procreated in and vnder suche mariages, shalbe lawfull to all intentes and purposes.

And that it maye be also enacted by the auctority of this present parliamente, that all archbishoppes and bishoppes of this realme, or of anye the kinges dominions consecrated, and at this present time taken and reputed for archbishops and bishops, may by auctority of this presente parliamente and not by vertue of any prouision or other forreine auethority, licence, faculty or dispensation, keepe, enioy, and retaine theyr archbishoprickes & bishoprickes, in as large & ample maner, as if they had ben promoted, elected, confirmed and consecrated, accordinge to the due course of ỳ lawes of this realme. And that euery archbishoppe and bishoppe of this realme, and of other the kinges dominions, may minister, vse, and exercise all and euerye thing & thinges, pertaynyng to thoffice or order of an archbishop & bishop, with all tokens insignes and ceremonies thereunto lawfully belonginge. And that all ecclesiastical persons of the kings realme & dominions, which at this time be taken had and reputed for abbottes, priours, abbasses, prioresses

reſſes, and other heedes of religion (whiche be not nother ſhall be excluded from their dignities by the late acte of ſuppreſſion) and the religious perſons liuing vnder their obedience, and all perſons now taken and reputed as maiſters, preſidentes, prouoſtes, and wardeyns of cathedrall churches and colleges, with the companies and felowſhippes of the ſame, all preeſtes and clarkes, whiche haue receiued any of the eccleſiaſticall ordres, all archdeacons and deanes, and other hauing offices, cures and dignities ſpirituall, may by auctority of this acte, and not by the vertue of any forreine power or auctority, adminiſter, vſe and exercyſe all thinges perteynyng to their dignities, offices, ordres, cures, religions and felowſhippes, and may lawfully hereafter vſe all tokēs, inſignes, and ceremonies, which thei haue ben accuſtomed to vſe in times paſt (ſo it be not expreſly againſt the lawes of god and this realme any thyng or thinges conteined in any acte or actes made ſithen the beginning of this preſent parliament to the contrary of any the premiſſes in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

¶ And where diuers and many of the kynges ſaide ſubiectes haue purchaſed and obteined many diſpenſaciōs, bulles, breues, and faculties of ẏ byſhoppe of Rome for the time beyng, or by auctority of the ſee of Rome, as pluralities, vnions, trialities, appropriations, commendams, exemptions, and other bulles, breues, and faculties, for diuers cauſes & matters, other than be afore expreſſed, which be of no ſtrength or vertue, it may therfore pleaſe the kynges maieſtie, that it may be enacted by auctorite aforeſayde that all and euery his ſayd ſubiectes duryng the time of one hole yere nexte after the feaſt of ſainct Michaell the archaungell nexte commynge, maye enioy vſe and haue by auctorite of this preſent acte, and not by the vertue of the ſaid bulles, breues, and faculties, all and euery the effectes conteyned & ſpecified in ſuch bulles, breues, & faculties, in all ſuche caſes only as may be diſpenſed with, by the archbiſhop of Canterbury, by auctorite of ẏ lawes and ſtatutes of this realme.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by auctority aforeſayde, that all and euery the kynges ſayde ſubiectes, bringyng, renderyng, and deliuerynge to ſuch perſons of his councel, or of the maiſters of his chaunchery, as ẏ kinges highnes ſhall name and appoint, any bulles, breues, or any other faculties, concernyng any the premiſſes: that then if it ſhall appere to ſuch perſons, as the kynges highnes ſhall ſo name and appoint to receiue ſuch bulles, faculties and breues, after due examination therof had, that the effectes conteined and ſpecified in ſuch bulles, faculties and breues, or any part therof, may be lawfully graunted by the ſayde archebyſhoppe of Canterbury, by auctority of the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme: that then and in euery ſuch caſe the kynges ſayde ſubiectes, makinge humble ſuite to haue the effectes conteined in the ſaid bulles, breues, and faculties to be graūted vnto them, ſhall haue receiue and obteyne of the chauncellour of England or keper of the great ſeale for the time beyng, by ſufficient writyng in due fourme to be made, and to be ſealed vnder the kynges great ſeale, al and e-

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nery such effectes conteined and specified in such bulles, breues, and faculties, as may be lawfully graunted by the sayd archbishoppe of Canterbury, by auctority of the lawes and statutes of this realme, paieng onely for the sealyng of euery such writyng. xx.s.iiii.d. And ouer that for the reasonable costes for peines of the writyng therof. iii.s.iiii.d. and not aboue, and for the peine taken for dewe examination of euery such bulles, breues, and faculties. iii.s.iiii d. and not aboue. And that this present acte shalbe sufficient and immediate warrant to the chauncellour or keper of the great seale, for thensealyng and deliuery of such licences, faculties, dispensations and other writinges, which shalbe made graunted and sealed vnder ỳ kinges great seale by vertue and auctority of this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all and euery suche licence, dispensation, faculte, cõfirmatiõ or other writyng, to be had made or graunted vnder the kinges great seale out of the said court of chauncery by auctority of this acte, in fourme as is aboue rehersed, shall be good & effectuall to ỳ sayd partyes suing for the same, accordinge to the tenor and effectes therof, & shalbe admitted, accepted and allowed in all courtes and places of this realme, and in al other the kinges dominions: any vsage prescription forein lawes, customes or ordinance to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

¶ An acte giuing auctority to such as shall succede to ỳ crowne of this realme, whan they come to the age of. xxiiii. yeres, to make frustrate such actes as shall be made afore in their time. Cap. xvii.

FOr as much as lawes and statutes may happen hereafter to be made within this realme, at parliamentes holden at such time as the kinges of the same shall happen to be within age, hauyng small knowledge and experience of their affaires, to the greate hinderance and derogation of the imperiall crowne of this realme, and to the vniuersal domage of the cõmon wealth of ỳ subiectes of the same: Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that if the imperiall crowne of this realme, after the decease of the kynges moste royall maiestie, whose life our lorde longe preserue, descende, come, or remayne, to the heyres of our sayde soueraigne lorde, or to any person to be limitted by his highnes, as of very ryght it muste and ought to do, accordyng to the lawes of this realme established for ỳ same, the sayd heires or suche person beinge within the age of. xxiiii. yeres, and that then any acte or actes of parliament shall happen to be made and established in any parliamente, that then shall be holden, before such heyre or heires, person or persons then beinge in possession of the sayd crowne, shall be of theyr full ages of. xxiiii. yeres: that then euery suche heire or heires of

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our sayd soueraigne lord, or such person so possessed of the crowne, and being within the same age of xviij. yeres, shal haue full power and auctority at all times after they shal come to their sayde full ages of xviij. yeares by their letters patentes vnder the great seale of England, to revoke, adnulle and repeale all and singular such actes made and established by their royall assentes in any parliament holden during the time that they were within their said age of xviij. yeares, their royall assentes had to the same, during the time that they were within the said age of xviij. yeares, or any acte or actes hereafter to be made to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by auctority aforesaid, that euery such repeale adnullation and reuocation of any acte or actes, that shalbe made & established in any parliament, holden before the time that such heyres or person, possessed of the crowne, shalbe of ỳ sayd age of xviij. yeres, shalbe as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as thoughe it had ben done by auctority of parliament.

An act concerning treason in certayne cases. Cap. xviij.

BE it enacted by auctority of this present parliamente, ỳ if any man, of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer he be, at any time hereafter, take vpon him to espouse, mary, or take to his wife any of the kings children, being lawfully borne, or otherwise, cõmonly reputed or takẽ for his children, or any of the kings sisters or auntes of the part of ỳ father or any the lawful childrẽ of the kinges brethrẽ or sisters, or contract mariage with any of them, wout the especial licence, assent, consent and agreement first thereunto had & obteyned of the kings highnes in wryting vnder his graces great seale, or defile or defloure any of thẽ not being maried, shalbe deemed & adiudged a traytour to the king and to his realme. And ỳ euery such offẽce hereafter to be done made or perpetrated, cõtrary to this act, shalbe adiudged & deemed to be high treason. And ỳ euery mã so offending, & their abettours, procurers, cõforters, cõsaylers & aydours being lawfully conuict of any such offence, according to the lawes of this realme, shal haue & suffer such and like peines & execution of deth, losses of priuiledges of sainctuary, & forfaytures of lands, tenements & hereditamẽtes to all intentes and purposes, as in cases of high treason appertayneth. Sauinge to all and euerye person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres & successours, and to the heyres and successours of euerye of them, other thã the lord Thomas Howard, and his heires, and all other persons, which shal fortune hereafter to be attainted by auctoritie of this acte, and their heires and euery of them, all such right, title, interest, possession, leases, annuities, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remainders, offices, fees, commons, condicions and other cõmodities, profites & hereditamẽtes

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ters, in such maner fourme quality and condition, as they or anye of them
haue had, should or might haue had if this act had neuer ben had nor made:
any thing in this present act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alway and be it enacted, that in euery such case before reher-
sed, the woman after the last day of this parliament so offending, beinge
wythin the degrees before specified, shall incurre like daunger and penal-
ty, as is before limited, and shall suffer such like death and punishment, as
is before appointed to the man offendinge in maner and fourme expressed
in this acte.

God saue the Kinge.

ANNO XXXI. HENRICI VIII.

HENRY the viij. by the grace of God king of England & of Fraunce, defender of ỳ faith, Lord of Ireland, & in earth supreme head immediatlye vnder Christe of the Church of England, to ỳe honoure of Almighty God, conseruacion of the true doctrine of Christes religion, and for the extirpe quiete and wealth of this his realme and subiectes of the same, held his moste high court of Parliament, begonne at Westminster the xviij. daye of Aprill, and there continued vntil the xviij. daye of June, the xxxj. yere of his moste noble and victorious reigne, wherein were established these actes following.

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An act concerning ioynt tenaunts and tenauntes in common. Cap.j.
An act that fishing in any seuerall ponde, stew, or mote, vpon an intent to steale fishe out of ỹ same is felony. Cap.ij
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An act concerning the amendinge of the riuer & porte of Exceter. Cap.iiij.
An acte wherby the kinges maner of Hampton court is made an honour, and a new chase thereto belonging. Cap.v.
An acte that such as were religious persons maye purchase pursue and be sued in all manour of actions. Cap.vj.
An acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punishmente of beggers and vacabundes, and of certayne other statutes. Cap.vij.
An acte that proclamacions made by the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his honourable counsayle, shalbe obeyed and kepte, as thoughe they were made by act of parliament. Cap.viij.
An acte auctorisyng the kinges highnes to make bishops by his letters patentes. Cap.ix.
An act concerning placing of the lordes in the parliament chamber, and other assemblies and conferences of counsayle. Cap.x.
An acte auctorisyng the kinges highnes newly to allotte certayne townes hippes in Wales. Cap.xi.
An acte concerning wrongful taking of Hawkes egges and byrdes out of the nestes, finding and takinge vp of the kinges Hawkes, hunting in the kinges forest parke chace or other ground enclosed, & killinge of conies within any lawfull waren of the kinges. Cap.xij.
An acte whereby all manours landes profites and hereditamentes belonginge to any ỹ monasteries or other religious houses dissolued, or hereafter by any meane to be dissolued, are assured to the kings highnes his heyres and successours for euer. And how and in what wyse leases and grauntes heretofore made or hereafter to be made of them or any part of them, shall take effect. Cap.xiij.
An acte for abolishing of diuersity of opinions in certayne articles concerning Christen religion. Cap.xiiij.

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An acte concerning ioynt tenauntes, and tenauntes in common. Cap. j.

FOr as muche as by the common lawes of this realme diuers of the kings subiects, being seysed of manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes as ioynt tenaunts, or as tenauntes in common, wyth other of anye estate of inheritaunce, in theyr owne rightes, or in the right of theyr wyues, by purchase discent or otherwyse, and euery of theim so being ioynte tenauntes, or tenauntes in common, haue like right title interest and possession in the same manours landes tenements, and hereditaments for theyr partes or portions ioyntly or in common vndeuidedly together wyth other, & none of them by the lawe doth or maye know theyr seuerall partes or portions in the same, or that that is his or theirs by it self vndeuided: and can not by the lawes of this realme otherwyse occupy or take the profites of the same, or make anye seuerance deuision or partition therof, wythout other of their mutuall assents & consents: by reason wherof diuers and many of them, being so ioyntly and vndeuidedly seised of the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oftetimes of theyr peruers couetous and malicious mindes and willes, against all right, iustice, equity and good cõsciences, by strength and power, haue not onely cut and fallen downe al the woods and trees growing vpon the same, but also haue extirped subuerted pulled downe, & destroyed all the houses edifications, and buildinges, medowes, pastures, commons, and the whole commodities of the same, and haue take & conuerted them to theyr owne vses and behoues, to the open wronge and disherison, and against the minds & wills of other, holding the same manours landes tenements and hereditamentes ioyntlye or in common wyth them, and they haue beene alwayes without assured remedy for the same. Be it therefore enacted by the king our most dread soueraigne lord, and by thassente of the lordes spirituall & temporall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all ioynt tenauntes and tenaunts in common that now be, or hereafter shal be of anye estate or estates of inheritaunce in theyr owne rightes, or in the right of theyr wiues of any manours landes tenements or hereditaments wythin this realme of England, Wales, or the marches of the same, shall & may be coacted and compelled, by vertue of this present acte, to make partition betweene them of al such manours landes tenements and hereditamentes as they now holde, or hereafter shall hold as ioynt tenantes or tenauntes in cõmon, by writ De participatione facienda, in that case to be deuised in the king our soueraigne lordes court of chauncerye, in like maner and forme as copercners by the common lawes of this realme haue ben & are compelled to do, and the same wryt to be pursued at the common lawe.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, that euery of the sayde ioynt tenantes or tenauntes in common, and theyr heyres, after such partition made,

shal and may haue ayde of the other, or of their heyres to the intent to dereigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is vsed betwene coperceners after partition made by the order of the common law, any thing in this act contayned to the contrary notwythstanding.

An acte that fishing in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote wyth an intent to steale fish out of thy same is felony. Cap. ij.

WHere as diuers and many of the lordes knightes Esquiers gentlemen, and other the kinges subiectes wythin this his realme, at theyr great costes and charges haue caused to be made wythin their seuerall groundes manye pondes stewes and motes, and stoared them wyth diuers kindes of fishes, as pykes breames carpes tenches and other fishes whereof they haue thought to haue had great commodity, as well for the pleasure of theyr frendes, as for theyr owne commoditye and profite towards the necessary finding of theyr houses, diuers and many lighte and vnreasonable personnes of this realme, beinge of no good rule nor honestye, little or nothing regarding God, the feare of theyr souereigne lorde the kinges highnes, nor his lawes, haue not onely fished the sayd pondes stewes and motes as wel by night as by day, wyth nettes hookes and baites of diuers sortes, but also wyth greate nomber of misruled personnes, haue entered into such grounds, and there, wyth great violence haue broken vp the heades of the said pondes stewes and motes, and destroyed and taken the fishe of the same ponds, stewes and motes, to the great displeasures and losses of the owners of the sayd pondes stewes and motes, and contrary to all good reason right and conscience. Wherfore be it enacted by the king our sayd souereigne lord, wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that as well all maner of fishinges wyth any nettes hookes or baytes, of what kinde soeuer they be, in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote, wyth an intent to steale fishe oute of the same, done or committed at anye time after the feast of ỳ Natiuitye of sainct John Baptiste nexte commynge, that is to saye, in the xxxi. yeare of the raigne of oure sayde souereigne lorde, from the houre of fiue in the euentyde, vnto the houre of fiue in the mornynge agaynste the wylles and mindes of the owners or possessioners of suche pondes stewes or motes, as also the vnlawfull breaking vppe of the head of any seuerall ponde stewe or mote, by daye or by nighte, after the sayd feaste, wythout colour of title so to doe, whereby any fishe of the same ponde stewe or mote, is taken or destroyed againste the will or minde of the owner or possessioner of the same, be to all intentes deemed taken and adiudged felony: and that those personnes so offendinge, shall haue and suffer all suche paynes of death, and punishmentes

mentes,as other felons ought to haue and suffre for felony by the course of the lawes of this realme.

¶And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye suche euell disposed persons, after the feast before limitted, doe fishe in the daye time,at any other time thē is before rehersed,in any such seuerall pondes,stewes,or motes, with any māer of nettes.hokes or baites,as is afore said,what kind soeuer they be of,against ẏ will, pleasure & mind of the owners or possessors of the same seuerall pondes,stewes or motes,not hauing any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicte at ẏ suite of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, or the partie greued: that then the said parties so conuicted,shall suffre imprisonment by the space of three monethes,and after the said three monethes expired,shal finde sufficient suretye for his or their good aberinge, or els to remaine still in prison without baile or mainepryse, vnto such tyme he or they can finde such suretye.

¶An act changing the custome of Gauelkynde. Capi.iii.

The kynge our soueraigne lorde,for diuers consideracions his maiesty mouinge,by auctoritee of this his high courte of parliamēt,enacteth,ordeineth and establisheth,that as well all the lordshippes,maners,landes,tenements,woodes,pastures,rentes,seruices,reuersions,remainders,aduousons & al other what so euer hereditaments set lyng and being within the county of Kente,of the whiche Thomas Crumwell knight of his honorable order of the Garter,lord Crumwell of Wimbledō lord priuie seale, Thomas Burgh knight lord burgh,Georg Broke knight lorde Cobham,Andrew Windsor knight,lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheiny knight treasourer of our said soueraigne lorde the kinges moste honorable houlholde, Thristofer Hales knight maister of the Rolles of our said soueraigne lordes court of the chauncery,Thomas willoughby knight one of ẏ iudges of the kings court of the cōmon place,Anthony Saintleger knight Edwarde wotton knight,Edwarde Boueton knight, Roger Cholmeley knight serieaunt at lawe, John Champneis knighte, John Baker squyre our said soueraigne lorde the kinges generall attourneie,Reinolde Scotte squier, John Guildford squier,Thomas Kempe squier,Edward Thwaittis squier, William Roper squyre, Anthonye Sandes squier, Edwarde Isaac squier, Percivall Hart squier, Edwarde Wonyns squier, William Whetnall squier, John Fogge squier, Edmonde Fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardres squier, William Waller squier, Thomas Wilforde squier, Thomas Moile squier, Thomas Harlakinden esquier,Geffrey Lee squier James Hales, Henry Husee, and Thomas Roidon gentilmen, or any of them is or be seised to his or their owne vse or vses, in fee simple or in fee taile,the which nowe bene of the tenure and nature of Gauelkinde & heretofore haue bene departed, or be departible betwene heires males, by the

custome of Gauelkynde, shall from hens forth be clerely changed from the said custome tenure and nature of Gauelkinde, and in no wise hereafter be departed or departible by the said custome of Gauelkinde, betwene heires males, but shall remayne reuert abyde descende come and be after and according as lordships manors landes tenements and other hereditaments do or maie descende remaine reuert abide come or be, according to the common lawe of this realme, and as other manors landes & tenemētes being in ỳ said countie of Kent, which neuer were holdē by seruice of socage, but be & alwaies haue ben holdē by knights seruice, do discend remaine reuert abide come and be: And in like maner to discende, and be discendable, remaine reuert come and be inheritable to the heyre or heyres, after and according to the sayd cōmon lawes of this realme of Englāde. And that all & singular the sayde lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamēts wyth thappurtenaūces of the sayde lorde Crumwell, lorde Burghe, lorde Cobham, lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheiny Chriſtopher Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edwarde wotton, Edwarde Boueton, Roger Cholmeleye, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinolde Scot, John Guldforde, Thomas kempe, Edwarde Thwaites, William Roper, Anthonye Sandes, Edwarde Isaac, Perciuall Harte, Edwarde Wonyns, William whetnall, John Fogge, Edmunde Fetyplace, Thomas Hardres, William waller, Thomas Wylforde, Thomas Moile, Thomas Harlakinden esquier, Geffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulee and Thomas Roidon, or of any of theim, and which before the making of this act haue bene of the sayd nature and tenure of Gauelkinde in the sayd countye of Kente, shall from henceforth be accepted taken inheriteb deined and iudged to be, like as lordshippes manours lands tenemēts and other hereditaments at the common law of this realme, and in suche maner and fourme as if the same manours lordships lands tenemēts and other hereditamentes had neuer ben of the sayd nature of Gauelkind, any vsage or custome in ỳ sayd county of Kente heretofore had accepted or vsed to the cont rary notwythstanding. Sauinge alwayes & reseruing to all & singuler persons, other then the sayd lord Crumwel. lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheine, Chriſtopher Hales, Thomas Willoghby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward wottō, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinold Scot, John Guyldford, Thomas kempe, Edward thwaites, Williā Roper, Anthony Sands Edward Isaac, Percival hart, Edward Wonins, Williā whetnal, John Fogge, Edmund Fetiplace, Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas Wulford, Thomas Moile, Thomas Harlakindē squier, Geffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulee, & Thomas roidon, or any of theim, & to euery of them against any other of them all such right title interest & inheritaunce as they or any of them had before the making of this act, of to or in any of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, woods, pastures, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remaynders, aduousons and other the premisses, as if this present act had neuer ben had nor made.

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¶ An act concerning the amending of the riuer and port of Excetre. Cap. iiii.

IN moſt humble wiſe ſhewen vnto your highnes your true and faithfull ſubiectes, the maire, bailiffes & cõminalty of your citye of Exeter, that where of olde antiquitie aſwell the citizens and dwellers within your ſaide city as all other both denizens and ſtraungers, applien and comming from any partes of beyond ỳ ſea, or of this realme, to your porte of Exeter, haue had courſe and recourſe with their ſhippes, botes and veſſels goods and marchandiſes in the riuer of Exeter to & from the high ſea, vnto your ſayd city, to the great cõmodity cõmon wealth & profit of your ſayde city, & all the countrey therabout, as by diuers recordes and writinges remaining as well in your ſayd city, as alſo at weſtm. plainly doth appere: which commodity of long time hath ben ſo diſtroied and letted by weires, & driuinges of ſandes and grauell, by courſe of the water into the ſaide riuer, and other lettes and noiſances, that at this day, and of long time paſt, ſhippes, botes and veſſels haue not had ne yet can haue their courſe to and from your ſayd city, as of old time they haue had, by reaſon wherof your ſaide ſuppliantes of longe time haue bene and yet be compelled and enforced to carie their goods and marchandices frõ the ſhips, botes, and veſſels to your ſaide citie by lande, to their yearely charges of .cccc. markes ſterlinge and aboue, beſide greate hurtes and loſſes taken in their ſayd goods & marchãdices by the cariers of the ſame, which hath not only bene and yet daily is to the great hurt decay & empoueriſhing of ỳ merchauntes of your ſayd city, but alſo of the coũtrey therabouts by reaſon of the ouerflowing & drowning of the medowes paſtures and grounde lying by the ſaid riuer, with the high ſpringes of the ſea & the fluddes of the freſh water cõming to the ſaid riuer, & by reaſõ of which charges ſuſteined in carying their goods and marchãdiſes by land vnto ỳ ſayd city, as is before ſayd, the marchantes and owners of the ſayd wares and marchandiſes, are driuen to ſell the ſame muche more derer than they would do, if the ſaid marchandiſes might be conueied & brought vnto the ſayd city by water, to the great hurte and preiudice of all your graces ſubiectes in the ſaid parties. For reformacion wherof, it may pleaſe your highnes, of your moſt noble and abundant grace, with the aſſent of your lords ſpirituall & temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled & by auctority of the ſame, to enacte, ordeine and eſtabliſhe, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull at all times after the feaſt of Eaſter now nert cõminge, to your ſayd ſuppliantes, maire, bailiffes & comminalty of your ſayd citye of Exeter, and their ſucceſſours, to plucke downe, dig, myne, breake, banke & caſt vp all and al maner of weires rockes, ſandes, grauel & other lettes and noiſances, what ſo euer they be in the ſaide riuer, and alſo in other places & ground conuenient and neceſſary for the ſame, whoſe ſo euer they be, lying betwene your ſayd city & the high ſea. and further to do and make al other thinges requiſite and neceſſary, wherby the ſaid ſhips. botes & veſſels may

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haue their sure course and recourse in the saide riuer, to and from youre saide citye, and there to charge and discharge the sayde goodes and marchaũdises without let or disturbance of any person or persons, geuynge and paying therfore vnto the lord or lordes owner or owners of the soyle where such digging and mining shalbe, in recompence and satisfaction of and for the land and ground so to be digged and mined, after the rate of xx.yeres purchase, or els as much for ỳ same, as shall be adiudged, ordeined and determined by the kinges iustices of assise in the county of Deuon for the time beyng, the election and libertie of which recompence and satisfaction so to be had, to be at ỳ choise of the lordes and owners of the said lãdes and tenementes, without any let, denial, veracion or trouble of the sayde lord or lordes, owner & owners, or any other persõ or persõs, by suete in the law or otherwise, vpon pain of forfaiture of.xx.l'i. of lawful money of England, for euery time that thei or any of them do attempt the cõtrary therof, wherof the one half shalbe to our said soueraigne lord, & the other halfe to him or them, that wil sue therfore by action of det, bil, plaint or informacion in any the kinges courts, wherin the party defendant shal not wage his law, nor in the said action, actions or suites any essoine licence nor protection shalbe allowed. And also geuyng and paying to the tenauntes fermers and occupiers of such lande or grounde for such hurte and losses, as they or any of them, shall susteine and haue by the same, as much as shalbe assessed adiudged and determined by the sayd iustices of assises in the sayde county of Deuon for the time being, or by such persons as by them shall be assigned and deputed for the same: The saide recompence and satisfaction as well concerning the lordes and owners of the sayd land and ground, as to the tenauntes, fermers and occupiers of the same, to be paied by ỳ mayre bailiffes and cõminalty of the saide citye for the time beynge, and their successours within the space of sixe weekes nexte after ỳ rating assessinge and determining of the same, onlesse that the mayre, bailiffes and comminaltie of the said city, & their successours, can otherwise compound or agree with the lordes, owners, tenaũtes, fermers, and occupiers of such land & ground or with any of them. And in case it happen the maire, bailiffes and comminaltye of the said city to make default of payment of the sayd recompence and satisfaction, & resist to pay the same, as is before rehearsed, that then ỳ lord, lords, owner, owners, tenantes, fermers, or occupiers of such land or ground, that is greeued therwyth, and to whom the satisfaction & recompence ought to be payde, shall & may lawfully commence afferme or take his or their action of det by the course of the cõmon law, agaynst ỳ maior bayliffes, & cõminalty of the sayd city for the time being, and their successours for the recouery of the same in any coũty wythin this realme, at the wyll and pleasure of the party greeued, and like proces therupon to be had as in actions of det at the common law, grounded vpõ contract or specialties, hath vsed to be had, in the whiche actions of debt, suite or suites to be had, no wager of lawe, essoine, licence, nor protection shalbe allowed.

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An act whereby the kings manour of Hampton courte is made an honour and a new chase thereto belonging. Cap. v.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased the king our most excellēt & most dread soueraigne lord of late to erect build and make a goodly sumptuous beautifull and princely manour, decent & conuenient for a kinge & the same hath ornated wt parkes, gardeins, orchardes & other thinges of greate commodity and pleasure thereunto adioyning, mete & pertinent to his royal maiesty, most requisite for the prosperous continuance of his most royal persō, which the subiects of this his realme most entierly aboue al worldly thinges chiefly desyre of almighty God: his grace insuing the aduancement & amplificacion of his resonable & princely cōmodities to be nie vnto his said manour, heretofore of late hath assigned & limitted a certaine territory or grounde for a chase therof to be made, for nourysshing generacion and feeding of beastes of venery, and of foules of warren: and for furniture and perfection thereof, the kinges maiesty by indenture made betwene his grace on the one part, and sir Richard Page knight, Thomas Hēnage esquier, John carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe gentleman, Robert Alcetour, Robert Hamond, & diuers other honest and substancial men, named in the said indenture, for & in the name of all free tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritance, & in the name of all customary tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritaunce by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, wythin the precinctes of the sayd territory or ground, limitted & assigned for ỳ said chase & waren, hath certainly & plainly declared the precinctes, limittes, ambites, and bounds of ỳ same territorie or ground, & his graces libertyes, priuiledges & commodityes to be had in & vpon the same, the tenor of which sayd indenture hereafter plainly and fully ensueth, that is to say: this indenture made the first day of October, in the xxix. yere of the reigne of our most excellent and most dred soueraigne lord Hēry the eight, by the grace of God, king of England and Fraunce defender of the fayth, lord of Irelande, and in erth supreme head of the church of Englād, betwene the same our soueraine lord ỳ kinge of thone party, and syr Richard Page knighte, Thomas Hennage esquyer, John Carleton, John agmondesham, Thomas a downe gentleman, Robert alcetour, robert Hamonde, Thomas Stragforde, Rychard wther, John a Gate thelder, John a gate ỳ yonger, williā Stalkforde, John Boughton, Richarde Biers, Germain Bandal, John Wolfe, williā Floiter, Richard hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, williā Tyce, Richard wheteley, Robert Norrige, John Machin, John baron, Richard Wodclerk ỳ yonger, John clere, John grenetee, Richard heyward, Chrystofer poulfreit, Richard wolfe, John bulworth, Thomas driuer, Thomas horringham, John Norrige, williā welfe, John hardwin, Richard newmā, John hamond ỳ yonger, John blake, John Daly, George thew, Clemente iared, John hamōd thelder, Ambrose Grenetree, Walter caluerley, Richard

Richarde Pele, Lionel Browne, Robart hall, Thomas Marsh, Thomas Shete, John Berman, John London, John Wodhouse, John Greene, and John Wolfe, for and in the name of all free tenauntes, hauinge any estate of inheritaunce, and in the name of all customary tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritaunte by custome of and in any landes or tenementes within the lordships manours townes & villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Elher, Weibridge, and parte of Cobham, and other parishes, villages and hamletts, whatsoeuer they be wythin the limits of the chase that is named to be called Hamptō court chase, of the other part, witnesseth, that where our sayd soueraigne lord the king hath of late erected builded and made wythin ỹ county of Middelser, a goodly sumptuous house beutifull and princely manour, meete and conuenient for a kinge, and the same endewed with parkes, orchardes, gardein, and other greate commodities and pleasures therevnto adioyninge and belonging, & his grace intending the prosperous cōtinuaunce and preseruacion as well of his most royall personne, as for the furnishing of the manour with manifolde thinges of pleasure, for the disporte, pastime, comforte, and consolacion of his highnesse, his heyres and successours, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a chase about the said manour, for the encrease of venery and foule of warreine, which chase shalbe called Hampton courte chase: and that the sayd lordships, manours, townes, & villages of Estmulseye, Westmulsey, Walton, Elher, Weibridge, & part of the towne or village of Cobham, in ỹ county of Surrey, & all landes, tenements, medowes, leswes, woodes, and pastures lying and being wythin the limittes, metes and boundes hereafter, declared, shalbe had reputed, and taken wythin the sayde chase, and to be parcel therof to all intentes and purposes, which metes and bounds are limitted appointed and do extend as foloweth: that is to wit, at & from ỹ Thames syde, on the south syde of the maner of Hampton court directly as the pale shalbe newly erected made and set to Cobham, and so forth, as the pale shall leade and be set about Cobham parke pale, of Byflette park, and from thence folowinge the same pale to the water of Weye, and so forth by the South syde of the ryuer of Weye, and the ryuer of Thames, vnto the first commencement and beginning of the sayde pale, wherfore it is condescended graunted concluded & fully agreed betweene the sayd parties to these indentures by these presentes. And our sayde soueraygne lorde the king in accomplishment of his graces pleasure, by these presents doth ordayne make erect publishe and declare the sayd chase. And that the sayd lordships manours townes and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, walton, Elher, Weybridge, and part of Comham, and all landes, tenementes, medowes, woodes, leswes, and pastures, lying and being within the limittes, metes and bounds aforenamed, shalbe from henceforth free chase and warren for all maner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shal haue all such and like libertyes, iurisdictions & preeminences as any auncient chase or forest wythin this realme hath or of right ought to haue: & euerye

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person and persons that shall fortune hereafter to trespasse or offend within the sayd new chase, shall incurre and runne into like daunger, penalties, losse and forfayture, as if the same offence had bene done or committed in any other chase or forest within this realme of Englande: And that the sayd new chase from henceforth named and called Hampton court chase. And it is further condiscended and graunted and agreed betweene ye sayd parties by these presentes, and our sayde soueraigne lorde the king for him his heires and successours, promiseth, graunteth, and agreeth to and with the sayd sir Richard Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the sayde tenauntes and freeholders, theyr heires and assignes, that it shalbe lawfull to the same syr Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondesham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes above named, and to all other persons, being freeholders within the sayde chase to euery of them, their heires and assignes, to fell, cutte downe and carye away at all time and times hereafter at his or theyr pleasure, all and parcell of his or theyr woodes, greues, coppis and spunges, growyng and beinge within the sayd chase, without licence of the kinges highnesse heires or successours, or of any officer within the sayd chase, and without let and interruption of the same officers or any of them. And also that it shalbe lawfull to the sayde syr Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes above named, and all other personnes as well freeholders as copie holders as customary tenauntes within the limittes of the sayd chase, and to euery of them, theyr heires and assignes, at all time and times hereafter, to make theyr hedges and fences about theyr corne, growyng vppon theyr owne ground within the sayde chase, at theyr owne will and pleasure, to keepe oute the Dere thereof, durynge all such time onely, as the corne shall growe vppon the same ground. And that the officers of the sayd chase duryng the same time, shall suffer the same hedges and fences to stande and to remayne to thentent aboue sayd. And after euery suche time as the corne shalbe serued and carped awaye, it shalbe lawfull to the officers of the sayde chase, to make dere leapes and breakes in the sayde hedges and fences for and to thentent that the dere may haue course and recourse into the ground where the corne was sowen for theyr feedinge, durynge all such time as the same landes shalbe and remayne vnsowen.

And in consideration thereof, oure sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, for him, his heires and successours, is pleased and contented, that his and theyr officers of the reuenues within the limittes of the same chase, shall perelye for euer at euery payemente detalke, allowe, and deducte the thirde part of the free rente, that euery freeholder oughte to paye for theyr seuerall freeholdes, within the limittes of the same chase. And also the kinges highnesse is pleased and contented, that where anye customarye tenaunt, or tenauntes hauing any estates of inheritaunce in anye custo-

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mary landes or tenements wythin the sayd chase, after the custome of any manour there, whereof the same customary landes or tenements ben holden, for the which customary landes or tenements, the next heyre of euery such customary tenaunte, after the death of his auncestour, by and according to the same custome ought to pay fine, in euery such case the kinges officers of the reuenewes wythin the sayd chase, shall deduce, deduct, and allow to the next heyre of euery such tenaunte, dyinge seysed of any customary landes or tenements wythin the limittes of the sayd chase, the moyty or halfe of euery such fine, that he by the lawe or custome ought to paye for his landes there: the same fine to be rated and assessed after the rate of the fine that the same tenaunt so dying seysed, last payd to the lord therof, for the same landes or tenementes, and not otherwyse, and that the moyty of euery such fine be conteyned in euery copye, that shalbe made to anye suche tenaunte, by the officers of the courtes of euery suche manour wythin the limittes of the sayd chase. And the sayd Richard Page, Thomas Heneage, John Fatleton, John Agmonde sham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes and freeholders of the sayde lordshippes, manours, townes, and villages of Elmesley, Westmesley, Weston, Esher, Weybridge, and part of Cobham, do recognise and graunte, and euery of them for him and his heyres couenaunteth and grauntech to and with our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, his heyres and successours, that they and all other the tenauntes and freeholders, wythin the limittes of the sayde chase, and euerye of them, shall at all times hereafter stande to obeye, performe and keepe, wythin the said chase, all and singuler such lawes, ordinances, penalties, fines, and amercyaments, as appertaine to a chase, and al such as hereafter shalbe prouided or made by any lawe, or statute, concerninge the preseruation or mayntenaunce of the same chase: except and onely reserued to the said tenauntes, all such liberties and commodities before by these presentes vnto them appointed and limitted within the sayd chase: In witnes wherof our sayd soueraigne lorde the king to the one part of these present Indentures, remayning with the sayd free holders and customary tenauntes hath caused his great seale of England to be put, and to the other part of the same Indentures, remayninge with our said soueraigne lorde the king, the said freeholders & customary tenauntes, al well for themselues as in the name of all other tenauntes and inhabitauntes within the limittes of the sayd chase, haue put to their seales the day and yere aboue writte. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that the said Indenture shal persist continue and abyde good effectuall and in full strength & vertue, according to the word tenour & effect therof. And that the king our soueraigne lord, his heyres and successours for euer, shall haue and enioy their liberties and priuiledges, commodities and pleasures of free chase and warren for al maner of beastes of venery, and of beastes of warren, within and vpon the said townes villages and parishes of

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Eſtmulſey, weſtmulſey, walton, Eſher, weibridge, and part of Cobham, and in all other places and grounds, lying or beinge within the precinctes limittes and boundes of the ſayd territory or grounde limitted and aſſigned by the ſayde Indenture for the ſayd chaſe and warren. And that the ſame territorye or grounde ſhalbe called named and knowen by the name of Hampton court chaſe. And that all and ſinguler trangreſſours and offendours taken knowē or proued to haue committed or done any maner of offence, within or vpon the ſayd chaſe or warren, contrary to the forme or effect of any parte of the ſayde Indenture, ſhall incurre and fall into like daungers, penaltyes, and forfaytures, as any other like offendours, committing or doing any wrong treſpas or offēce in any other forreſt or chaſe wythin this realme, may do or ſhal do.

And furthermore be it enacted, that our ſayd ſoueraigne lord the king, his heyres and ſucceſſours, at his and theyr liberty and pleaſure, maye make conſtitute and aſſigne ſuch and as many officers, miniſters, and kepers, in for and vppon the ſayde chaſe and warren, as to him or them from time to time ſhalbe thought behouefull conuenient and neceſſary. And ꝑ all and ſinguler lawes actes and ſtatutes heretofore made, concerninge ꝑ keeping nourylhing encreaſe and ſupportacion of any of the forreſtes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or any of them, or touching or cōcerning directions corrections penalties reformacions or punyſhmentes for anye maner of offences done or committed wythin anye ſuch foreſtes chaces or warrens, ſhal be from henceforthe extended and executed into & vppon all tranſgreſſours and offendours in the ſayde chaſe called Hampton courte chaſe, and into or vpon the ſayd warren of the ſame.

And becauſe that the ſayd manour of Hampton courte is thus, as is aforeſayd, decorated and enuironed wyth thinges of highe and princely cōmodityes. Be it further enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, ꝑ the manour of walton vppon Thames in the ſayd county of Surrey, beyng parcell of the duchie of Lancaſter, & the manour of walton Leghe, in the ſayd county of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kings highnes of Gyles Leghe eſquier decreaſſed, and the houſe of Oteland, and all lands tenementes rentes ſeruices and hereditaments in weybridge walton and Charteſey, in the ſayd county of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Rede, ſonne & heyre to William Rede, and the manours of Byflete and weybridge in the ſayd county of Surrey, beyng parcell of the duchye of Cornewal, and all the landes and tenements in walton & weybridge aforeſayde, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Goldewell, and his wyfe, and all thoſe landes and tenementes in walton aforeſayde, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Carleton, and the manoure of Eſtmulſeye in the ſayde countye of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of the Preſidente and the ſcholers of Corpus Chriſti Colledge in Oxforde, and the manour of Mulſey in the ſayde countye of Surrey, which late belonged to the late Monaſterye of Waren, in the ſayde

county of Surrey: And the manour of Sādon in ỳ sayd county of Surrey late purchased by the kinges highnes of the mayster and bretherne of the hospitall of sainct Thomas Spittle in Southwarke, in ỳ sayd county of Surrey: And the manour of Weston in the sayd county of Surrey late purchased by the kinges highnes of the abbesse and couent of the monastery of Barking in the county of Esser: And the manour of Imworth in the sayde countye of Surrey, late purchased by the kinges highnes of Thomas duke of Norff. And the manour of Esher in the sayde county of Surrey, late purchased by the kinges highnes of the reuerende father in God Stephen bishop of Wincheſter: and the landes and hereditamentes wyth thappurtenances called Heywod, lying within the said chase, which late belonged to ỳ late priorie of Newarke in the said county of Surrey. And all those manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lying wyth in the sayd chace, which syr Richarde Page knight hath lately bargayned and solde vnto our sayd souereigne lord the king: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which be the saide sir Richarde Pages, lying and being wythin the said chace: And all other manours lands tenements rentes reuercions seruices and hereditamentes, wythin the limittes and territory of the same chase, which the kingshighnes before this time hath obteyned boughte or purchased of any person or persons, bodyes politicke or corporate. And all the fee ferme or yerely rent or annuity of the borough or towne of Kingston vpon Thames, in the sayd countye of Surrey, and the manours of Hannewoꝛth and Kynton, otherwyse called Coldkennington, and the parke of Hannewoꝛthe and Coldkennington, in the county of Midd. And the manour of Feltham in the sayde countye of Midd. which manour of Feltham was late purchased by the kinges highnes of the master and bretherne of the hospitall of Burtoulazer in the county of Leycester, and the manour of Todington in the sayde countye of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highnes of the abbotte and couent of the Monasterie of Westminster, in the countye of Middleser: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge in the paryshe of Hampton in the sayde countye of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highneſſe of Thomas Arthure, Thomas Gone, John Vnidale, John Vpton, Thomas Elys, and John Lewes, or of any of them. And all landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the parish of Hannewoꝛth, in the sayde county of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highnes of John Williams, John Combes, Richarde harris, William Couper, Roberte wattes, Thomas Fitzwater, Richarde Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Bickes, Paule Coke, and the person of the parishe of Hanwoꝛthe aforesayde, or of any of them, and all the landes and tenementes in Kenton, in the said coũty of Middl. lately purchased by the sayd our souereigne lord the king, of ỳ mayster and bretherne of the hospitall of Sauoy, in the county of Middl. And al other manours landes tenements and hereditaments in kingston Hanwoꝛth, Kenton, Coldkennington, Feltham, Todington, & Hampton,

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which our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge, before this time hath bought purchased or obteined of any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate shall from henceforth be perpetually vnited, annexed, demed, reputed & taken to be parte, parcell and membres of the sayde manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton courte, together with all other the sayd manours, landes, tenements, and other the premisses aboue rehersed and specified, so vnited and annexed to the same manor of Hampton court, shall from henceforth be named called, accepted and take the honour of Hampton courte. And that the sayde manour of Hampton court shall from henceforth be the chiefe and capitall place and parte of the sayde honour of Hampton courte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the sayde honour and chace of Hampton courte, and all manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, & other the premisses aboue rehersed, shall from henceforth be in the order, suruey, rule and gouernance of the court of Augmētations of the reuennes of our soueraigne lorde ꝑ kynges crowne, and to be graunted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours, landes & tenementes, appointed to the same courte, bene or ought to be letten or graunted. And ꝑ all the fermes, issues, reuenues and profites, comminge and growinge of the premisses, and of euery parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in such maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours, landes and tenementes committed to the order, suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court of augmentations: any act, statute, ordinance, custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all and singuler the tenantes, as well freeholders and copyholders, or other, and all and singuler persons, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or lawdaye, to be holden within the precinct of any of theym and the heires, successours and assignes of euery of the saide tenantes, shall do their suites seruices and customes and pay their rentes to the sayd sundry manours, and in suche times, as they did and ought to do before ꝑ makinge of this present acte. And that the sayde tenauntes and suiters or anye of them, or the heires, successours, or assignes of them or anye of theym, at any time hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices, suites, customes, rentes or other charges, nor be cōpelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged, altered or charged, otherwise then they were or ought to do or be before the makinge of this acte, or any thinge therin cōteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge. Sauinge alwaye and reseruing to all & singuler free tenantes and customary tenantes of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, kynge or being within the precinct limytes and bondes of the sayd chace, called Hampton courte chace, specified & declа-

declared by the sayde indenture, and to the heires, successours & assignes of euery of them, all and singuler liberties, profites, commodities and aduantages to them apperteininge, according to the true intent and pleasure of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge, signified and declared by the same indenture, any thinge in this acte aboue written notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executours successours or assignes, for any leases, demises, grauntes or couenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell therof, by any person or persons, beinge owners of the sayde manours, lands and tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof, or by any of their auncestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully auctorysed by them or any of them, for any demise, lease or graunt therof made.

¶ Sauinge alwaye to all and euerye person and persons, theyr heyres successours, executors and assignes, other then such persons, as were parties or priuie to the bargaines, sales, giftes or grauntes of the sayde manours and other the premisses, or any parte therof, and their wiues their heires and successours, and the wiues, heires and successours of euery of them, all such right, title, vse, interest, possessiō, lease, leases, ferme, or fermes for terme of lyfe, liues, yeres or otherwise, & all grātes, liberties, rentes, charges, profettes, couenauntes and all other commodity and cōmodities, which they or any of theym haue, might or ought haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue, in of or to the premisses, or any parte or parcell of theim, in such maner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thynge therin conteined to the contrary therof had neuer bene had nor made, any thing in this prefēt act to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ And for as muche as the sayde manours of Byflete and weibridge, before the making of this acte were parcell of the Duchy of Cornewall, and now separate and taken from the same by reason of this acte. Be it therfore enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the manour of Shippon, with thappurtenances, in the countye of Berk. whiche latelye belonged to the late monastery of Abendon, in the same county of Berk. nowe dissolued, shal from henceforth be vnited and annered to the sayde Duchy of Cornewall, and shalbe accepted and taken for and as part and parcell of the same Duchie of Cornwall, in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the sayde manours of Byflete and weibridge were before ỹ making of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon, and the issues, reuenues and profites thereof, shall from henceforth be surueied, receyued & aunswered by and before such persons, officers, and ministers, and in suche lyke maner and fourme, as other the manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes parcell of the sayde Duchy of Cornewall, be & shalbe surueyed, receiued and aunswered.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte, or any thynge therin conteined, shall not

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be preiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heyres, executours, successours or assignes, or any demises leases offices graunts or couenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayd manour of Shippon, or any part or parcell thereof, by our souereigne lorde the kinge, or by any other person or persons, beinge owner or owners of the same manour of Shippon, this act, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Nota that such as were religious persons may purchase, sue and be sued in all maner of actions. Cap. vj.

BE it enacted by auctority of this present parliament that all and singuler such religious persons, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite soeuer they were, which bee or hereafter shalbe put at their liberties frō the danger seruitude & condicion of their religion and profession, whereunto they were professed, by reasō of suppression dissoluing forfaiture by attainder, rēdring or otherwyse gyuing to the hands of the kings matestie, or any other the same monasteries, abbeis priories, or other religious houses or places, wherin the same religious persons were professed, shal by auctoritie of this present parliament, from and after the first day of the same parliamente, and from & after the time, that they were or shalbe put at suche liberty, haue free liberty to purchase to thē and their heyres in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life for yeares or at wyl manors landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes & thinges, whatsoeuer they bee, in like maner and fourme, as thoughe they or any of them had neuer ben professed, nor entered into any such religion. And furthermore, that they the same religious persons, and euery of them shalbe made able by thauctority of this presente acte: to sue and be sued in all maner of actions plaintes and sutes, what soeuer they bee, of and for any matter or cause growing sithens & after the time of their seuerall declaignementes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes and places within this realme as other the kinges subiectes be. And furthermore that they and euery of them, shal and may frō henceforth, vse and exercise, receiue take haue and enioy all and euery lawfull thing and thinges to be growen fall or happened to them or any of them, after the saide declaignement or departing out of their religion, in as large & ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer ben professed nor entred into religion, the same profession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse wythin this realme to the contrary therof in any wyse not wythstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that none of the same religious persons, shall or may at any time hereafter bee take deemed or iudged for or as heyre or heyres or inheritable to any persō or persons to any purpose respect, cōstructiō or intent in the lawe, nor that they

nor any of thē by vertue of this acte be receiued admitted or demed able in the lawe, to demaunde, challenge, receiue or take any manours, landes, tenemētes or hereditamentes, or any other thing or thinges, by reason of or for any former title, right, interest, matter or cause had, made, done or growē to any respecte or purpose, before the said seuerall deraignemētes or departinges out of their religion. Nor that any of the sayde religious persons beyng priestes, or suche as haue auowed religion at xxi. yeres or aboue, and therto then consented, continuing in the same any while after, not duelye proued by witnes or other lawfull meanes some vnlawfull cohertion or cōpulsion done to them or any of them, for making of any such vowe, or constraining them to remayne in their religiō be enabled by vertue of any woordes, clause or sentence before in this acte expressed, to marry or take any wife or wiues, but that they and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purpoles: any thinge before in this acte conteined to the contrary herof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punishment of beggers and vacabundes, and of certaine other statutes. Cap. vii.

Where in the parliamēt begun & holde at London the thirde day of Nouembre, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dread soueraigne lord kinge Henrye the eighte, & from thense adiurned to Westm. & there holden & continued by dyuers prorogations, vntill ỳ dissolucion therof, an acte was made & established, declaringe and concernynge as well howe aged poore and impotente persons, compelled to liue by almes, shoulde be ordered and vsed, and also howe vacabundes and mighty strong beggers should be whipped & punished: and at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for the restraint of carying & cōueying of horses & mares out of this realme: & also at the said parliamēt one other act was made and established for punishment of welshmen, attemptinge assaultes or affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Hereford, Glouceſter or Shropshire. And also at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for punishemente of the vice of Buggerye, declarynge suche offence to be felony, which saide foure seuerall actes were also made to endure to ỳ last daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more plainely appereth. And where also in the sayde parliamente one other acte was made and ordeined among other thinges, for restrainynge the cariages of brasse laten & coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true making of cables, hallers, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndinge of woolles: And one other act to restraine killinge of weanlinges, bullockes, steeres or heyfers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which sayd foure seuerall actes last

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before remembred, were than made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more plainely appereth. And where also in the said parliamente one other act was made and established for the atteintes to be sued for punishment of periury vpon vntrue verdites: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament concerning peauterers: and also one other acte was there made in ỳ said parliament, concerning sowing of flare and hempe: all which sayde three seuerall actes last before rehersed, were than made & ordeined to continue & endure to the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the said parliament one other act was made and established for making of tayles in diuers shires of this realme, which same acte was than made to continue & endure for one yere next after ỳ ende of the same parliamẽt, as by the same act also more plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westm. the .viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde moste dread soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the eyght, and there continued and kepe vntill the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes above remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteined, more plainly appereth. And for asmuche as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes above mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the commõ wealth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctority of this present parliament, that all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the nexte parliament.

¶ An act that proclamations made by the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his honorable counsell, shall be obeied and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parliament. Cap. viii.

FOr as much as the kynges most royall maiestye for diuers considerations by the aduise of his counsell hath heretofore set forth diuers and sundry his graces proclamacions, aswell for and concerninge diuers and sundrye artycles of christes religion, as for an vnitye and concorde to bee had amongest the louynge and obedyente subiectes of thys hys realme, and other his dominions, and also concerning the aduauncement of his common wealth and good quiet of people, which nevertheless diuers and many frowarde wylfull and obstinate persons, haue wilfully contempned and broken, not considerynge what a kynge by his royall power

wer may do: and for lacke of a direct statute and law to coherte offenders to obey the said proclamations, which beyng still suffred, should not onely encrease offenders to the disobedience of the preceptes and lawes of almightie God, but also sound to much to the greate dishonour of the kinges most royall maiesty (who may full ill beare it) and also geue to great hart and boldenesse to all malefactours and offendours: Considering also that sodaine causes and occasions fortune many times, which do require spedy remedies, and that by abiding for a parliament, in the meane time myghte happen great preiudice to ensue to the realme: and weyinge also, that his maiesty (which by the kingly and regall power geuen him by God, maye do many thinges in suche cases) should not be driuen to entende the libertie and supremitie of his regall power and dignitie by wilfulnes of frowarde subiectes: it is therfore thought in maner more then necessary, that ỹ kinges highnes of this realme for the time beyng, with thaduise of his honorable counsaile, should make and set forth proclamacions for the good and politike order and gouernaunce of this realme of Englande, Wales, and other his dominions from time to time, for the defence of his regall dignitie, and thaduancement of his common wealth, and good quiet of his people, as the cases of necessitie shall require. And that an ordinary lawe should be prouided by thassent of his maiesty and parliament, for the due punishment correction and reformation of such offences and disobediences. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritye of this parliament, with the kinges maiestye, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons assent, that allwayes the kinge, for the time beyng, with thaduise of his honorable counsel, whose names hereafter folowe, or with thaduise of the most part of thē may set forth at al times, by auctorite of this acte, his proclamacions, vnder such penalties and peynes, and of such sorte, as to his highnesse, and his sayde honorable counsaile, or the more part of them: shal seme necessary and requisite. And that those same shall be obeied obserued and kepte, as though thei were made by act of parliament, for the time in them limitted onelesse the kinges highnes dispence with them or any of them vnder hys great seale.

Prouided alwaies, that the wordes meaninge and intente of this acte, be not vnderstand, interpretate, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it any of the kinges liege people, of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer he or they be, bodies politike or corporate, their heires or successours, shoulde haue any of his or their inheritaunces, lawfull possessions, offices, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, goods or cattells, taken from them or any of them: Nor by vertue of the sayd acte suffre any payns of death, other then shalbe hereafter in this acte declared. Nor that by any proclamation to be made by vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, standing at this presente time in strength and force, nor yet any lawfull or laudable customes of this realme, or other his dominions, ne any of them shalbe infringed, broken or subuerted: And specially all those actes, standing this houre in force, which

haue ben made in the kinges highnes time: but that euery such person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heires and successors, and the heires and successours of euery of them, their inheritantes lawfull possessions, offices, liberties, priuileges, franchises, goods & cattells shall stand and be in the same state and condition, to euery respect & purpose, as if this act or prouiso had neuer bene had ne made: except such forfaitures peines and penalties, as in this acte and in any proclamation, which hereafter shall be set forth by auctority of the same, shalbe declared and expressed.

And except such persons, which shall offende any proclamation to be made by the kinges highnesse, his heires or successours, for and concerning anye kinde of heresies, against christen religion.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the auctority of this present parliamente, that to the intent the kinges subiectes should not be ignorãt of his proclamacion, euery sheriffe or other officer and minister, to whome any such proclamation shalbe directed by the kinges writte vnder his great seale, shall proclaime or cause the same to bee proclaimed within .xiiii. dayes after the recept therof, in foure seuerall market townes, if there be so many, or els in fiue other townes places or villages within the limites of their auctho̅itie.

¶ And they to cause the same proclamatiõs to be fixed and set vp openlye vpon places conuenient in euery such towne place or village, vppon peyne and penalty of such summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of bodie, as shall be conteined in the sayd proclamacion or proclamacions.

And be it further enacted by the auctority afore sayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at any time hereafter do wilfully offende & breake, or obstinately not obserue and keepe any such proclamacion, or any article therin conteined, which shall proceede from the kinges maiesty, by the aduise of his counsell, as is afore sayd that then all and euery such offender or offenders, beynge therof within one halfe yere nexte after their or his offence cõmitted, accused, & therof within .xviii. monethes nexte after the same offence so conuicted by confession or lawfull witnes, and proues before the archbishop of Canterbury Metropolitan, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lorde treasorer of England, the presidẽt of the kinges most honorable counsell, the lorde priuie seale, the great chaumberlaine of England, lorde admirall, lord steward or graund maister, lorde chaumberlaine of the kings moste honorable housholde, two other bishops, beynge of the kinges counsell such as his grace shall appointe for the same, the secretarye, the treasorer & controller of the kinges most honorable housholde, the maister of the horse, the twoo chiefe iudges, & the maister of the Rolles, for the time beynge, the Chaūcellour of the augmentacions, the chaūcellour of the Duchy, the chiefe Baron of the Eschequer, the two generall surueiours, ỳ Chauncellour of the Eschequer, the vnder Treasorer of the same, the Treasorer of the kinges chamber for the tyme beynge, in ỳ Sterre chamber at Westminster, or els where: or at the least before the halfe of ỳ number afore reherced, of which numbre the

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lorde chauncellor, the lorde Treasorer, the lorde presidēt of the kinges most honorable counsell, the lorde Priuye seale, the chamberlaine of Englande, the lorde admirall, the two chief Judges for the time being, or two of them shalbe two: shall lose and pay such penalties forfaitures of summes of money to be leuied of his or their landes, tenemētes, goods and cattels, to the kinges vse, and also suffre suche imprisonment of his bodye, as shall be expressed, mencioned and declared in any such proclamacion or proclamaciōs which such offender or offenders shall offend and breake, or not obserue & kepe, contrary to this act, as is aforesayd. And that execution shall be had done & made against euery such offender and offenders, with the addicion of names or surnames, townes, or counteies, mistery, or occupation of the said offenders, by such order, proces, waies and meanes, & after such maner forme and condicion, as by the kinges highnes, and the sayde counsell shall be deuised and thought most conuenient for example of such offenders.

Prouided alway, that none offender, whiche shall offende contrary to the forme of any suche proclamacions, shall incurre the daunger & penaltye therof, except such proclamacion or proclamacions be had done or made in such shyre or county, wher thoffendour hath or shal dwel or be most cōuersant wythin a yere before. And be it further enacted by thauctority afore sayd that the lord chaūcellour, the lord priuy seale, and eyther of them, with thassente of vi. of the forenamed, shall haue power and auctority by theyr discrecions, vpon euery informacion to be giuen to them or to either of thē touching the premisses, to cause proces to be made against all and singuler such offenders, by writts vnder the kings great seale, or vnder his graces priuy seale, in fourme following, that is to say. Fyrst by proclamacion vnder a payne of a penaltye, by the discretion of the aforesayde chauncellours appointed, for the awardinge of proces, and if hee appeare not to the same wythout a lawful excuse, than ẏ sayd chancellours to awarde one other proclamacion, vpon allegeance of the same offender, for the due examinacion tryal and conuiction of euery suche person and persons, as shall offende contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in maner and forme as is aboue remembred. Except it be wythin ẏ liberty of the county palantine of the duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be: thā to passe by the chaūcellor of ẏ kinges duchy of Lancaster, vnder ẏ seale of the sayd duchy, wyth the assent of vj. at the leaste of ẏ aforenamed councellors.

Be it also further enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that if any person or persons do cōmit any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte, & after the same offence done or committed, doe obstinatly willingly or contemptuously auoyde and depart out of this realme, for and to thentente ẏ he wyl not aunswere to such offence or offences by him committed & done contrarye to this acte, that than euery such wilful and contemptuous person auoyding or departinge out of this realme, shall bee adiudged a traytour, and his facte highe treason, and shall haue and suffer such paynes of death, and also forfaite goodes and cattells, landes and tenementes, as in

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caſe of high treaſon. Sauing to all & ſinguler perſon & perſon, bodies politike & corporate, theyr heires & ſucceſſors, & to the heyres & ſucceſſors of euery of them, other than ſuche perſon and perſons, theyr heyres & ſucceſſors, and the heyres and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ỳ ſhall offende cõtrary to this act, & therunto obſtinately willingly or cõtemptuouſly auoyde & depart oute of this realme, as is aforeſayde, all ſuch right, title, vſe, intereſt, rents, reuercions, remainders, leaſe, leaſes, grantes, annuities, offices, commons, profites, commodities and other hereditamentes whatſoeuer, in & to all and ſinguler ſuch honours caſtels, manours, landes, tenements and other hereditamentes, which any ſuche offender or offenders ſhal haue at the time of his or theyr offence or offences of treaſon committed, or at any time after, in ſuch like maner forme & condition, to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made: any thinge conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtanding.

And it is further enacted by thauctority aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, offending contrary to this act, do wyllingly and contemptuouſlye withdraw, abſent, eloine or ſecretly hide himſelfe wythin any parte of this realme, or any of the kinges dominions, by ỳ ſpace of two monethes nexte after any writ of proclamation ſhalbe made directly & proclaymed againſt him or them, as afore is reherſed, and therof by any conuenient or reaſonable meane may haue knowledge, ſo that by eloyning of himſelf, his offence cannot be examined tryed and iudged within the ſayd time of xviij. monethes: that than euery ſuch perſon and perſons ſo offending, ſhall ſtand and be as a perſon conuicted of the offences agaynſt him obiected, and alſo loſe and pay al & euery ſuch forfaytures, ſummes of moneye, & alſo ſuffer ſuch impryſonment as to the ſame offence ſhall apperteine.

And be it further enacted, that if it happen oure ſayde ſouereigne lorde the kinge to deceaſſe (whoſe life God longe preſerue) before ſuche time as that perſon, which ſhalbe his nexte heyre or ſucceſſour to ỳ imperiall crowne of this realme, ſhall accompliſhe and come to the age of xviij. yeares, that then all and ſinguler proclamacions, which ſhalbe in anye wyſe made and ſet forth into any part of this realme, or other the kinges dominiõs by vertue of this acte, within the forenamde yeres of the ſayde nexte heyre or ſucceſſour ſhalbe ſet forthe in the ſucceſſours name then beinge kinge, and ſhall importe or beare vnder written the ful names of ſuch of the kinges honourable counſell than beinge, as ſhalbe the deuiſours or ſetters forthe of the ſame, which ſhalbe in this caſe the whole nomber afore rehearſed, or at the leaſte the more parte of them, or els the proclamacions to be voyde and of none effecte.

Prouided alſo, that if anye proclamacion or proclamacions hereafter ſhalbe directed by vertue of this act, to the iuſtices of the peace of any ſhire or county that than within viij. dayes after the receipt therof, the ſame Iuſtices ſhall and may by theyr diſcretions deuide themſelues in ſondry partes and places wythin the limittes of their cõmiſſion, for the due and ſpe-

dye execution of the contentes of the same proclamation or proclamations and they and euery of them doing or causing to be done wyth conuenient speede in theyr sondry limittes, as much as in them reasonably doth lye or rest to be done, for the due and speedy execution of the same proclamaciō or proclamations: than euery such of the same Justices, as so shall do hys dyligence, or as much as in him reasonably resteth to be done, shalbe discharged and eronerated against the kings highnes, his, heyres and successours of and for euery penaltye and payne, limitted and appoynted by the same proclamation to euery of the same iustices.

Prouided also, that no Justices of peace, shalbe charged hereafter by vertue of any such proclamacion, wyth or for any peyne or penalty, for not doing or execuți g of the same proclamaciōs, but onely in the shyre or cōtye, where any such iustices of peace shall or do inhabite, dwell or be moste conuersaunt or abyding.

Prouided also that the foresayd cōmissaylours appointed or to be appointed by vertue of this acte, or any part therof by the kings highnes, his heires or successours, to and for the hearinge and determinacion of euery offence, committed contrary to any of his or theyr proclamaciō or proclamacions, shal from time to time, knowing ẏ kings determinate pleasure furst therein, haue full power and auctority to dyminishe or mitigate the penaltyes of the summe or summes of money, which shalbe conteyned in any of the sayd proclamacions hereafter to be made by ẏ kinges highnes his heyres or successours.

An act auctorisyng the kinges highnesse to make byshops by his letters patentes. Cap. ix.

FOrasmuche as it is not vnknowen, the slouthfull and vngodly life, which hath beene vsed amonge all those sorte, which haue borne the name of religious folke, & to thintent that from henseforth any of them mighte be turned to better vse, as hereafter shal solow, whereby Gods worde mighte the better be set forth, children brought vp in learning, clerkes nourished in the Vniuersytyes, olde seruauntes decayed to haue lyuinges, almes houses of poore folke to be sustayned in, readers of Greeke, Hebrewe and latine, to haue good stipende, dayly almes to be ministred, mending of high wayes, exhibicion for ministers of the Church. It is thought therefore vnto the kinges highnes most expedient and necessary, that mo byshoprickes collegial and cathedrall Churches shalbe established in steede of these aforesayd religious houses, wythin ẏ foundacion whereof these other titles afore rehersed, shalbe established. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that his highnes shal haue full power and auctority from time to time, to declare & nominate by his letters patēts or other writtigs

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to be made vnder his greate Seale, suche nomber of bishoppes, such nomber of cityes, sees for bishoppes, cathedral Churches, and Dioceese, by metes and bondes, for the exercise and ministracion of theyr episcopall offices and administracion, as shall appertayne, and to endowe them wyth suche possessions, after suche maner fourme and condicion, as to his moste excellent wysedome shalbe thoughte necessary and conuenient. And also shal haue power and auctority to make and deuise translations, ordenances rules and statutes, cõcerning them all and euery of them, and further to do all and euery other thinge and thinges, whatsoeuer it be, which shall be deuised and thought requisite conuenient and necessary by his most excellent wysedome and discretion, for the good perfection and accomplishmente of all and singuler his sayd most godly and gracious purposes and intentes, touching the premisses, or anye other charitable or godly deedes to be deuised by his highnes concerninge the same. And that all and singuler such translacions nominacions of bishops cities sees and limitacion of Dioces for bishops, erections, establishmentes, foũdacions, ordinances, statutes, rules, and al and euery other thing & things, which shalbe deuised compyled and expressed by his graces sondry and seuerall letters patentes or other wrytinges vnder his great seale, touchinge and concerninge the premisses, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary & requisite for the perfection of the premisses, or any of them, shalbe of as good strength force value and effecte, to al intentes and purposes, as if such thinges, that shall so bee deuised expressed and mencioned in his letters patents or other writtings vnder his great seale had bene done made and had by auctority of parliament.

An act concerning placing of the Lords in the parliamente chamber, and other assembles and conferences of counsayle. Cap. x.

FOrasmuch as in al great councels and congregacios of men, hauing sondry degrees and offices in the common wealth, It is very requisite & cõuenient that an order should be had and taken for the placing & sitting of such persons as ben bounde to resort to the same to thintent that they, knowing theyr places, may vse the same without displeasure or let of the counsell. Therfore ỹ kings most royal maiesty, although it apperteyneth vnto his preroga tiue royall, to giue such honour, reputacion, & placing to his councellours, and other his subiectes, as shal be seeming to his most excellent wysedom, is neuertheles pleased and contented for an order to bee had and taken in this hys most high court of parliament, that it shalbe enacted by thauctority of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth.

Fyrst it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that no person or personnes,

of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he or they be of, (except only the kinges children) shal at any time hereafter attempte or presume to sitte or haue place at any syde of the cloth of estate in the parliamēt chamber, nother of the one hande of the kinges highnes, nor of the other, whether the kings maiesty be there personally present or absent. And forasmuche as the kinges maiesty is iustly & lawfully supreme head in earth vnder God of ꝑ Church of England, & for the good exercise of the sayd most royall dignity and office, hath made Thomas lord Crum well & lord priuy seale his vicegerent for good & due ministracio of Justice to be had in al causes & cases touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, & for the godly informacion and redresse of all errours heresies and abuses in the sayd Church. It is therefore also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the sayd lord Crumwell, hauinge the sayd office of vicegerent, & all other persons, which hereafter shall haue the sayd office of the graunt of ꝑ kings highnes, his heyres or successours, shall sit & be placed aswell in this presente parliament, as in all parliamentes to be holden hereafter, on the right syde of the parliamente chamber, & vpon the same fourme that the archbishop of Canterbury sitteth on, and aboue the same archebishop and his successours, and shall haue voyce in euery parliament to assent or dissent, as other the lordes of the parliament.

And it is also enacted, that next to the sayd vicegerent shall sit the archbishop of Canterburie, and then next him on the same fourme & side, shall sit the archbishop of Yorke: and next to him on the same fourme and syde, the bishop of London: and next to him on the same syde and fourme ꝑ byshop of Duresme: and next to him on the same syde and fourme the bishop of Winchester, and than all the other bishops of both prouinces of Canterbury and Yorke, shall sit and be placed on the same syde after theyr aunci-enties, as it hath ben accustomed.

And forasmuch as such other personages, which now haue, and hereafter shall happen to haue other great offices of the realme, that is to say, the offices of the lord Chauncellour, the lorde Treasurer, the lord presidente of the kings most honourable counsayle, the lord priuie seale, ꝑ great Chamberlaine of England, the Constable of England, the marshall of England, the lord Admirall, the Grand maister or lord Steward of the kings most honourable houshold, the kinges Chamberlaine, and the kings Secretory, haue not heretofore bene appointed and ordred for the placing and sitting in the kinges most high court of Parliamēt by reason of theyr offices. It is therefore now ordeyned & enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that the lord Chancellour, the lorde Treasurer, ꝑ lord President of the kinges councell, & the lord priuie Seale, being of ꝑ degree of barons of ꝑ parliamēt, or aboue shall sit and be placed as well in this present parliamēt, as in all other parliamentes hereafter to be holden, on the left syde of ꝑ sayd parliamēt chāber, on the hither parte of the fourme of the same syde aboue all dukes, except onely such as shall happen to be the kinges sonne, the kinges brother, the kinges vncle, ꝑ kinges nephew, or the kings brothers or sisters sonnes,

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¶And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lorde Admirall, the great Maister or lorde Steward, and the kinges Chamberlaine, shall sitte and be placed after the lorde Priuie seale, in maner and fourme folowinge, that is to saye, euery of them shall sitte and be placed aboue all other personages beinge of the same estates or degrees, that they shall happen to be of, that is to saye, the great Chamberlaine first: the Constable next, the Marciall third: the lorde Admirall the fourth, the graund maister or lorde Steward the fifte, and the kinges chamberlaine the sixte.

¶And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the kinges chiefe Secretorie, beyng of the degree of a baron of the parliament, shall sitte and be placed afore and aboue all barons, not hauinge any of the offices afore mẽcioned. And if he be a bishop, that than he shall sitte and be placed aboue all other bishops, not hauinge any of the offices aboue remembred.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all dukes not afore mẽcioned, marquesses, erles, viscountes, and barons, not hauinge any of the offices aforesayd, shal sit and be placed after their aūcienty, as it hath bene accustomed.

¶And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, whiche at anye tyme hereafter shall happen to haue anye of ẏ sayde offices of lorde Chaūcellour, lorde Treasourer, lorde Presidẽt of the kinges counsell, lorde Priuie seale, or chiefe Secretory, shall be vnder the degree of a baron of ẏ parliament, by reason wherof thei can haue no interest to gene any assent or dissent in the sayd house, that then in euery such case, such of thẽ as shal happen to be vnder the sayd degree of a baron, shall sit and be placed at the vppermost parte of the sackes, in the middes of the sayd parliament chamber, either there to sit vpon one fourme, or vpon the vppermoste sacke, the one of them aboue the other in order as is aboue reherced.

¶Be it also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that in all trialles of treasons by peeres of this realme, if any of the peeres that shall be called hereafter to be triours of such treasons, shall happen to haue any of the offices aforesayd, that then they hauing such offices, shall sit and be placed accordinge to their offices, aboue all the other peeres, that shall be called to such trials, in maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned and reherced,

¶And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that as well in all parlyamentes, as in the Sterre chamber, and in all other assembles and conferẽces of counsaile, the lorde Chaūcellour, the lorde Treasorer, the lord Presidẽt, the lord Priuie seale, the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lorde Admirall, the graund maister or lorde Steward, the kynges Chãberlaine, & the kynges chiefe Secretory shall sit and be placed in such ordre and facion as is aboue reherced, and not in any other place, by auctority of this present acte.

An acte auctorysing the kinges highnes newly to allotte certaine townshipps in Wales. Cap. xj.

WHere in the parliament begunne & holden at Lõdon the iij. day of Nouember, the xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dradde souereine lord king Hẽry the viii. & from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holdẽ and continued by diuers prorogaciõs vnto the 4. day of Februarye, in the xxvii. yeare of the reigne of oure sayde souereigne lorde, and then and there holden & continued vnto the dissolucion therof, one acte & ordinaunce was made in the session of the sayd parliamẽt holden the saide 4. day of Februarye, whereby amonges diuers other thinges, diuers shyres and countyes were newlye made and named wythin the dominion and principality of Wales, and diuers townes parysshes lordshipps commotes and cantredes wythin the sayd dominion and principality were allotted appointed and limytted to the sayd seuerall shyres and countyes, as by the same acte more playnely & particulerly among other thinges appeareth. And forasmuch as by credible informacion it was come into the kinges knowledge, after the making of the said act, ẏ same lordshipps townes parysshes cõmotes hũdredes & cantredes were not indifferentlye allotted & limitted to the shyres named in the sayd acte, for ẏ commodity of ẏ kings subiects inhabited therein, it was therfore ordeined and enacted by auctority of ẏ parliament holdẽ at Westm. the viii. daye of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the kyngs reigne, that the kinges highnes, during ẏ time of 3. yeres next after the ende of the same parlyamente, shoulde haue power & auctority by wrytyng vnder his great seale, to allot appoint assigne & limit to euery of the shyres named in the sayde acte, suche and so many lordshippes townes parishes hamlettes, hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiesty by his most high wysedome should thincke conuenient and agreeable, for the ease and commodity of his louing subiectes the inhabitaunts of the said dominion & principality. And should likewise haue power & auctority to name and assigne the shyre townes in euery of the sayd shyres, named in the sayd acte, And that euery such limitacion appointment nominacion and assignemẽt to be made by the kyngs highnes in that behalfe, by auctority of the said acte, should be as good and effectuall to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done and made, plainly and particulerly by auctority of parliamẽt, any thing cõteyned in ẏ said act in the session of the said parliament holdẽ in the 4. day of Februarye, in the xxvii. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary therof notwythstãding And forasmuch as the tyme of 3. yeares limitted to the kinges maiesty by the said act, made in the xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, is nighe erpyred, & ẏ his highnes hath had such gret affayres, & bygẽt causes to do, cõcerning the state & wealth of this realme, ẏ by occasion therof his maiesty hath had no conuenient time nor leasure, to accomplishe & execute ẏ power & auctority committed to his highnes by the said act, made in ẏ saide xxviii yere of his reigne. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliamẽt

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that his maiesty, during the space of other iij. yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shal haue like power & auctority, to do vse execute and accomplishe all and euery thing and thinges limitted & appointed to his maiesty to be done vsed & accomplished by the same act, made in the sayde xxbiij. yere of his graces reigne, in as large & ample maner, in euerye condicion, as his maiesty mought haue done vsed & accomplished wythin the sayd time of thre yeres, limitted by the same act, as is afore sayd. And ỳ euery such limitacio appointment nominacio & assignmēt to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctority of this present act, during the space of the sayd other .x. yeres, next after ỳ first day of this present parliament, shalbe as good & effectuall, to all intents & purposes, as though it had ben done & made plainly & particulerly by auctority of parliament.

An act concerning wrongfull taking of haukes egges and brydes out of the nest, finding & takyng vp of the kinges haukes, huntinge in the kinges forest parke or chace or other ground inclosed, and killing of conyes wythin any lawful warren of the kyngs. Cap. xij.

Where in the parliament holden at Westm. in the xj. yeare of the reigne of the noble prynce of famous memory kinge Henry the viij. it was ordayned, and amōgest other thinges enacted & established, that no man of what condicion or degree soeuer he bee, should take or cause to be taken the egges of any faucō goshauke, or lanet out of the nest, vpon payne of imprisonmente by one yeare, and further to fine at the kinges wyll. Notwithstanding which estatute diuers idle & ill disposed persons, litle or nothing regardinge or fearing the peine in ỳ same estatute conteined, haue not desisted to take egges of faucons goshauks & laners oute of the nestes, to the vtter destruction of thencrease of the same faucons, goshaukes & laners, if due reformacion in that behalfe be not prouided. In consideracion wherof it is ordeyned and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spyritual and temporal, & the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same that if anye person or persons of what estate degree or condicion soeuer her or they be, after the feast of the natiuity of our Lady next comming, vnlawfully or wrongfully take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon goshauke or laner, or the bryds of any faucon goshauke or laner or lanerat, out of or from any nest or nestes of any faucon goshauke or laner, wythin any of ỳ honours castels manours lands tenemēts woods or other grounds whatsoeuer they be, of the kinges highnes for the tyme beyng, wherof his sayd highnes is seised in demayne possession or reuersion, or wherof he taketh the rentes issues reuenues or profites that then the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felonye, and the offender and offenders therin, beinge thereof lawfullye conuicted and attaynted, by and accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged felons, and shall haue and suffer such peynes of death and

also lose and forfaite their goods and cattelles,landes,and tenementes,as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein before ordeyned & enacted,extende not,nor be in any wyse preiudicial or hurtful to any persō or persons,which after the sayd feast of the natiuity of our Lady,shal take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon, goshauke or laner,or the byrds of any faucon goshauke or laner,or laneret, out of or from any neste or nestes of anye faucon,goshauke,or laner, within anye honours castelles manours landes tenementes woods or other grounds, whereof or wherin any person or persons,bodyes politike and corporate, other thā the kings highnes,his heyres and successours,or any of them,that shal haue anye estate of inheritaunce,anye thinge before expressed or mencioned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that if any person or persons,after the sayde feaste of the Natiuity of oure Lady, happen to finde and take vp any faucon,gerfaucon,Jerken,sacre,or sacret,goshauke, laner,or laneret, being the kinges hauke or haukes, and hauing vpon him or them the marke of the kinges armes and beruels: that then if the same person or persons,which shal finde and take vp any such faucon ierfaucon, ierken,sacre or sacret, goshauke, laner,or laneret, wythin xii. dayes nexte after the taking vp of any such hauke, do not bring or cause to be brought the same hauke so by him taken, to the maister of the kinges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconers,or within the tyme next aboue sayde doe not geue knowledge of the taking vp of any such hauke to the sayde mayster of the kinges haukes for the time being, or to the shyriffe of the shyre for ȳ time beinge,where any such hauke shalbe taken vp,or to one of the kinges fauconers for the time being nere abidinge in or to any such partes, where any such hauke shalbe founden and taken vp,as is aforesayde,that then euery such finding and taking vp of any such hauke,and not bringinge nor geuing knowledge therof,as is aforesaide, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felony,and the offender and offenders therein,being therof lawfully cōuicted and attainted, by & according to the lawes of this realme shal haue and suffer such paines of death and also lose and forfaite his & theyr goods and cattells landes and tenementes,as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes in this realme.

Prouided alwayes,that this acte nor any thing therin conteined,bee or shall be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to anye person or persons,that hereafter shall finde and take vp any of the saide haukes of the kinge oure souereigne lord his heires or successours, & by chance negligētly or casually against his or their will,lose the same hauke or haukes:or if the same hauke dye against his or theyr will, before they can or may deliuer ȳ same hauke, as is aforesaid.

And where also iustice and equity requireth,that euery inheritour and possessour of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of Eng-

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lande, ſhould accordinge to theyr eſtates or poſſeſſions peaſibly & quietlye haue, take, and enioy the profites, reuenues & commodities of the ſame, as well in thinges of high pleaſure, as in thinges commonly valuable, without iniury, rapine or other ertort wrong to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the ſame, & in eſpeciall of & in thinges of pleaſure, as in hunting within foreſt parke or chaſe of the kings, ỳ queenes, the princes or of any other of the kinges lawful children for the time being, ordeyned and prouided for or concerning his highnes, or theyr pleaſure: Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauctority of this preſente parliamente that if any perſon or perſons, of what eſtate degree or condicion ſoeuer he or they be, after the ſayd feaſt of the Natiuity of our lady nert commynge, at any time of the day, that is to ſay, betweene the time of the aryſing of the ſonne, and going downe of the ſame, wyth his face hidde or couered wyth hoode or viſar, or with his face paynted, or himſelfe otherwiſe diſguiſed, to thentent ỳ he would not be knowē, wrōgfully enter into any foreſt, parke or chace of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges ſaid children for the time being, or into any other ground of his or theirs, incloſed with wal or pale, ordained and vſed for keeping and noriſhing of dere, to thentente to ſteale any of the ſame dere, & by any meane of hunting or otherwiſe (as is aforeſaide) by ſtealth ſlea or take any of the ſame dere, or driue or chace any of them out of the ſame foreſt chaſe, parke, or other ground incloſed, as is aforeſayd, ordeined and vſed for keping and nouriſhing of dere, as is aforeſayd, to thentēt to ſteale the ſame dere. Or if any perſon, after the ſaid feaſt laſt beforе remēbred, at any time of the daye as is aforeſaide, with his face hid or couered with hoode or viſar, or wyth his face paynted, or himſelfe otherwyſe diſguiſed, to thentent ỳ he woulde not be knowen, take kill or ſlea with any hay or other net, or wyth any ferrette or purſnet, any of the conies or rabbettes, being wythin any grounde ſoyle or place, beinge lawfull warren of the kinges highnes, the queenes the princes, or of any other the kings ſayd children, for the time being, and beinge kepte or vſed as warren for the maintenaunce and nouriſhinge of conies and rabbettes, or in fourme aforeſaydе, take, kill or ſlea any conyes or rabbettes, beinge within anye of the kinges parkes, his heyres and ſucceſſours or within anye parke of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges ſaid children for the time beinge. Except it be ſuch perſon or perſonnes, as hath or ſhall haue the ſaide conies and rabbettes in ferme, or ſhalbe licenced by the writting of the king, the queene, the prince or of anye other of the kinges ſaid children, ſo to do: or if after the ſayde feaſt any perſon or perſons, at any time in the night, that is to ſay, betweene the time of the going downe of the ſonne, and aryſing of the ſame, wrongfullye enter into any foreſt chaſe parke or other ground incloſed, as is aforeſaydе, of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of anye other of the kinges ſaid children for the time being, incloſed, ordeyned & vſed for the keepinge and nouriſhing of dere, to thētent to ſlea ſteale and take any of the dere of

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the sayd forest chase or parke, or other grounde inclosed, as is aforesayd, or deyned and vsed for the finding of dere, or by any meane of shifting or other wyse, to thentent to steale at any tyme of the night, as is aforesaide, slea or take any of the deere being in the same: or by any meane in the sayd nighte time, chase or dryue out of any such forest chase park or other ground inclosed, as is aforesayd of the kinges, his heyres & successours, or of ỳ Queenes the princes, or of any other the kinges sayde children, for the time beinge, any of the dere of the same, to thentent to steale the same deere: Or at any time of the night aboue written, take kill or slea wyth any hay or other net, or with any first or pursnet, any of the conyes or rabbets in any ground or soyle, being a lawful free warren of the kinges highnes for the time being and being kept and vsed as a warren, as is aforesayd. or take kill or slea in forme nerte aforesayd any conies or rabbettes, in anye of the parkes of the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, or of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges sayd children for the tyme being: Except hee or they that shall so offend, hath or shall haue the same conies in ferme, or otherwyse licensed, as is aforesayde: ỳ than euery such offender & offenders for theyr offences, by them or any of them committed & done, cõtrary to ỳ purport and effect of this act, shalbe deemed adiudged & taken as a felon, & euery such offence by anye of them committed and done, contrary to this acte as is aforesayd, shalbe deemed & adiudged felony. And that euery such offender and offenders, which shalbe thereof conuicted and attemted, according to the lawes of this realme, shal haue and suffer suche like punishment, and incurre such losses and forfaytures for the same, as ben ordeined for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alway & be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, shall hereafter be made, demed or taken by any maner of meane, as accessary or accessaryes in any offender or offenders, offending in any thing cõtrary to the tenour and effect of this act, or of any article or clause therin conteined, but onely such person and persons as shall hereafter abbette and procure any such offender or offenders, to commit and do any offence contrary to this act, which person and persons so abbetting and procuringe any offender or offenders, to commit & do any offence cõtrary to the tenour & effect of this act, shal after the same offence done, by the auctority aforesayde, be adiudged deemed & taken as accessary and accessaries in like maner, as in cases of felony at the common law.

Prouided alwaye, ỳ any worde article clause sentence forfayture paine or punishmente in this acte before expressed and declared, shall not in anye wyse extend to any person or persons, ỳ shal hunt take kil or slea any dere, conies, or rabbettes by day or night, contrary to this act in any chaces forrestes or warrens of the kinges, the queenes, the princes, or of anye other the kinges sayd children ley lying and beinge within his graces dominion of Wales, or in the borders against Scotland, the forest of Snowdon in

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Wales onely excepted: any thing in this acte before declared and mencioned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteined, extende not to any person or persons, which shall not be lawfully indited of any offence in this acte conteined within one yere next after any such offence committed or done; this acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

An acte whereby all manours, landes, profites and hereditamentes belonging to anye the monasteries or other religious houses dissolued, or hereafter by any meane to be dissolued, are adiuged to the kinges highnelle his heires and successours for euer. And howe and in what wise lealles and graunctes hereto-fore made or hereafter to be made of them or any parte of them shall take effecte. Cap. xiii.

Where diuers & sundrye abbottes, priors, abbelles, prioreſſes & other ecclesiasticall gouernors and gouernesses of dyuers monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses & places, within this our soueraigne lord the kinges realme of England & Wales, of their owne free & voluntary mindes good willes and assentes, without constraynte, coaction or compulsion of any maner of person or persons, sithen the .iii. daye of Februarye, the .xxvii. yere of the raigne of our now most dread soueraigne lord, by the due order and course of the common lawes of this his realme of Englande, and by their sufficient writinges of recorde vnder their couent and comon seales, haue severally geuen, graunted & by the same their writinges severally confirmed al their sayd monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all their sites, circuites and procinctes of ỳ same, and al and singuler their manors, lordships, granges, meeles, landes, tenemētes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woodes, tithes, pensiōs, porcions, churches, chapels, aduousons patronages, annuities, rightes, entres, cōditions, cōmons, leetes, courts, liberties, priuileges, and franchiles appertayning or in any wise belonging to any such monastery abbathie, prypore, nūry colledge hospital, house of friers & other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places or to any of them by what so euer name or corporation thei or any of them were than named or called and of what order habite religion or other kinde or qualitie so euer they or any of them than were reputed knowen or taken: To haue and to holde al the sayd monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuites procinctes manoures lādes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and all other the premisses to our sayde Soueraigne Lorde hys Heyres and Successours for euer and the same their sayde monasteries abbathyes priories nonries

pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religions, & ecclesiasticall houses & places, sites, circuites, procinctes, manors, lordships, graunges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes: reuercions, seruices, and other the premisses, voluntarily as is aforesayde haue renounced left and forsaken, and euery of them hath renounced leste & forsaken. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, & the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctority of the same, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde shall haue, holde, possesse and enioy to him his heires and successours, for euer, all and singuler such late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religions and ecclesiasticall houses & places, of what kindes, natures, qualities or diuersities of habites, rules, professions or orders they or any of thē were named knowē or called, whiche sith the sayd fourth day of Februaty the .xxvii. yeare of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lorde, haue bene dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquyshed, forfaited, geuen vp, or by any other meane come to his highnes, & by the same auctority, and in lyke maner shall haue hold possesse and enioye all the sites, circuytes, procinctes, manors, lordships, graūges, meases, lāds, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woodes, tithes, pensions, porciōs, personages appropried, vicarages, churches, chapples, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rights, interestes, entrees, condiciōs, commons, leetes, courts, liberties, priuiledge, fraūchises, and other what soeuer hereditamentes, whiche apperteined or belonged to the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious or ecclesiastical houses and places, or to any of them, in as large and ample maner & forme as the late abbottes, pryours, abbesses, pryoresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernors & gouernesses of such late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers & other religious & ecclesiasticall houses & places, had, held or occupied, or of right ought to haue had holden or occupied in the right of their sayd late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall, houses or places, at the time of the said dissolution suppression, renouncing, relinquishyng, forfaytyng, geuinge vp or by any other maner of meane comminge of the same to the kinges highnes sithen the thirde daie of Februaty aboue specified.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctority aboue sayde, that not onely all the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, and places, sites, circuites, procinctes, manours, lordeships, granges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices and all other the premisses, forth with immediatly and presently, but also all other monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers, and al other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, which hereafter

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ſhall happen to be diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, forfayted, geuen vp, or by any other meane come vnto the kings highneſſe, & alſo al ẏ ſites, circuites, precinctes, manours, lordſhippes, granges, meaſes, landes, tenementes, medowes, paſtures, rentes, reuertions, ſeruices, woods, tythes, penſions, porcions, perſonages appropriate, vicarages, Churches, chappels, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuityes, ryghtes, intereſts, entrees, condicions, commons, leetes, courtes, libertyes, priuiledges, franchiſes, and other hereditamentes what ſoeuer they bee, belonginge or appertaynninge to ẏ ſame, or any of them, whan ſoeuer and as ſone as they ſhalbe diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, forfayted, geuen vp, or by any other meane come vnto the kinges highnes, ſhalbe veſted deemed and adiudged by auctority of this preſent parliament, in the very actual & reall ſeaſon and poſſeſſion of the king oure ſoueraigne lord, his heyres and ſucceſſours for euer, in the ſtate & condition as they now be, & as thoughe all the ſayd late monaſteries, abbathies, priorȳes, nonries, colledges, hoſpitals, houſes of fryers, and all other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, ſo diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, forfayted geuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, as is aforeſayd, as alſo ẏ ſayd monaſteries, abbathies, priorȳes, nonryes, colleges, hoſpitals, houſes of fryers and other religious & eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, which hereafter ſhall happen to be diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, forfayted, geuen vppe, or come vnto the kinges highnes ſites, circuites, precinctes, manours, lordſhips, graunges, lands, tenements, and other the premiſſes, what ſo euer they be, and euery of them, were in this preſent act ſpecially and particulerly rehearſed, named and expreſſed by expreſſe wordes, names, titles and faculȳes, and in theyr natures kindes and qualitȳes.

And be it alſo enacted by thauctority aforeſayde, ẏ all the ſayde late monaſteryes, abbathies, priorȳes, nonries, colleges, hoſpitals houſes of fryers and other religious & eccleſiaſticall houſes, & places which ben diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, geuen vp, or come to ẏ kinges highnes by any maner of meanes, as is aforeſayd, & al the manors, lordſhips, granges, lands, tenements, & other ẏ premiſſes (except ſuch therof as be comen to the kings hands by atteinder or atteinders of treaſon) and al the ſayde monaſteryes, abbathies, priorȳes, nonries, colleges, hoſpitals, houſes of fryers, & other religious & eccleſiaſticall houſes or places, which hereafter ſhal happen to be diſſolued, ſuppreſſed, renounced, relinquiſhed, forfayted, geuen vp, or come vnto the kinges highnes, & al the manours, lordſhips, granges, landes tenements, medowes, paſtures, rents, reuercions, ſeruices, woods, tithes, porcions, pencions, perſonages, appropriat vicarages, churches, chapels, aduouſõs, nominaciõs, patronages, annuities, rights, intereſts, entries cõdiciõs cõmons, letes courtes liberties, priuileges frãcheſes & other hereditamẽts whatſoeuer they be, belõging to ẏ ſame or to anye of thẽ (excepte ſuch therof, which ſhal happẽ to com to ẏ kings highnes by atteinder or atteinders of treaſon) ſhalbe in ẏ order ſuruey & gouernance of our ſaid ſoue-

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raigne lorde the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of hys crowne, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same. And al the fermes issues reuenues and profyttes, comming and growyng, of the premisses, and euery parte thereof (except before except) shalbe ordered taken and receyued to the kinges vse by the sayde chauncellour, mynisters, and officers of the same courte, in such and lyke maner and fourme as the monasteryes, priorys, sites, cyrcuites, mandurs, granges, meses landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, tythes, pensions, porcions, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, condicions, and other hereditamentes late appertayning or belonging vnto the monasteryes, abbathyes, priories or other religious houses, late by auctority of parlyament suppressed, been ordered surueyed and gouerned. Sauing to all and euery personne and personnes and bodyes politicke and theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of all and euery of theym, other than the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalls, houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, and theyr successours, and the successour of euery of them, and suche as pretend to bee founders, patrones or donours of suche monasteryes, abbathies, pryories, nonryes, colledges, hospytals, houses of fryers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, belonging to ỳ same or to any of them, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euerye suche founder, patron, or donour, and the nowe abbottes, pryours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of such monasteryes, abbathies, priorys, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, gyuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, & such as pretend to be foũders, patrons or donours of such monasteryes, abbathies priorys, nonryes, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments to the same belonging, or to any of them, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euerye of theym, all such right, title, clayme, interest, possession, rents, charges, annuitys, leases, fermes, offices, fees, liuerys, and lyuinges, porcions, pensions, corrodyes, commons, synodes, priories and other profites, which they or anye of them haue clayme oughte may or might haue had in or to the premisses, or to any part or parcel thereof, in such like maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, rentes seruices, rentes secke, and all other seruices & suits onely except.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctority abouesayd, that if any late abbot, priour, prioresse, abbesse or other ecclesiastical gouernour or gouer-

gouernesse aboue sayd, within one yere next before the dissolucion suppres-
sion renouncing relinquishing forsaying geuing vppe or comming to the
kinges highnes of his late monastery abbathie priorye nonrie colledge hos-
pitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, hath
made any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or otherwise
for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeares, of the site, circuite, and precincte, of
his sayd late monastery, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house
of fryers or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or of any parte
therof, or of any manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, perso-
nages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
which belonged or appertayned to his sayd late monastery abbathy priory
nonry colledge hospitall house of fryers or other religious or ecclesiasticall
house or place, which manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenementes,
personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamen-
tes, were not before ỳ same lease commonly vsed to be set nor let to ferme,
but kept and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupacion of the sayde
gouernour or gouernesse, for the maintenaunce of hospitality and good
house keping: or wythin one yere, as is aboue saide, hath made any lease or
graūt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or of any manours, mesuages
landes tenementes medowes pastures, woods, personages appropriate,
tythes, pencions, porciōs, churches, chappels, or other hereditamēts what-
soeuer they bee, whereof or in the which any estate or interest for terme of
lyfe, yere or yeares, at the tyme of the makinge of any such graunt or lease,
than had, his beinge or continuance, and than was not determined, fy-
nished or expyred, or within the time of one yeare, as is aboue sayde, hath
made any lease or graunt for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres of any ma-
nours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, medowes pastures, woods, per-
sonages appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, Churches, Chappelles, or
other hereditamentes, what soeuer they bee, vppon the which leases and
grauntes, the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to bee yelden
and reserued by the space of xx. yeares nexte before the firste daye of this
presente parliamente is and bee not therevppon reserued and holden: Or if
anye suche gouernour or gouernesse hath made any bargayne or sale of
his woods, wythin one yeare, as is afore limitted, which woodes bee yet
growinge and standinge, that than all and euery suche lease graunte bar-
gaine and sale of woode or woodes, shalbe vtterlye voyde, and of none
effect.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that all feoffementes fi-
nes and recoueries, had, made, knowledged, or suffered by any gouernour
or gouernesse, without the kings lycēce vnder his great seale, wythin one
yeare nexte before the dissolution, renouncinge, relinquishinge, forsay-
yng, geuinge vppe, or comminge vnto the kinges highnesse, of his
sayde monastery, abbathie, priorye, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of
fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or anye ma-

nors, meales, lands, tenementes, or other hereditaments, whatsoeuer they bee, whych the sayde late abbot, priour, abbesse, prioresse, and other ecclesyasticall gouernour and gouernesse, or anye of theym, or any of theyr predecessours had or helde of the gyfte, graunte, or confirmacion of oure sayde soueraygne lorde, or any of his highnes progenitours, or of the which monasteries, abbathyes, priorys, nonrys, colledges, hospitalles, houses of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses, or places, oure sayd soueraygne lord was founder or patron, or which manoures, meales, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes were of the aunciente or olde foundacion or possession of the said late monasteryes, abbathyes, priories, nonryes colledges, hospitalles, houses of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritye abouesayde, that if anye abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioresse, or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouernesse of any monastery, abbathye, priorye, nonry, colledge, hospitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, which hereafter shal happen to bee dissolued, suppressed renounced relinquyshed forfaited geeuen vppe, or come to the kinges highnes wythin one yeare nert before the fyrst day of this presente parliamente haue made or hereafter doe make any lease or graunt vnder his couent or commō seale, or other wyse for terme of yeares, or lyfe or lyues, of the site circuite and precincte of hys sayde monastery abbathye priory nonry colledge hospitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any part thereof or of any manours, meuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes pencions porcions, or other hereditamentes belonginge or appertayning to his sayde monastery, abbathie, priorye, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, which manours, meales, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages, appropriate tithes pensions porcions, and other hereditamentes, what so euer they bee, were not after the same lease commonlye vsed to bee sette nor letto to ferme, but kepte and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupacion of the sayde gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospitality and good house keepyng, or now be in the manuraunce tillage or occupacion of the sayde gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospitality and good house keepinge, or wythin one yeare nerte before the fyrst daye of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make anye lease or graunte, for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeares, of anye manours, meales, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, Churches, Chappelles, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they bee, whereof and in the which any estate or interesse for terme of lyfe, yeare or yeares, at the tyme of the makinge of anye suche graunte or lease then hadde his beynge or continuaunce, or hereafter shall haue his beinge or continuaunce, and

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and that was not determined finished or expired, or at ẏ tyme of any such leale to be made shall not be determined, finished or expired or within one yere nert before the first day of this present parliament, hath made or hereafter shall make any leale or graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeares, of any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, medowes, pastures, woods, personages, appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, churches, chappels or other hereditamentes, what soeuer they be, vpon the whiche leasses & grauntes the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of .rr. yeres nert, before the sayde first day of this pr̃ẽt parliament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be therupon reserued & yelden: Or of any such gouernour or gouernesse of any such monastery, abbathie, priory, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place which hereafter shall happē to be dissolued, suppressed renounced, relinquished, forfaited, geuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, within one yere nert before the firste daye of this present parliament, hath made, or hereafter shall make any bargaine or sale of his woodes, whiche woodes be yet growinge & standinge, that then all and euery suche leale graũt bargayn and sale of wood or woods, shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctority aforesayd that al feoffemẽts, fines and recoueries had, made knowledged or suffered within one yeare nerte before the first day of this present parliament: or hereafter to be had made knowleged or suffered by any gouernour or gouernesse of anye monastery abbathie, priory, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of friers or other religiouse, or ecclesiasticall house or place, whiche hereafter shal happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp, or come to ẏ kings highnes, without the kynges licence vnder his great Seale, of anye manours, meeses, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes what soeuer they be, which the sayd abbottes, priours, abbesses prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp or come vnto the kinges highnes, as is aforesayde, or any of them, or any of their predecessors had or helde, or haue and holde of the gifte, graunte, or confirmacion of our sayde soueraigne lorde, or of any of his highnes progenitors, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, our sayde soueraigne lorde is founder or patrone, or which manours, meeses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamẽtes, were or be of the auncient or olde foũdacion or possession of the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religiouse or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alway, & be it enacted by auctority aboueſayd, that if any abbot, priour abbeſſe or prioreſſe, or other gouernour or gouerneſſe aboueſayde, within one yere next before the firſte day of this preſent parliament, or yf any late abbot, priour, abbeſſe, prioreſſe, or other late gouernour or gouerneſſe aboueſayd, within one yere nexte before any ſuch diſſolution, ſuppreſſion, renounſinge, relinquiſhinge, forfaitinge, geuinge vp, or commynge to the kinges highnes of the premiſſes, or of any parcell therof, as is aforeſayd, haue made any demiſe, leaſe or graunt, to any perſon or perſons for terme of yeres, of any manours meeſes, landes tenementes, perſonages, appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforeſayde, whiche perſon or perſons at the time of the ſayde demiſe, leaſe or graunte, had and helde the ſame to ferme for terme of yeres than not expired: that than the ſaide perſon or perſons, to whom anye ſuche demiſe, leaſe, or graunte hath bene ſo made ſhall haue and holde the ſame for the terme of .xxi. yeres onely from the tyme of the makinge of the ſayde demiſe leaſe, or graunt, yf ſo many yeres be by the ſame demiſe, leaſe or graunte ſpecified, limitted & expreſſed, or els for ſo many yeres as in ſuch demiſe, leaſe or graunt bene expreſſed, ſo that the olde rent be therupon reſerued, & ſo that the ſame leaſe or leaſes exceed not .xxi. yeres. This acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

¶ Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by thauctority aboueſayde, that yf any abbotte, priour, abbeſſe, prioreſſe, or other late gouernour or gouerneſſe, within one yere nexte before any ſuch diſſoluction, ſuppreſſion, renouncing, relinquiſhing, forfaytinge, giuinge vp or comminge vnto the kinges highnes of the premiſſes, or anye parcell therof, as is aforeſayde, haue made anye demiſe, leaſe or graunt to any perſon or perſons for terme of life or liues of any manours, meeſes, landes, tenementes, perſonages, appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforeſayd, which perſon or perſons or any of them, at the time of the ſayde demiſe, leaſe or graunte had & helde the ſame for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that then the ſayd perſon or perſõs, to whom any ſuch leaſe or graũt hath bene ſo made, ſhall haue and hold the ſame for terme of their lyfe or liues, ſo that the olde rent be therupon reſerued: This act or any other thing therin conteined to the contrary therof notwithſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that all and ſinguler leaſes and grauntes, made by copy to any perſon or perſons of any of the ſayde meſſuages, landes, tenementes, perſonages appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions or other hereditamentes aforeſayde, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the cuſtome of the countreie, hath bene vſed to be demiſed, letted, or graunted by copy of courte Rolle, ſhall be good and effectuall in the lawe, ſo that the olde rent be reſerued by and vpon euery ſuch leaſe and leaſes: this acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary

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¶ Prouided alway and be it further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, ꝑ all leases heretofore made of any the premisses by auctorite of our souereigne lorde the kinges courte of Augmentacions, of the reuenues of hys crowne, and all such leases, feoffementes and woode seales, made by the sayd gouernours and gouernelles, or any of them, vnder their couent seales, or vnder the couent or common seale of any of theim, within one yeare nerte before the dissolution, suppression, renouncinge, relinquishinge, forsaytinge, geuinge vp or commynge to the kinges highnes, of the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, whiche sayde leases, grantes, feoffementes & woode sales haue ben examined, enrolled, decreed or affirmed in our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinges courte of Augmentacions, and the decree of the same put in writinge, sealed with the seale of the sayd courte of Augmentacions, shall be good and effectuall accordinge to the same decree: any clause or acte, heretofore in this present acte to the contrarye not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it also further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that if any person or persons haue iustly and truly, withoute fraude or couine, payed or geuen any summe or summes of money to any the sayd late gouernours or gouernelles, for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, being and growinge in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, which appertained or belonged to the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers or other religions or ecclesiastical places or vnto any of them which bargaine and sale, by auctority of this acte, is made voyde and of none effecte, and by meane therof the kinges highnes maye haue and take the commodity and profit of such woodes, so bargained and solde: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our sayde soueraygne Lorde the kinges court of Augmentacions, or three of them, wherof the Chauncellour for the time beinge shall be one, of our sayde soueraygne Lorde the kinges treasour, remaininge in the Treasorye of the same courte, shall satisfie and recompence euery suche person and persons, such summe of money, or other recompence, as ꝑ same chauncellour and officers, or three of them, whereof the sayde Chauncellour shall be one, shall thinke meete and conuenient. And if any other person or persons shall happen to take profit and commodity, by reason of auoydingof such woode sales by auctority of this act, ꝑ then euery person and persons, whiche may or shall take such profit, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to bee greeued by this acte, by the sayde Chauncellour and other the officers of ꝑ same court.

¶ Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctority abouesayde, that all and euerye person and persons their heires and assignes, whiche lithen

the sayde iiii. daye of Februarye, by licence, pardon, confirmacion, releasse, assente or consent of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, vnder his greate seale heretofore geuen had or made, or hereafter to be had or made, haue obteyned or purchased by indenture, fine, feoffement, recouery or otherwyse of the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, or other gouernours or gouernesses of any such monasteries, abbathies, prioryes, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses or places, any monasteries, prioryes, colledges, hospitals, manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, churches, chappels, personages, tythes, pensions, portions or other hereditamentes shall haue and enioye the same, according to such writinges and assurances as beene thereof before the first day of this present parliamēt or hereafter shalbe had or made.

¶ Saueinge to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike their heires and successours: and to the heires and successours of euery of them other then the sayde late abbottes, abbesses, priours, prioresses and other gouernours and gouernesses and their successours and the successours of euery of them, and such as pretende to be founders, patrons or donours of the sayde monasteries, abbathies, prioryes, nonries, colledges, hospitals and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses, or places: or of any of them, or of any manours, mesuages, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes late belonginge to the same, or to anie of them, and theyr heires, successours, and the heires & successours of euerie suche founder patrone or donor, all suche right, title, interest, possession rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees liuereis, and liuinges, portions pensions, corrodies, synodes, priories, and other profites, which thei or any of thē haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the sayd monasteries, abbathies, prioryes, colledges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices reuersions tithes pensions, porcions or other hereditamentes at any tyme before any such purchase, indentures fines, feoffementes recoueries or other lawfull meane betwene any such partyes had or made as is aboue sayd this acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And where our sayde soueraygne lorde sith the. iiij. daye of Februarye, the sayde xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayde souereigne lorde, hath obteyned and purchased as well by exchaunges as by gyftes bargaynes fynes, feoffementes recoueries dedes enrolled and otherwise of diuers and sundrye persons many and diuers honours castelles manours landes tenements medowes, pastures woodes rentes reuersions, seruices and other hereditamentes and hath not onely payed diuers and sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath geuen and graunted for the same, vnto diuers and sundry persons diuers & sundry manours, landes tenementes and hereditamentes and other recompenses in and for full satisfaction of all suche honours, castelles manours, landes tenementes, rentes reuersi-

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ons,ſeruices and other his hereditamẽtes,by his highnes obteined or had as is abouesayde.Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritye abouesayde that our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge,his heires and succeſſours,shall haue holde poſſeſſe and enioy all ſuch honours, caſtels, manours, landes,tenementes, and other hereditamentes as his highnes ſythe the sayde fourthe day of Februay,the xxvii.yeare abouesayde, hath obtayned & had by way of exchaunge, bargaine, purchase or other what soeuer meane or meanes according to the true meaninge and intente of his highnes bargayne,exchaunge or purchase, miſrecitall, miſnaming or nõrecitall or not naming of ỹ sayd honours, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes compriſed or mencioned in the bargaines or writinges made betwene the kinges highnes & any other partye or parties, or of the townes or counties, where the sayde honours,caſtels,manours,landes,tenements and hereditaments lye and bene,or any other matter or cauſe what ſoeuer it be in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

¶ Sauing to all and euery perſon and perſons,and to their heires,bodies politike and corporate,and to their ſucceſſours and to euery of them,other than ſuch perſon and perſons and their heires and their wiues,and the wiues of euery of them, bodies politike and corporate and their ſucceſſours & euery of them,of whome the kynges highnes hath obteyned by exchaunge gifte,bargayne,fine,feoffement,recouery,deede enrolled or otherwiſe,any ſuch honours,caſtels,manours,landes,tenementes & other hereditamentes,as is aforeſayde,all ſuch right,title,vſe,intereſt,poſſeſſion,rentes,charges,annuities,cõmodities,fees and other profits,(rentes,ſeruices and rentes ſeches onely excepte)which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had in or to the premiſſes ſo obteyned and had, or in or to any parcell therof, if this acte had neuer bene had nor made,this preſente acte or anye thynge therin conteyned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

¶ And where it hath pleaſed the kinges highnes of his moſte abundante grace and goodnes,aſwell vpon diuers and ſundry conſiderations his maieſty ſpecially mouing, as alſo otherwiſe to haue bargained, ſolde, chaunged or geuen and graunted by his graces ſeuerall letters patentes,indentures or other writinges, aſwell vnder his highnes great ſeale, as vnder the ſeale of his highnes Duchy of Lancaſter, and the ſeale of the office of ỹ Augmentacions of his crowne, vnto diuers and ſundrye of his louinge & obedient ſubiectes, diuers and ſundrye honours caſtels, manours,monaſteries,abbathies,priories,lãdes, tenemẽtes,rẽtes, reuerciõs,ſeruices,perſonages appropriated,aduouſons,liberties,tithes,oblatiõs,porcions,penſions,franchiſes,priuileges, liberties and other hereditamentes, commodities and profites,in fee ſimple,fee tayle for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres: For auoyding of which sayde letters patentes and of the contentes of the ſame, diuers ſundry and many ambiguities doubtes & queſtiõs might hereafter ariſe be moued and ſtirred,aſwell for miſrecitall or nonrecitall,as for diuers other matters thinges or cauſes to be alledged,obiected or inuẽted

ted against the sayd letters, patentes, as also for lacke of finding of offices or inquisitions, wherby the title of his highnes therin ought to haue beene founde, before the makinge of the same letters patentes, or for misrecital or nonrecitall of leases, as well of records as not of record, or for lacke of the certainty of the values, or by reason of misnamynge of the honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes compised and mencioned within the same letters patentes, or of the townes and counties, where the same honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes ipen and beene, for diuers and sundrye other suggestions and surmises, whiche hereafter might happen to bee moued surmised & procured against the same letters patentes: all be it the wordes in effect conteined in the sayd letters patentes be according to the true intent and meaning of his most royall maiesty. Be it therfore enacted by the auctority of this present parliament, that as well all and euery the said letters patentes, indentures, or other writinges and euery of them, vnder ꝑ seale or seales abouesayd, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kings highnes, sithen the sayde fourth daye of Februarye, the sayde.xxxii. peare of his most noble reigne as all and singuler other his graces letters patentes indentures or other writinges to be had made or graunted to any persō or persons within three yere next after the making of this present acte of anye honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or of other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circuites, procinctes, landes, tenementes, personages, tithes, pensions, portions, aduousons, nominations and all other hereditamentes and possessions, of what kinde nature or quality soeuer they be, or by what soeuer name or names they or any of them be named, knowen or reputed, shall stande and be good, effectuall & auailable in the law of thys realme to all respectes, purposes, constructions and intentes against his maiesty hys heires and successours, without any other licence, Dispensacion or tollerāce of the kinges highnes his heires and successours, or of any other person or persons what soeuer they be, for any thinge or thinges conteyned or hereafter to be conteyned in any such letters, patentes, indentures or other writinges: any cause consideration or thinge materiall to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Sauing to all and singuler persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them other then his highnes his heires and successours, and the sayde gouernours and gouernesses and their successours, donours, founders and patrons aforenamed and their heires and successors, and all other persons claymynge in their rightes or to their vse, or in the right or to the vse of any of them, all such right, title, claym, interest, possession, reuertion, remaynder, offices, annuities, rentcharges and cōmons, whiche they or any of them haue, ought or mought haue had in or to any of the sayde honours, castels, manours,

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monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, in the sayde letters patentes made, or hereafter to be made, compriſed at anye time before the makinge of the saide or such letters patentes: This acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

¶ And where diuers and sundry abbottes, priores, abbesses, prioresses, & other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, haue had posseded and enioyed diuers and sundry personages, appropriated tithes, pensions and porcions and also were acquited and discharged of and for the payment or paimētes of tithes to be payd out or for their sayde monasteries, abbathies priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes. Be it therfore enacted by thauctority abouesayd, that aswell the kinge our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours, as all and euerye suche person and persons, theyr heyres and assignes, which haue or hereafter shall haue anye monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalls, houses of fryers, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circuites, precinctes of the same, or of anye of theim, or anye manours, messuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, which belonged or apperteined, or which nowe belonge or appertaine vnto the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of fryers, or other religions & ecclesiasticall houses or places, or vnto any of them, shall haue holde reteine, kepe & enioy, aswel the said personages appropriate, tithes, pensiōs, and porcions of the said monasteries, abbathies, priores, nonries, colledges hospitals houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, sites, circuites, precinctes, manours, meses, landes, tenements, and other heteditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them according to theyr estates and titles, discharged and acquited of paymente of tithes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the saide abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, or anye of them had, helde, occupied, posseded, vsed, retayned, or enioyed the same, or any parcell thereof at the dayes of their dissoluction, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forfayting, geuing vppe or comminge to the kings highnes of such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or at the day of the dissoluction, suppression, renouncing, relinquishinge geuinge vppe or comminge to the kinges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thinge therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sauing to the kings highnes his heyres and successours all and all maner of rentes, seruices, and other duties, whatsoeuer they be, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

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And be it further enacted by auctholity of this plesent parliament, that such of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, pliories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches, and chapels, to them or any of them belonginge whyche before the dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forsayting geuing vp or cõming vnto the kinges highnes, were exẽpted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of the ordinary or ordinaries within whose dioceese they were situate or set, shall from henceforth be vnder the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose dioceese they or anye of them be situate and set, or within the iurisdiction & visitacion of such person or persons, as by the kinges highnes shalbe limitted or apointed: this act or any other exception, liberty or iurisdiction to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where before this time it hath pleased the kinges maiestye, at the contemplacion and humble peticion of the Right Noble Thomas Duke of Norff. to geue his royall assente of licence by his graces worde without any maner of letters patentes or other writinge, to purchase and receiue to him & to his heires for euer, of william Flatbery, late abbotte of the monastery of Sipton, in the county of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beyng dissolued, all the same monasterye together, with all and singuler manours, lordships, landes, tenementes, woodes, waters, commons, courts, leets, aduousons, patronages, personages, vicarages, chauntries, free chapels, tithes, porcions of tithes, pensions, annuities, rentes, suites, seruices, reuercions, remainders and all other thinges, which were ꝑ hereditamentes or the possessions of the sayd late monastery, where soeuer they lay or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewise our sayd soueraigne lorde, gaue like licence by his graces worde vnto the righte honorable George lorde Cobham, to purchase and receiue to him and to his heires for euer, of the late maister and brethren of the colledge or chauntrye of Cobham, in the county of Kente, now beynge vtterly dessolued, the site of the same colledge or chauntry, and all and singuler their hereditaments and possessions, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall, where soeuer they laye or were within the realme of Englande.

Be it therfore enacted by thauctority of this plesent parliament, that the acte aboue written, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to the sayde Duke, and lord Cobham, or to either of them, or to the heires or assignes of eyther of thẽ, but that ꝑ same duke and lorde cobham, and either of thẽ sondrily, and the heires and assignes of eyther of them, shall and maye haue, holde, receiue and enioye the premisses by them sondrily purchased or receiued, according to the purportes and effectes of such euidences, writinges and conueiances, as they or any of thẽ sondrilye haue caused to be deuised and made to them, or to theyr vses for the same. Sauynge alway and reseruinge to all and singuler persõs and bodyes politike, and to their heyres and successours, other than the

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the ſaid late abbotte and couente, and theyr ſucceſſours, and the ſayd late maiſter and bretherne, and theyr ſucceſſours, and the founders of the ſame monaſtery, or of the ſayde colledge or chauntrie, and the heyres of eyther of theym, and all donours, graunters, or augmenters of them, or of eyther of them, and the heires and aſſignes of eyther of them, all ſuch rightes, titles, poſſeſſions, rentes, ſeruices, fees, offices, annuityes, corrodies, liueries, leaſes & all other theyr ſuche intereſtes, profites and commodities, as they or any of them had ſhould or oughte to haue, of to or in anye of the premiſſes ſondrily purchaſed or receiued by ỳ ſayd Duke or lorde Cobham, if this preſent act had neuer ben had or made, any thing in the ſame acte to the contrary being in any wiſe notwythſtanding.

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHINGE

of diuerſitie of opinions in certaine articles, concerning Chriſten Religion.

Cap. xiiij.

WHere the kinges moſte excellente maieſtye is by Godes lawe ſupreame heade immediatlye vnder him of this whole church and congregacion of Englande, intending the conſeruacion of the ſame Church and congregation in a true ſincere and vniforme doctrine of Chriſtes religion, callinge alſo to his bleſſed and moſte gracious remembraunce, as well the great and quiet aſſuraunce, proſperous encreaſe, and other innumerable commodityes, which haue euer enſued come and followed of concorde agreemente and vnitye in opinions, as alſo the manifolde perills, daungers, and inconueniences, which haue heretofore in many places and regions, eſpecially of matters of chriſten religion: and therefore deſyring, that ſuch an vnity might and ſhould bee charitably eſtabliſhed in all thinges touchynge and concerning the ſame, as the ſame ſo beyng eſtablyſhed, myghte chiefely bee to the honour of almighty God, the very author and fountayne of all true vnity & ſincere concorde, and conſequently redounde to the cõmon wealth of this his highnes moſt noble realme, and of all hys louing ſubiectes, and other reſiauntes and inhabitauntes of or in the ſame: hath therefore cauſed and commaunded this hys moſte hygh courte of Parlyamente, for ſondry and many vrgent cauſes and conſyderacions, to bee at this tyme ſummoned, and alſo a Synode and conuocation of all the archbiſhoppes, biſhoppes, and other learned men of the clergy of thys his realme, to be in lyke maner aſſembled.

And

And for as much as in the said parliament Synode and cõuocation there were certaine articles, matters, and questions proponed and sette foorth touching Christen religion, that is to saye. First whether in the moste blessed Sacrament of the alter remayneth after the consecration, the substaunce of breade and wyne or no. Secondly, whether it bee necessary by Gods lawe, that all men shoulde communicate with bothe kindes or no. Thirdly, whether preistes, that is to saye, men dedicate to God by preisthoode, maye by the lawe of God, marry after or no. Fourthly, whether vowe of chastitye or wydowhed, made to God advised by man or woma, be by the lawe of God to be observed, or no. Fiftely, whether priuate Masses stande with the lawe of God, and bee to bee vsed and continued in the Church and congregacion of Englande, as thinges whereby good christē people may and do receiue both Godly consolation, and holsome benefites or no. Sixtly, whether auricular confession is necessary to be reteyned, continued, vsed, and frequented in the Church, or no. The kinges moste royall maiestie, most prudently pondring and considering, that by occasion of variable and sondrye opinions and iudgementes of the sayde articles greate discorde and variaunce hath arisen, as well amongest the clergy of this his realme, as amongest a greate nomber of the vulgar people, his louing subiectes of the same: And being in a full hope and truste, that a full and perfect resolucion of the saide articles, should make a perfect concorde and vnity generally amonges all his louing and obedient subiectes, of his moste excellente goodnes not onely commaunded, that the sayde articles should deliberately and aduisedly, by his sayde archbishops, bishoppes, and other learned men of his clergie, bee debated, argued and reasoned, and their opinions therein to bee vnderstande, declared, and knowen, but also most graciously vouchsaued: in his owne princely person, to discende and come into his said high court of Parliamente and counsell, and there like a prince of most high prudence, and no lesse learning, opened and declared many thinges of high learning and great knowledge, touchinge the saide articles, matters and questions, for an vnity to bee had in the same. Whervpon after a great and longe deliberate and aduised disputacion and consultacion had and made, concerning the sayde articles, as well by the consent of the kinges highnesse, as by the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and other learned men of his clergie in theyr conuocations, and by the consente of the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, it was and is finally resolued accorded and agreed in maner and fourme following, that is to saye. First, that in the most blessed Sacrament of the altare, by the strengthe and efficacy of Christes mighty worde (it being spoken by the preist) is presente really vnder the fourme of breade and wyne, the naturall body and bloud of our sauiour Jesu Christe, conceyued of the virgin Mary: And that after the consecration there remayneth no substaunce of breade or wyne, nor any other substaūce, but the substaunce of Christ, God and man.

Secondly

Secondly, that ꝑ communion in both kindes, is not necessary Ad salutem by the lawe of god to all persõs: And that it is to be beleued and not doubted of, but that in the flesh, vnder the fourme of bread, is the very bloude, and with the bloud, vnder fourme of wine, is the verye flesh aswell aparte as though they were both together.

¶ Thirdly that priestes, after the order of priesthode receiued, as afore, maye not marye by the lawe of God.

¶ Fourthely, that vowes of chastitie wydowheade, by man or woman made to god advisedly, ought to be obserued by the lawe of God: and that it exempteth them frome the liberties of Christen people, whiche without that they might enioye.

¶ Fiftely, that it is meete and necessary, that priuate masses be continued and admitted in this the kinges Englishe churche and congregacion, as whereby good christen people, orderinge them selues accordingly, do receiue bothe godly and goodly consolations and benefites: and it is agreeable also to gods lawe.

¶ Sixtly, that Auricular confession is expedient and necessary to be reteined and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of god: For the whiche most godly study peyne and trauaile of his maiestie, and determinacion and resolution of the premisses, his moste humble & obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, not onely rendre and geue vnto his highnes their moste highe and hartie thankes, & thinke them selues moste bounden, to pray for the longe continuaunce of his graces moste royall estate, but also being desirous, that his moste godlye enterprise maye bee well accomplished and brought to a full ende and perfection, and so established, that the same might be to the honour of god, and after to the common quiete vnitye and concord to be had in the hole bodie of this realme for euer: Moste humblye beseechen his royall maiestie, that the resolution and determinacion aboue written of the saide articles, maie bee established and perpetually perfited by auctoritie of this present parliament: It is therfore ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons within this realme of Englande, or anye other the kinges dominions, after the xi. daye of July next comming, by worde, writting, imprintinge, ciphring, or in any other wise, do publishe, preache, teache, say, affirme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde any opinion, that in the blessed Sacrament of the altare, vnder fourme of bread & wyne (after the consecracion thereof) there is not present really, ꝑ naturall bodie & bloude of oure sauiour Jesu Christe, conceiued of the virgin Marye or that after the saide consecracion, there remaineth any substance of bread or wine or any other substance, but the substance of Christ: God and man. Or after the tyme aboue saide, publishe, preache, teache, saye, affyrme, declare, dispute, argue or holde opinion, that in the flesh,

vnder fourme of bread, is not the very bloud of Christe. Or that with the bloude, vnder the fourme of wine, is not the very flesh of Christ aswell aparte as though they were both to gether. Or by any the meanes aboue saide, or otherwise, preache, teache, declare, or affirme the saide Sacrament to be of other substance, than is abouesayde, or by anye meane contempne, deprave or dispise the saide blessed Sacramente: that then euery suche person and persons, so offending, their aydours, confforters counsayllours, consentours, and abbettours, therin, beynge thereof convicted in fourme vnder written, by the auctoritie aboue sayde, shalbe deemed & adiudged heretikes. And that euery suche offence, shalbe adiudged manifeste heresie: And that euery such offendour and offendours, shall therfore haue and suffre iudgements execution peine and peines of death, by way of burning without any abiuracion clergy or Sanctuary, to be therfore permitted had allowed admitted, or suffered. And also shall therfore forfaite and leese to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, all his or their honoures manours, castelles, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, possessions, and all other his or their hereditamentes goods and catalls, fermes and freholdes, what so euer they be, which any such offender or offenders shall haue at the time of any such offence or offences, committed or done, or at any time after, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that if any person or persons, after the saide .xii. day of July, preache in anye sermon or collacion, openlye made to the kinges people, or teache in any common schole, or to other congregacion of people, or beinge called before suche iudges, and accordinge to suche fourme of the lawe, as hereafter shalbe declared, doe obstinately affirme, vpholde mainteine, or defende, that the communion of the sayde blessed Sacrament in bothe kindes, that is to saye, in fourme of bread and also of wine, is necessary for the health of mans soule, to be geuen or ministred, or ought or should be geuen or ministred to any person in bothe kindes. Or that it is necessary so to bee receiued or taken by any person (other than by priestes beynge at Masse, and consecrating the same) Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receiued (as aforesaide) may marry, or may contracte matrimonie. Or that any man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or professed, or should vowe or professe chastitie or widowhed, may marry, or maye contracte matrimonie. Or that priuate masses be not lawfull, or not lawdable, or shoulde not be celebrated had nor vsed in this realme, nor be not agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expedient and necessarie to be reteined and continued, vsed & frequented in the churche of God: Or if any priest, after the saide .xii. daye of July, or any other man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or after the saide daie aduisedly doe vowe chastity or widowhed, do actually marry or contract matrimony with any person, that then all and euery person and persons, so preachyng, teaching, obstinatelye affirminge, vpholdinge, mainteininge, or defendinge, or making

kynge mariage or contracte of matrimonye, as is aboue specified, be and shalbe, by auctorytye aboue writen, deemed and iudged a felon and felons. And that euery offender in the same, beinge therfore duly conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder written, shal therfore suffer peines of death, as in cases of felonie, without any benefite of clergy, or priuilege of churche or sanctuary, to him or hir to be allowed in that behalfe. And shall forfaite all his or hir landes and goods, as in cases of felony. And that it shall be lawfull to ỳ patrone or patrones of any maner of benefice, which any such offendour at the time of his sayd conuiction or atteinder had, to presente one other incumbente therunto, as if the same person, so conuicted or atteinted, had bene bodily deceassed.

¶ Also be it enacted, by the auctority aforesayd, that if any person or persons, after the sayde .xii. day of July, by woord, writynge, printinge, cyphringe, or otherwise than is aboue rehersed, publithe declare or holde opinion, that the sayd communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kindes aforesayd, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be geuen or ministred in both kindes, and so ought or should be geuen and ministred to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kindes receiued or taken by any person, other than by preastes beyng at Masse, and consecratyng the same, as is aforesayd. Or that any man, after the order of preisthode receiued, as is aforesayd, may marye, or may make contract of matrymony. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shall make avowe to God of chastitie or widowhed, mate marie, or may make contract of matrimony: Or that priuate Masses, be not lawfull or not lawdable, or shoulde not be celebrated had or vsed, nor be agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auriculer confession is not expediente and necessarie to be reteined and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of god: euerye person, beynge for anye such offence dueiye conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder writen, shall forfaite and lose to the kinge our soueraign lord all his goodes and catalles for euer, and also the profites of all his landes, tenementes, annuities, fees and offices during his lyfe, and all his benefyces & spirituall promocions shall be vtterly voyd: And also shall suffre imprisonmente of his bodie at the will and pleasure of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge. And if any suche person or persons, being once conuycte of any the offences mencioned in this article, as is aboueiayde, doo afterwarde eftesones offende in any of the same, and be therof accused, indited or presented & conuict agayne by auctority of the lawes vnder written, ỳ then euery such person and persons, so beinge twise conuicte and atteinted of the sayd offences, or of any of them, shall be adiudged a felon and felons and shall suffre iudgement, execucion and peines of deathe, losse and forfaiture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, without any priuilege of clergy or sainctuary to be in any wise permitted, admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ Be it further enacted, by the auctority aboueiayde, that if any person

which is or hath bene a preest before this present parliament, or during the time of session of the same hath maried, and hath made any contract of matrimony with any woman, or that any man or woman, which before the makinge of this acte, aduisedly hath vowed chastity or wydowhede, before this present parliament, or duryng the session of the same, hath maryed and contract matrimonie with any person, that then euery such maryage and contracte of matrymony shalbe vtterly voyd and of none effecte. And that the ordinaryes, within whose dioceese or iurisdictions the persō or persons so maried or contracted, is or be residente or abidinge, shall from time to time make seperation and deuorces of the said mariages and contractes.

¶ And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any man, which is or hath bene preest, as is aforesayd, at any time from or after the sayd .xii. day of July nert cōmyng, dooe carnally kepe or vse any woman to whom he is or hath bene maried, or with whom he hath contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersante, keepe company or familiarity, with any suche woman, to the euell example of other persons, euery such carnall vse copulacion open conuersation keping of company and familiaritye, be and shalbe demed and adiudged felonye, as well against ẏ man as the woman and that euery suche person so offending, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished, suffre lose and forfait all and euery thing and things as other felons made and declared by this acte, and as in case of felonie as is aforesayde.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde (not geuynge aduantage or detriment to any article afor rehersed) that if any man, whiche is or hath ben preest, or hereafter shalbe, at any time after the sayde .xii. daye of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, or kepe hir as his concubine, as by payinge for hir bourde, mainteininge hir with money, arraye or any other giftes or meanes, to the euill example of other persons, that than euery such offendour beyng therof duely conuicted or atteinted by ẏ lawes mencioned in this acte, shall forfaite and lose all his goods & cattelles, benefices, prebendes, and other spirituall promocions and dignities and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his bodie at ẏ kinges will and pleasure. And that euery of the sayde benefices prebendes & other promocions and dignities shalbe to all intentes and purposes vtterlye voyde as if the sayd offender had reliqued or permuted. And if any such offender or offenders at any time after the saide conuiction or atteinder, eftsones committe do or perpetrate the sayde offences or any of them, nert afore rehersed, and be therof dewely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes aforesaide, that then all and euery suche offence and offences shall be deemed & adiudged felony: and the offender and offenders therin shall suffre peynes of death, and lose and forfayte all his and their goods, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, without hauinge any benefite of clergy or sainctuarye.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that those women withe

with whom all and singuler the forsayde prystes shall in any of the forsayde wayes haue to do with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesayd shal haue lyke punyshement as the prystes.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctority abouesayde, that if any person or persons, at any time hereafter, contempne or contemptuously, refuse, deny or abstaine to be confessed at any time comonly accustomed within this realme and church of Englande, or contempte, or contemptuously refuse, deny or abstaine to receiue the holy and blessed sacrament abouesayde, at the tyme comonly vsed and accustomed for the same: that then euery suche offender, beinge therof duelye conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder writen, shall suffre suche imprisonment, and make such fine and raunsome to the kinge our soueraign lorde and his heires, as by his highnes, or by his or their counsell shalbe ordered and adiudged in that behalfe. And if any such offendour or offendours, at any time or times after the sayde conuiction or attaynder so had, do effsones contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or abstaine to be confessed, or to be communicate in maner and forme aboue written, and be therof duely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder written: that than euery such offece shalbe deemed and adiudged felony, and the offendour or offendours therin shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfayte all his and their goodes, landes & tenementes, as in cases of felony.

¶ And for full and effectuall execution of the premisses before deuised, ordeined and enacted by this acte. Be it furthermore enacted by thauctorite of this present parliament, that immediately after the sayd .xii. day of July next comming, sundry commissions shall be made, from time to time, into euery shire of this realme and Wales, and in and to such other places within the kinges dominions, as shall please his maiestye, to be directed to the archbishop or bishop of the diocesse, and to his chauncellour or commissary, and to such other persons, as shalbe named by his highnes, or by such other as his maiesty at his pleasure shall appoinct to name the same: which archbishop or bishop, his chauncellour or commissary, & other persons, so to be named, or three of them at the least, wherof the archbishop or byshop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and keepe their sessions within the limites of their commission foure seuerall times of the yeare at the leaste, or oftener, if they shall thinke it expedient by their discretions, & shall haue power and auctority, by vertue of this acte, and their sayd commission, as well to take information and accusacion by the othes and depositions of two able and lawfull persons at the least, as to enquier by ỹ othes of .xij. men, of all and singuler the hereties, felonies, contemptes, and other offences aboue written, committed done or perpetrate within the limites of their commission. And that euerye such accusacion, and information cõteining the matter names surnames & dwelling places of the offenders, & the day yere, place and county whan and wherin their offẽces were cõmitted, shalbe of as good force & effecte in the law, as if the matter

therin conteyned had bene presented by verdict of xii. men.

¶ And neuertheles it is further enacted, that everye of the sayde archbyshops and byshops, and euery of their chaunceliours, commissaries archdeacons and other ordinaryes, hauinge any peculiar ecclesiasticall iurisdictions within this realme or in wales, or in any other the kyngs dominions, shall haue full power & auctority, by vertue of this acte, as well to enquere in their visitacions & Synods as there and els where within their iurisdictions, at any other time or place, to take accusacions and informacions, as is aforesayde, of the heresies, felonies, contemptes and offences aboue mencioned, done, cõmitted or perpetrated within the limites of their iurisdiction and auctorities: And that euerye such accusacion, informacion and presentment, so taken or had as is aforesayde, shall be of as good force and effecte, as if the matter therin conteyned, had bene presented before the iustices of peace in their sessions. And also that iustices of peace in their sessions, and euery steward, vnderstewarde & deputy of stewardes of any leete or lawedaye, in their leete or lawdays shall haue like power and auctority by vertue of this act, to enquyre by the othes of xii. lawfull men, of all and singuler the heresies, felonies, contemptes and other offences aboue wrytten, done, perpetrate or committed within the limytes of their cõmissions and auctho̅rityes.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that euery such person or persons afore whom any presentment informacion or accusacion shalbe made & taken as is aforesayd, shall examine the accusours, what other witnes were by and presente at the time of doinge and committinge of the offence, whereof the informacion, accusacion or presentment shall be made: And howe many other then the accusours haue knowledge thereof. And shall haue power and auctority to bynde by recognisaunce: To be taken afore them, as well the sayd accusours, as all such other persons whom the same accusours shall declare to haue knowledge of the offences by them presented or informed, euery of them in .x.l.i. to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, to appere before the commissioners afore whom the offendour or offendours shalbe tried, at the daye of the triall of such offendours.

And that all and singuler indentures, presentmentes, accusacions, informacions and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesayde, within .xx. dayes next after the taking of the same, shalbe certified in due fourme by writinge vpon parchement, by the taker or takers thereof, vnder hys or theyr seales vnto any one of the sayde cõmissioners to be appoyncted as is aforesayde within the limites of whose commission, the heresies, felonyes contemptes and offences, whereof any such presentmente, indutemente, informacion or accusacion shall be taken or had, as is aboue written, shall be committed, done and perpetrat. And if any person or persõs, which hereafter shall happen to take any such accusacion, informacion, presentmente or recognisaunces as is abouesayd, do make default of the certificate therof contrary to the fourme aboue reherced: that then euerye person and persons

sons so offendinge, shall forfaite to our soueraigne lorde the king for euery such default x li.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctority aboueſayde, that the ſayde commiſſioners, or three of them at the leaſte, as is aboueſaide, by vertue of this act and their commiſſion, ſhall haue full power and auctority to make like proces againſt euery perſon or perſons, indited preſented or accuſed, in forme as is aboue remembred, as is vſed and accuſtomed in caſes of felony, and that as wel within the limites of their commiſſion, as into all other ſhires and places of the realme of wales and other the kinges dominions as well within liberties as without: and the ſame proces to be good and effectuall in the lawe as in caſes of felony: And vpon the apparāce of any of the offendours, ſhall haue full power and auctority, by vertue of this acte, and the ſayde commiſſion, to here and determine the foreſayd treaſons, felonyes, contemptes or other offences, according to the lawes of this realme, and theffectes of this acte.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, by the auctority aboueſayde that euery of the ſayde commiſſioners, vppon any ſuch accuſacion, preſentmente or informacion, ſhall ſtende vpon him ſelfe effectually, without affection dred or corrupcion to apprehende, & take the offendours: & after the apprehention of any ſuch offender or offenders, ſhall haue full power and auctority to commit them to warde. And that the ſayd cōmiſſioners, or two of them at ye leaſte ſhall haue full power and auctority, to let any perſon or perſons ſo accuſed or preſented, vpon ſufficiente ſureties by their diſcrecions, to bayle, for their apparaunce to be tried according to the tenour, fourme and effecte of this acte.

¶ And further it is enacted by the auctority aboueſayde, that if any perſon or perſons, whiche hereafter ſhall be named and aſſigned, to bee commiſſioner or commiſſioners, as is aboueſayde, be accuſed, indited, or preſented of or for any the offences aboue written, that then all and euery ſuche commiſſioner or cōmiſſioners, ſo accuſed, indited and preſented, ſhall be examined, put to aunſwere, and tried of and vpon any ſuch offence, according to the tenour and effect of this acte, before ſuch other perſon or perſons, as it ſhall pleaſe the kinges highnes to name, aſſigne and appoynt by his graces commiſſion to here and determine the ſame.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctority aboueſayde, that no perſon nor perſons, which at any time hereafter, ſhalbe accuſed, indited or preſented, as is aboueſayd, ſhalbe admitted to the chalenge of any perſon or perſons, which ſhalbe impanilled for the triall of his or their offence for anye matter or cauſe, other than for malice or enmitie, which chalēge ſhall forthwith be tried in like maner as other chalēges be vſed to be tried in caſes of felony.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctority aboueſayde, that all forreine plees, triable by the countrey, which at any time hereafter ſhall be pleaded by any perſon or perſons hereafter to be arrained or put to aunſwere vpon

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any accusacion inditement or presentment, or for any of the offences, above specifyed, or of or for any of theim: shalbe tryed before the same commissioners, afore whom such person or persõs shalbe arrayned or put to answere, and by the iurours that shal trie the sayd offence or offences, without any further respecte or delaye.

And it is further enacted by the auctority abouesayde, that all maiors sheriffes, stewardes, bayliffes of liberties, goalers, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condicion soeuer they be, and euery of them shal from time to time truly and diligently receiue and serue all & all maner the proces precepts & commaundementes to them or any of theim by the saide commissioners or any of them to be made geeuen or directed, touchinge or concerning the premisses, or any parcell thereof, and shal also from time to time be obedient and attendaunt vnto ꝑ said commissioners for the time being, for the due execution of this present act, or of any thing therein contayned.

And it is also enacted, that euery personne, which shalbe named to bee commissioner in the said commission, after that he hath knowledge thereof shal effectually put his diligence and attendaunce in and about the execucion of the saide commission: and before that hee shall take vppon him the execution of the same commission, shall take a corporall othe before the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, or before him or them, to whom, the sayd lorde Chauncellour shall direct the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same. The tenour of which oth hereafter ensweth,

Ye shall swere, that ye to your cunning witte and power shall truly & indifferently execute the auctority to you giuen by the kinges commission made for correction of hereticks and other offenders, mencioned in ꝑ same commissiõ withoute any fauour affection corruption or malice to be borne to any person or persons, as God you helpe and all sainctes.

And in case that any of the sayde persons named to bee commissioners refuse to take the said othe, or willingly absent or aloigne himselfe from ꝑ takinge of the saide othe: than euery such personne so offendinge, and the same offence extreted or certifyed into the kinges eschequer by the sayde lord chauncellour, or by him or them, to whom any such writte of Dedimus potestatem, as is aforesaid, shalbe directed, shall forfaite and loose to our sayd soueraigne lorde the king, for euery time so offending, fiue markes of lawfull money.

And it is also enacted by the auctority abouesaid, that the said commissioners and euery of theim shall from time to time haue full power and auctority by vertue of this acte, to take into his or their keepinge and possession, all and all maner of bookes, which bene and hath bene or hereafter shalbe set forth red and declared within this realme, or other the kings dominions, wherin is or ben conteyned or compyled any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour forme or effecte of this

prefent acte, or any of the articles conteined in the fame: and the faide cõmiſſioners, or three of them at the leaſt, to bourne or otherwiſe deſtroy the faide bookes or any parte of them, as vnto the faide commiſſioners, or vnto three of them at the leaſt, ſhalbe thought expedient by their diſcretions.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctority abouefayd, that euery perſon vicar, curate or pariſh prieſt of euery pariſh churche within this realme, or other the kinges dominions or his or their deputy, vpon the ſonday next after the firſt day of September next enſuing, and ſo from thencefoorth once in euery quarter of the yere at the leaſt, ſhall openly, plainly, and diſtinctlye reade this preſẽt acte in the pariſh church, where he is perſon, vicar, curate, pariſhe prieſt or deputy, vnto his or their pariſhioners thã aſſembled to gether, to heare deuine ſeruice. And that euery ſuche perſon, vicar, curate, or pariſhe prieſt, makyng defaulte of reading this acte, contrarye to the fourme aforeſaide, ſhall forfaite vnto our faide ſoueraigne lorde, his heires or ſucceſſours, for euery ſuch defaulte. xl. s. ſterlinge. Prouyded alwaye that this acte or any thinge therein conteined ſhall not extende to the hurte damage or preiudice of any perſon or perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſours, other then the perſon and perſons, their heires and ſucceſſours, againſt whome the kinges highnes ſhall haue cauſe of action or ſuite by reaſon of any offence or offences againſt the tenour of this acte, or any parte thereof, before the firſt day of Parliamente holden at Weſtminſter the. xxxvi. yere of the kinges moſte noble reigne.

¶ Prouyded alſo, that this acte or any thinge therein conteined ſhall not extende to the hurte damage or preiudice of any perſon or perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſours, other then all and ſinguler ſuche

fernation of it any while after: vnlesse anye suche person or persons do or can duely proue any vnlawfull coheroion or compulsion done to theym or any of them for makinge of any such vowe.

God saue the Kinge.

ANNO XXXII.
HENRICI OCTAVI

IN THE PARLIAMENT BEgon at Westm. the .xxviii. of Aprill, the .xxxii. yeare of the reygne of the moste excellente, most hygh, and most myghtye prynce, Henrye the eyghte bye the grace of god, kynge of England, & fraunce defendoure of the fayth, lorde of Ireland, and in earth, vnder Christe supreame heade of the churche of Englande, oure moste redoubted soueraigne lorde, there holden and afterwarde continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the .xii. daye of Aprill in the sayde yeare. In the last session thereof begone the same .xii. daye of Aprill, and from the same holden vnto the .xi. daye of Maye, in the .xxxii. yeare of his maiesties most prosperous reygne, frō the which it was by prorogacion continued vntill the .xxv. daye of the same moneth of Maye, and holden vntill the .xxiiii. daye of Julye the sayde .xxxii. yeare: At which daye the sayde parliament was by his graces auctority finished and dissolued. Amonges many other the actes folowing by his highnesse with thassēt of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cōmons assembled in the sayd parliament, haue bene established, ordeyned and enacted.

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WHere the kynges moste Royall maiestye in all the tyme of his moste gracious and noble reygne hath euer bene merciefull louyng and benevolente and moste gracious soueraigne Lorde vnto all and synguler hys louing and obedient subiectes and at many times past hath not only shewed and imparted to them generallye by his many and often great and beneficiall pardones heretofore by auctorities of his parliamentes graunted, but all so by diuers other wayes and meanes mayne greate and ample graunte and benignitees in suche wise as all hys sayd subiectes bene moste bounden to the vttermoste of all their powers and graces by them receyued of God, forender and giue vnto his maiestie their moste humble reuerence and obedient thankes and seruices, with their dayly and continuall prayer to almyghty God for the continuall preseruacion of his moste royall estate in moste kingiye honour and prosperitie: yet all wayes hys maiestie beyng tendre and endowed by God with grace goodnes and liberalitee moste tenderlye considerynge that hys sayde obedient and louing subiectes cannot vse or exercyse them selues according to their estates, degrees, faculties and qualities, or to bestow themselues in suche wyse as that they maye conuenientlye kepe and maintayne their hospitalitees and families nor the good educations and bringyng vp of their lawefull generations which in this realme laude be to God, is in all partes very greate and abundant, but that in maner of necessitie as by dayly experience is manifested and knowen they shall not bee able of their proper goodes, catelles and other moueable substaunce to discharge their debtes, and after their degrees set forth and aduance their children and posteritees wherfore our sayde soueraigne Lorde moste vertuously considerynge the mortalitye that is to euerye persone at Goddes will and pleasure moste common and vncertaine of hys moste blessed disposicion and liberalitie being wyllyng to relieue and helpe hys said subiectes in their sayde necessities and debilitie is contented and pleased that it be ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament in maner and forme as hereafter foloweth that is to saye that all and euery person and persones hauing or whiche hereafter shall haue any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes holden in socage or of the nature of socage tenure, and not hauyng any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kynge our soueraygne Lord by knyghtes seruice by socage tenure in chiefe, or of the nature of socage tenure in chefe nor of any other person or persones by knyghtes seruice from the .xx. daye of July in the yere of our Lord God, M.v.C. and forty, shall haue full and free libertie power and auctoritye

rity to geue dispose will and deuise as well by hys laste will and testament in writing or otherwise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his life al his sayd manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them at his fre will and pleasure any lawe statute or other thynge heretofore hadde made or vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And that all and euery person and persons hauyng manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king our soueraigne Lord his heires or successours in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure in chief, and hauing any other manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes holden of any other person or persons in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure & not hauyng any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king our soueraygne Lord by knyghtes seruice nor of any other person or person by lyke seruice, from the .xv. daye of July in the xxxiij. yeare of our Lorde God M. v.C. and forthe shall haue full and free libertye power and auctoritie to geue, will, dispose and deuise as well by hys laste will or testament in writynge or otherwise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in hys lyfe, all his sayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, or any of them at hys fre will and pleasure any lawe statute custome or other thyng heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary not withstanding. Sauyng al wayes and reseruynge to the kynge our soueraygne Lorde hys heires and successours all hys right title and interesse of paymet reasone, relefe and also all other rightes and duetyes for tenures in socage or of the nature of socage tenure in chefe, as heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed for the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to be taken, hadde and sued out of and from the handes of hys heyres and successours by the person or persons to whom any suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes shall be disposed willed or deuised in lyke and lyke maner and forme as hath ben vsed by any heyre or heires before the making of this statute. And sauyng and reseruinge also fines for alienations of suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kynge our soueraigne Lorde in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure in chefe wherof there shall be anye alteracion of freehollde or inheritaunce made by will or otherwise as is aforesayd.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd, that all and synguler person and persones hauing any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes of estate of inheritaunce, holden of the kynges hyghnesse in chefe by knyghtes seruice or of the nature of knyghtes seruice, in chefe from the sayde twentye daye of July, shall haue full power and auctoritye by hys laste wyll by writyng or otherwyse by any acte or actes lawfully executed in hys lyfe to gyue, dispose, will or assygne two partes of the same manoures, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in three partes to be deuyded or ells as muche of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as shall extende or amounte to the yerely value of two partes of the same in three partes to bee deuided in certaynty and by

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ſpecial diuiſions, as it maye bee knowne in ſeueraltee, to and ſor the aduauncement of hys wife, preferment of hys children, and payment of hys debtes, or otherwiſe at his wil and pleaſure, any lawe, ſtatute, cuſtome or other thinge to the contrarye therof not withſtanding Sauing and reſeruing to the king our ſouereigne lord, the cuſtodye, wardſhyp, and prymer ſeaſon or any of them, as the caſe ſhall requyre, of as muche of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes as ſhall amounte and extend to the full and cleare yearly value of the thyrde parte thereof without any diminucion, dower, fraude, couein charge, or abridgment of any of the ſame thyrde parte, or of the full profites therof, Sauinge alſo and reſeruinge to the kyng oure ſayde ſoueraygne lorde all fines for alyenactions of al ſuche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, holden of the king by knyghtes ſeruyce in chyef, whereof there ſhall be any alteracion of freeholde or inheritaunce, made by will or otherwiſe, as is aboueſayd.

¶ And bee it enacted by auctorityy aforeſayd, that all and ſinguler perſone and perſones, hauyng manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of eſtate of inheritaunce, holden of the kinge in chiefe by knightes ſeruice, and hauing other manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, holden of the kyng, or of anye other perſon or perſones, by knyghtes ſeruyce or otherwyſe, euery ſuch perſon and perſons, from the ſayd. xv. daye of Julye ſhall haue ful power and auctority to geue, diſpoſe, will or aſſigne by hys laſt wil in writting or otherwyſe by any acte or actes lawefully executed in his lyfe, two partes of the ſame manours, landes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamentes, in thre partes to be deuided, or els as much of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as ſhall extend or amount to the yerely value of two partes of the ſame, in thre parts to be deuided in certaintyy and by ſpeciall deuiſions, as it maye be knowen in ſeueraltye, to and for the aduauncement of his wyfe, preferment of his childeren, and payemente of hys debtes, or otherwiſe at his wil and pleaſure, any lawe, ſtatute, cuſtome or other thinge to the contrarye thereof not withſtanding. Sauing allwaye and reſeruing to the king our ſoueraygne lorde, the cuſtodye, wardſhype, and prymer ſeaſon or any of them, as the caſe ſhall requyre, of as much of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, as ſhall amount and extende to the ful and cleare yearely value of the thyrde parte thereof, without any maner diminucion, dower, fraude, couein, charge, or ſubtraction of the ſame thyrd parte, or of the full profites therof.

Sauing alway and reſeruing to our ſayd ſouereigne lorde the king all fynes for alienacion of any ſuch manoures, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, holden of the kynge by knyghtes ſeruice in chefe, whereof there ſhall be any alteracion of freehold or inherytaunce, made by will or otherwyſe, as is aboueſayde.

Be it further enacted by the auctority aboue ſayd: that if any perſon or perſons, hold any manors, landes, teũtes, or hereditamentes, only of any other

lorde or persone, than of the kyng oure sayde soueraygne lorde by knyghtes seruice, & other landes, and tenementes in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, that than euery such person shall or maye geue, dispose, or assure, by his laste will or other wise by any acte or actes, lawfully executed in hys lyfe two partes of the sayd manours, landes, and tenementes, holden by knightes seruyce, or of as much thereof as shall amount to the full yearely value of two partes, in maner and fourme as is aboue declared: And also all the landes and tenementes, holden by socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, at his will and pleasure as is aboue written Sauing and reseruinge to the lorde of the landes and tenementes, holden by knyghtes seruice, for his custodye and wardshyp, as much of the same landes and tenementes, as shall extende or amount to the full and cleare yerely value of the thyrde parte of the same landes and tenementes, holden by knyghtes seruice, without any diminucion, dower, fraude, couin, charge, or subtraction of any porcion of that thyrd parte, or of the clere yerely value therof in maner and fourme aforesayd.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorye abouesayde, that if any person or persons holde any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, only of the kyng our soueraygne lord by knightes seruice and not in chiefe, or holde any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes of our sayde soueraygne lorde by knightes seruice, and not in chiefe, and also holde other manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, of any other person or persons by knyghtes seruice, and also holde other manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, of anye other persone or persons in socage, or of the nature, of socage tenure that than all and euerye suche person and persons shall and may gyue dispose, will, deuise, and assure, by his last wil or otherwise, by any acte or actes lawefully done & executed in his lyfe two parts of the same manors, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, holden of our sayd soueraygne lorde the kyng by knightes seruice, and two partes of the manors, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, holden of anyother person or persones by knightes seruice, or as muche of eyther of theym as shall amount to the full yerely value of twoe partes in manner and fourme as is aboue declared: and also of al his landes and tenementes, so holden in socage, or of the nature of socage tenure, at his fre will and pleasure.

Sauing & reseruing to the kynges hyghnes, the custody and wardeshyp of as much of the same manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes as shal extend and amount to the full and clere yearely value of the thyrde part of the sayd manors, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes so holden of his highnes by knightes seruice, without any diminucō dower, fraude, couin, charge, and subtraction of any porcion of that third part, or of the full profites therof. And also sauinge and reseruing to the lordes of whom any of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditaments ben holdē by knightes seruice for custody & wardshyp, as much of the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of them or any of thē

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Prouided alway and it is further enacted by the auctority aforesaid that if that third part of the manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any of the kynges subiectes, which in anye of the cases abouesaide, shall hereafter come to the kinges hyghnes, his heyres or successours, by vertue of this acte, as is abouesayd, be not or do not amounte to the cleare yerelye value of the third part of al the sayd manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, wherof the kynges hyghnes is or shalbe intituled to haue the custody or primer seasen, as is aboue sayde: that than our sayde souerayne lorde and his heyres shal and maye at his or their free libertye and pleasure take into hys or their handes and possessions, as of the other two partes of the said manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as with that of the same manours, landes, tenements, or hereditamentes, holden remaining in the kinges handes shal make vp the cleare yearely value of the full thyrd parte of the sayd manours, landes, & tenementes, so to be had to the kinges highnes in title of wardeshippe and prymer seasen, or any of them, as the case shall requyre, and like benefyte and aduauntage to be geuen to euery lorde and lordes, of whom any such manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, ben or shalbe holden by knightes seruice as is abouesayd, concernyng onely hys third part of or for title of wardeship.

Prouided alway, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforsayde, that euery person and persons, shal serue theyr liueryes, for possessions, reuercions, or remaynders, and also pay reliefes and heriets after suche maner and forme, as they shoulde or ought to haue done before the makyng of this acte, and as if thys acte had neuer bene made. And that fines for alienacions shal be payd in the kinges chauncery for and vpon wryttes of entre in the poste, to be obteyned in the same court of Chauncerye, after the sayd .xx. daye of Julye, for common recouerye, to be had or suffered of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kynge in chefe: in like manner and fourme as is vsed vpon alienacions of suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, so holden in chefe, by fyne or feoffement.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorytye aforesayd, that in such cases, where fines for alienations shalbe payde in the kynges Chaunctery, for wryttes of entre in the poste, as is aforesayde that then none other fine shalbe paide in the same court for any such wryttes, anye vsage or custome to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorityе aforesayd, that where two or more persons now be holde, or hereafter shall holde any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, of the kyng our souerayne lord by knyghtes seruice, iointly to them and to the heyres of one of them, and he that

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hath the inheritaunce therof, dieth hys heyre beinge within age, that in euery such case the kynge shall haue the warde and mariage of the bodye of such heyre so beyng within age, the lyfe of the freeholder or freeholders of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, so holden by knyghtes seruice not withstanding. Sauyng and reseruyng to al and euery woman and women al and eurye suche right title interesse of dower, as they or any of them ought to haue, or be or shall be instlye intituled to haue clayme or demaund of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamēts by the lawes of this realme, to be taken or assygned vnto theim or anye of them, out of the two partes of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, severed and deuyded from the thyrd parte as is abouesayde, and not otherwyse. And sauing also to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, hys heyres and successours the reuercions of all suche tenauntes in toynte tenure and dower, immediatly after the death of such tenauntes, if they shall happen to die during the minoritie of the kinges wardes.

An acte for limitacion of prescription. Cap. ii.

FOrsomuch as the tyme of lymitacion appoynted for the wynge of writtes of right, and other writtes of possession & season of mens auncestours or predecessours, or of their owne possession or season, by the lawes, and statutes, of thys realme heretofore made, limmitted & appoynted, extende, and be of so farre and longe tyme paste, that it is aboue the remembraunce of any liuing man, trewly to trye and knowe the perfect certaintie of such thynges, as hath or shall come in tryall, or done extend vnto the tyme and tymes limited by the sayde lawes, and statutes to the great daunger of mens consciences, that haue or shall be impanelled in any Jurye for the tryall of the same: and also it is a great occasion of much trouble, veracion and suytes to the kynges louing subiectes, at the common lawes, of this realme, so that no man although he and hys auncestours and those whose estate he or they haue beene in peaceable possession a long season, of and in landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, is or can be in any suerty, quietnes, or rest, of and in the same without a good remedy and reformation be had made and prouided for the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled and by the auctority of the same, that no maner of person or persons shall from hēceforth sue haue or maintein any writte of right or make any prescription, title or clayme to or for any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, commons, pencions, porcions, corrodyes, or other hereditamentes, of the possession of his or their auncestour or predecessour: and declare and allege any further season or possession of hys or their auncestor or predecessour

predeceſſour, but onely of the ſeaſon or poſſeſſion of hys auncеſtor or predeceſſor which hath ben or now is or ſhall be ſeaſed of the ſayd manours, landes, tenements, rentes, annuities, commons, pencions, porcions, corrodies, or other hereditamentes, within thre ſcore yeres next before the ſeaſte of the ſame writt or nere before the ſayd preſcription, title or claime ſo hereafter to be ſewed, commenced, brought, made, or had.

(?) And be it further enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that no maner of perſon nor perſons ſhall hereafter ſue haue or maintein any aſſyſe of mort, auncеſtor, Coſinage, Aye, wryte dentre vpon diſſeaſon done to any of his auncеſtors or predeceſſours or any other action poſſeſſary vppon the poſſeſſion of any hys auncеſtours or predeceſſours for any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, of any further ſeaſon or poſſeſſion of his or their auncеſtour or predeceſſour but onely of the ſeaſon or poſſeſſion of his or theyr auncеſtour or predeceſſour which was or hereafter ſhalbe ſeaſed of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditaments, within fifty yeares next before the teſte of the originall of the ſame writ hereafter to be brought.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that no perſon or perſons ſhall hereafter ſue haue or maintayne any action for any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, of or vpon his or their owne ſeaſon or poſſeſſion therin aboue thirty yeres next before the teſte of the originall of the ſame writ hereafter to be brought.

And be it alſo enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayde that no perſone nor perſons ſhall hereafter make any auowry or cogniſance, for any rent, ſuit or ſeruice, and alledg any ſeaſon of any rent, ſuit, or ſeruice, in the ſame auowry or cogniſance in the poſſeſſion of his or theyr auncеſtours, or predeceſſor or predeceſſours, or in his owne poſſeſſion, or in the poſſeſſion of any other, whoſe eſtate he ſhall preſend or claime to haue, aboue forty yeres next before the makyng of the ſayd auowry or cogniſace.

And ouer that be it enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayd, that all formedownes in reuerter, formedownes in remainder, and ſcire facias, vppon fynes of any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes at any time hereafter to be ſued, ſhal be ſued and taken within fifty yeres nexte after the title and cauſe of action fallen, and at no tyme after the ſayde fyfty yeres paſſed.

And be it alſo enacted by ỹ auctorite aforeſayd, that yf anye perſonne or perſons at any tyme hereafter do ſue any of the ſayd actions or wryttes for any manours, landes, tenements or other hereditaments, or make any auowry, cogniſance, preſcription, tytle or clayme of or for any rent, ſuit, ſeruice or other hereditamentes and can not proue, that he or they, or hys or their auncеſtours or predeceſſours were in actuall poſſeſſion or ſeaſon of and in the ſame manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſuytes, ſeruices annuities, cõmons, penſions, porcions, corrodies or other hereditamentes at any time or tymes within the yeares before limitted and appoynted in thys preſente

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acte and in maner and fourme as is aforesayd yf the same bee trauersed or dented by the partie plaintife demandant or auowant, or by the partie tenant or defendant that than and after suche triall therin had all and euery such person and persones and theyr heyres shall from thencefoorth be vtterly barred for euer of all and euery the sayd writtes actions auowries cognisance prescription title and clayme hereafter to be sued, had or made of in for the same manours, landes, tenements, hereditementes or other the premisses, or any part of the same for the which the same action, write, auowry, cognisance, prescription, title, or clayme hereafter shall be at any time had sewed or made.

Prouyded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayd that all and euery person and persons, whych nowe haue any of the sayde actions writtes, auowries, feire facias, cognisance, prescription, title or claime depending or that hereafter shall sewe commence make or bring any of the said writtes or actions, or make any of the sayd auowries, cognisances, prescription, titles or clayme, at any time before the feast of the assention of our lord God whyche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God a thousand, fiue hundreth forty and fiue, shall alledg the season of his or theyr auncestours or predecessours, or hys owne possession and season and also haue al other lyke aduantag to all intentes and purposes, in the same writtes, actions, auowries, cognisances, prescriptions, titles and clayme, as he or they myght haue had at any time before the makyng of this estatute this acte or any thynge therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persones beynge nowe within the age of. xxi. yeares, or couerte baron or in prison or out of thys realme of England, nowe hauynge cause to haue, sue, commence, make or bring any of the saide writtes actions or to make any auowries, cognisances, prescriptions, titles, or claymes that it shall be lawfull to suche person and persons beyng within age, couerte baron, in prison or out of this realme to sue commence or bring ante of the sayd writtes or actions or make any of the said auowries cognisances prescripcions, titles or claymes, at any time within fiue yeres nert after such person or persons nowe beyng within the age shall accomplish the age of. xxi. yeres, or within fiue yeres nert after such person or persons nowe beyng couert baron shall be sole, or within fiue yeres nerte after suche persone or persons nowe beyng in prison, shall be at his libertie, or within fiue yeres nert after suche person or persons nowe beyng out of this realme, shall come and be within this realme, and that euery such person and persons in their sayd actions, writtes, auowries, cognisance, prescripcios, titles or claimes to be made sued or commenced within the said fyue yeres shall alledge within the sayd fyue yeres the season of hys or their auncestours or predecessors or of hys owne possession, or the possession of those whose estate he shall than clayme: And also within the same fyue yeres shall haue all and euerye lyke aduantages to all intentes and purposes in the same as he or they

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myght haue had before the makinge of this acte. and as though this acte had neuer bene had ne made: This acte or anye thing therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also that if it happen the sayd person or persons now beinge within age or couert baron, in prison or out of this realme, hauing cause to sue, commence make or bring any the sayd writtes actions, auowryes cognisaunce, prescription, title, or clayme, to decease within age, or beyng couert, as is aforesayd, or during the time he or they shall be in prison, or out of this realme. or to decease within. vi. yeres next after such persone or persons shall accomplyshe his or theyr full age, or shalbe at large within this realme, or shal become sole, and no determinacion or iudgement had of such titles actions rightes, so to them afterward that than the next heire or heyres of such person or persons beyng imprison or out of this realme, or within age, or couert de baron, in such or lyke maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes as the same infant after his full age, or the sayd woman couert after the death of her husbande, or the same persone beyng out of this realme, after his repayre or comming into the same, or the sayde person imprisoned after his enlargement and commyng out of prison, should or might haue had within. vi. yeares then next ensuynge by force and vertue of the prouision last before reherced, any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person or persons, before the sayd feast of the assencion of our lord god, whiche shalbe in the sayd yeare of our lorde God a Thousand fyue hundre the fortye and seuen, commence and sue anye of the sayd actions or writtes, or make any auowry, prescription, title or clayme: and the same action writte, auowry, cognisances, prescripcion, title or claime happen by the death of any the parties to the same, to be abated before iudgement or determinacion there of had, that then the sayd person or persons being Demaundauntes or auowantes, making anye suche cognysaunce prescription, title, or clayme, being than oulyue, and if not, then the next heyre or heyres of such person or persons so deceassed, may commence and pursue his or theyr action and suyte or make hys or theyr auowry cognisaunce, prescripcion title or clayme for or vppon the same mater, wythin one yeare next after such action or suyte abated, and shal haue and enioye all and euery such libertie and aduauntage, to sue demaund auowe declare or make their said titles, claimes & prescriptions within the said one yere as the demandant or demandantes in such writte or suite abated, or as such as did auowe or make cognisaunce title or claime or prescription should or might haue done had, vsed, made, or enioyed in the said former action or suyte, any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

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Prouided further more, that if any faile verdite happen hereafter to be geuen or made in any of the said actions, suytes, and writes, mescripcions, titles or claimes, that than the partye greeued by reason of the same, shall and may haue his attaint vpon euery such verdit so geuē or made, and the plaintife in the same attaynt vpon iudgement for him geuen, shal haue his recouery, execution, and other aduantage in like maner & fourme as heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed, any thing before in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding

An acte for the continuacion of certayn actes. Cap. iii.

WHERE IN THE laste parliament begunn and holden at London the thyrde daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yeare of the kynges moste gracious reygne, and from thens adiourned to Westm. and there holden and continued by sundrye prorogacions, It was enacted amonges other thinges that all forayne pleas, triable by the countrey, which shoulde bee pealded by anye persone or persons, arraigned vpon any indictment for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shall be tried before the same Justices, afore whom such person shoulde be arrayned, and by the same iurors of the county, that shal trye the petye treasō murder or felony, without any further respite or delay. And that no person or persons arrained for any petty treason murder or felony, should be admitted to any peremptory chaleng, above the numbre of .xx. whiche acte was made to endure to the end of the next parliament, as by the sayde acte amongs diuers clauses and prouisions conteined in the same more playnly is expressed. And where also in the same parliament it was enacted, that no person or persons, which should happen to be found guilty after the lawes of this realme for any maner of petty treason or for any wylfull murder of malyce prepensed or for robbyng of anye churches, chappelles, or other holy places, or for robbyng of any person or persons in their dwellinge houses or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the sayde house, hys wyfe, his childeren or seruauntes than beyng with hym and put in feare and dread by the same, or for robbyng of any persone or persons in or neare aboute the hyghe waye, or for wilfull burninge of anye dwellyng houses or Barnes wherin any corne or grayne shall happen to be nor that anye persone or persons beyng found guilty of any abettement procurement helping maintenyng or counsaillynge of anye suche petye treason murders or fellonyes, should be admitted to the benefite of their clergy such as be within holy orders that is to say, of the orders of subdiacon or aboue all only excepte with many other clauses and prouisions conteined in the saide acte as by ꝑ same acte more plainly apereth which act was also made to continue and endure to the last day of the next parlyament. And wher also in the same parlyament it was further enacted that euery suche person and persons, whiche should happen to be endited of any petty treason wilfull burning of houses,

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murder, robbery, or burgularye, or other felonye, according to the tenoure and meaning of the sayd estatute nexte aboue reherſed, and thereupon arrayned, did stand muet of malice or froward mind, or challenge peremptory aboue the numbre of.xx. persons, or will not answer directlye to the same inditement and felony, whereupon they shall be arrayned, that then euery such person and persons should lose the benefite and priuilege of their clergy And it was also ordeyned by the same act, that if any person or persons be indited and found guilty for stealing of any goodes or cattels, in any countye of this realme, or beinge indited stand muet of malyce. or chalenge peremptory aboue the number of.xx. persons, or will not answer directly to the lawe, should also lose the benefite of theyr clergy, in lyke maner & fourm as they should haue done, if they had ben indited, arrayned, and found guilty in the same county, where the same robbery or burgulary wer done, if it shall appere to the Justices by euidence or examination, that the said felōs or robbers arrayned afore them, should or ought to haue lost their clergye by force of the sayde estatute, in case they had ben found guilty of the same, felonies or burgularies, in the same shire where they were cōmitted, as by the sayd act amonges other thinges more at large is expressed. And where also in the sayd parliament it was further ordeined that the detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankinde or beast, should be felonye, and that the offendours therin shoulde lose the priuilege of their clergye, whiche acte was made to endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges it appeareth more at large. And where also in the parliament begonne and holden at Westm. the eyght day of June, in the.xxviii. yere of the reygne of our sayd most dread souerayne lorde kynge Henry the eyght, & there continued and kepte vntyll the dissolucion thereof It was ordayned and enacted, that all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue remembrede, and euerye of theim, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste daye of the nexte parliament. And it was also ordeyned by the auctoritye of the same parliament, that such as be within holye orders, should from thencefoorthe, stande and be vnder the same paynes and daungers for the offēces conteyned in anye the sayde statutes, and bee vsed and ordered to all intentes and purposes, as other personnes not beynge within holye orders, anye prouision or exception specified in any of the sayde actes, or anye other vsage or custome of this realme to the contrarye therof not withstandinge as by the same actes amonge other thinges therin contained more plainlye appear. And forasmuche as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mencioned be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of thys realme Be it therfore enacted and ordeyned by the auctority of this present parliament, that all and singuler the saide seuerall actes and euerye of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euerye of them conteyned, shal continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and bee obserued and kepte for euer.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritye of this present parliament, that suche persons as bene or shalbe within holy ordres, whiche by the lawes of this realme ought or may haue their clergye for any felonyes, and shall bee admitted to the same, shall be brent in the hande in lyke maner and fourme as lay clerkes ben accustomed in such cases, and shal suffer and incurre afterwarde al suche peynes daungers, and forfaytures, as be ordered & vsed for their offences of felony, to all ententes, purposes, and constructions, as laye persons admitted to theyr clergy be or ought to be ordered and vsed by the lawes and statutes of this realme, anye statutes, lawes, prouisions, priuileges, customes, or any other thyng to the contrary thereof heretofore vsed not withstanding.

¶ An acte for tryall of treasons. &c. in Wales. &c. Cap. iiii.

FOr the spedy tryall and punishement of such persons as haue committed and done, or hereafter shall commit and perpetrat any maner of treasones or misprisions of treasones, within the principalytye and dominione of Walles, and Marches of the same, or els where within anye the kynges dominions, where hys graces originall writtes in his Chauncery of England commonly renneth not: Be it enacted by auctoritye of this present parliament that all suche treasons and misprisions of treasons, as is aforesayd, shalbe presented and tried by the othes of twelue men inhabitinge or whych shall inhabite within anye such shyres, and before such commissioners as the kynges maiesty from tyme to time in suche cases shall assygne and appoynte by hys cõmission or commissions of Oyr and determiner in lyke maner and forme, as if suche treasons or misprisions of treasons had bene done and committed within such the sayd shyres into the which the sayd commissions of Oyr and determiner shalbee directed, as is aforesayd: And that all present menres, trials, processes, iudgmences, executions, and forfaytures hereafter made, had, or done by vertue of suche commissions, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe to all purposes, and intentes, any graunt, custome or vsage heretofore made or vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ An acte for contentacion of debtes vpon executions. Capitu. v.

WHere as before this time diuers and sundry persons haue sued executions as wel vpon iudgements for theim geuen of their debts or damages, as vpõ such statuts marchants, statutes of the staple, or recognisances, as haue ben to them before made, recognised and knowledged, & thrupon such landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as were

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to the same execution, haue ben by reasonable extent to them deliuered in execution for the satisfaction of theyr sayd debtes and damages, according to the lawes of this realme: Neuertheles it hath bene oftentimes sene, that suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, so deliuered and had in execution, haue ben recouered or lawfully deuested taken awaye or euicted, from the possession of the sayde recouerers, obligees, or recognisances, their executours or assygnes before such tyme as they haue beene fullye satysfied and paide of theyr debtes and damages, without any maner, fraude, deceyte, couin, collucion, or other defaulte in the sayde recouerres, obligees, or recognisees, theyr executours, and assygnes, by reason whereof the sayde recouerers, obligees, and recognisees, haue bene therby set clearelye without remedye by any maner suyte of the law to recouer or come by any such parte or parcell of their sayde debtes and damages, as was behinde, and not by them leuied or receyued before such time as the sayde landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes so by them had in execution, were recouered, lawfully deuested, taken or euicted out of and from theyr possessyons as is aforesayd to theyr great hurt and losse, and muche lemyng to bee agaynst equall iustice, and good conscience. For reformacion whereof, bee it enacted by auctoritye of this present parlyamente, that if hereafter anye suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as be or shall be had and deliuered to any person or personnes in execution as is aforesayde, vpon any iust and lawfull title, matter, condicion, or cause, wherwythall the said landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were liable, tyed, and bound at such time as they were deliuered and taken into execution, shall happen to bee recouered, lawfully deuested, taken or euicted, out, of, and frō the possession of any such person and persons as now haue & hold or hereafter shall haue & hold the same in executiō as is aforesaid, without any fraud, deceit, couin collucion or other defaut of the sayd tenaunt, or tenants by execution before such time as the said tenantes by execution, their executors or assignes shal haue fully & wholly leuied or receiued the said whol det & damages, for the which the sayde landes, tenements & other hereditamēts, were deliuered & takē in execution, as is aforesayd, thē euery such recouerer, obligee, & recognisee, shal and may haue and pursue a writ of Scire facias out of the same court from whence the sayd former writ of execution did procede against such person or persons, as the sayd writte of execution was first pursued, their heyres, executoures, or assignes, of suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes as were or ben than liable or charged to the said execution, retournable into the same courte at a certayne daye, being ful forty dais after the date of the same writ. At which day if the defendant being laufully warned, make defaulte, or appeare and do not shew and plead a sufficient matter or cause, other than the acceptaunce of the sayd landes, tenements, and hereditamentes by the sayd former writ of execution, to barre, auoide or discharge the sayd sute for the residue of the sayd debt, and damages, remayning vnleuied or vnreceyued by the sayd former execution: than the

lorde chaunceilour, or other suche Justice, or Justices, before whom suche writte of scire facias shalbe returnable, shal make eftsoones a newe writte or writes out of the sayd former recorde of iudgement, statute marchant, statute staple, or recognisance, of lyke nature and effect, as the sayd former writte of execution was for the leuieng of the residewe of all such debt and damage as then shall appeare to be vnleuyed, vnsatisfyed or vnpaid of the whole summe, or summes in the sayd former writte of execution conteyned Any lawe, custome, or other thing, to the contrary hereof heretofore vsed in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An acte for tryall of felonyes vpon conueying of horses into Scotland. Cap. vi.

Where at a parlyament holden at Westm. the .xb daye of January, in the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of our most dread soueraigne lord the king that now is, amõges other thinges it was enacted by auctority of the same parliament, that if any person or persones, after the feaste of saincte George the martyr then nexte ensuing, did sell exchaunge, or deliuer within the realme of Scotlande or in anye place or grounde, called the batable grounde, betwene England & Scotland, to those of any scottishemen, any horse, gelding, or mare, without licence obteined of the kinges highnes by his letters patẽts vnder his great seale so to do, or sell, exchaunge or deliuer to any scottish man wythin thys realme of England, Wales, the towne of Barwyke or the marches of the same, or in any of ẏ said batable grõud, to thentẽt to be cõueighed into scotland, any horse, geldynge, or mare, without speciall licence obteyned of the kynges hyghnes by his letters patẽtes, vnder his great seale so to do: that thã the same sale, exchaung, or deliuery, of such horse gelding, or mare, cõtrary to the same prẽsẽt acte, should be iudged & deemed by ẏ lawe felony, aswel in the sellers, exchangers, or deliuerers, as also in him or theym, to whõ the same sale, exchang, or deliuery shalbe made, And that it shalbe lawful to the warden and wardẽs of the east, west, and middel marches for the time beinge, in their warden courtes, as also the kinges Justices of his peace, in their quarter sessions, in euery shyre of the realme, to enquyre, heare, and determine all and euery such felonies, after like maner as is vsed in other felonies at the common lawe, whether the same sales, exchanges, or deliuerye be made had, or done by any persone or personnes contrarye to the same acte in the realme of Scotlande, or in anye parte of the sayde batable groundes, or within the realme of Englande. And for that that the sayd statute is doubtfull, whether the wardein or wardeins of the said marches haue auctoritie by the wordes comprysed in the sayd acte, to here and determine the sale, exchaunge, or deliuerye of anye horse, geldynge, or mare in Englande or Scotland, to the vse of any scottyshe man as felonye Therfore it is now enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and by the commons of this prẽsente parlya-

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ment assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to the warden and wardens of the est, west, and middle marches, for the time being, and euery of them, in theyr warden courtes, to here & determine al and euery such felonious act or actes, done and committed within their limittes by any person or personnes, in like maner as they do & haue vsed to here and determine marche treasons, whether the same exchanges or deliueries be made, had, or done by any perso or persons contrary to the said statute of the realme of Scotland, or in any parte of the batable groundes

An acte for the true payment of tithes and offeringes. Cap. vii.

Where diuers and many persons inhabitting in sundrye cities and places of this realme, and other the kinges dominions, not regardynge theyr dutyes to almightye god, and to the king our soueraigne lord, but in fewe yeres past more cõtemptuously and cõmonly, presuming to offende and infrynge the good and holsom lawes of this realme, and gracious cõmaundements of our sayd soueraigne lord, thã in times past hath ben sene or knowen, haue not letted to subtracte and withdraw the lawful and accustomed tithes of cornes, hay, pasturages, and other sort of tythes and oblacions commonlye due to the owners proprietaries and possessours of the personages, vicarages, and other ecclesiastical places, of and within the sayde realme and dominions, beinge the more incouraged thereto for that that diuers of the kinges subiectes being lay personers hauinge personages, vicarages, & tithes to them and to their heires, or to them & to their heyres of theyr bodies lawfully begotten, or for terme of life or yeares, can not by the order and course of the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme, sewe in any ecclesiasticall court for the wrongfull withholding and deteynyng of the sayd tithes or other dueties, nor can not by the order of the common lawes of this realme haue any due remedy agaynst any person or persons theyr heires or assygnes, that wrongfully deteyneth or withholdeth the same, by occasion wherof, much controuercye, suyte, varyaunce, and dyscorde is lyke to insurge and insew amonge the kynges subiectes, to the greate detrimente, damage, and decay of many of theym, if conuenient and spedy remedy therfore be not had and prouided.

Wherfore it is ordeyned and enacted by our sayed soueraigne lord the kynge, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctority of the same that all and singuler personnes of this his sayed realme, or other his dominions, of what estate, degree, or condicion soeuer he or they be, shall fullye truly & effectually deuide, set out, yelde, or paye, all and singuler tithes offerings aforesayd, according to the lawfull customes and vsages of the parishes, & places, wher such tithes or duties shal growe, arise, come or be due. And in case that it shal happen any person or persons of his or their vngodly and peruerse wil and mind, to deteigne or withholde any of the sayde

tythes or offeringes or parte or parcell thereof, than the parson or partye beyng ecclesiasticall or laye persone, hauinge cause to demaund or haue the sayd tythes or offeringes, being therby wronged or greued shall and maye conuent the person or persons so offendyng, before the ordinarye, his commissarye or other competente minister, or lefull iudge of the place where suche wronge shall be done, accordinge to the ecclesyastycall lawes. And in euery such case of matter or sute, the same ordinarye commissary or other competent minister or lefull iudge, hauing the partyes or their lawfull procuratours before him or theym shall and maye by vertue of thys acte procede to the examinacion, hearynge and determinacion of euerye such cause or matter ordinarily or summarilye, accordynge to the course and proces of the sayd ecclesiasticall lawes, and therupon maye geve sentence accordingly. And in case that any of the partyes, for anye cause or matter concernynge that suyte, do appeale from the sentence order, and diffinitiue iudgemente of the sayed ordinarye or other competent Iudge, as is aforesayd: than the same iudge by vertue of thys acte, forth with vpon suche appellacion made, shall adiudge to the other partye the reasonable costes of his suyte therin before expended, and shall compell the same partye appellant to satisfye and pay the same costes so adiudged by compulsory proceſſe, and censures or the sayd lawes ecclesiasticall taking suertye of the other partye to whom suche costes shalbe adiudged and payde, to restore the same costes to the partye appellant, if after the principall cause of that sute of appeale shalbe adiudged agaynst the same partye, to whom the sayde costes shall be yelden: And so euerye ordinarye or other competēt iudge ecclesiasticall, by vertue of this acte shall adiudge costes to the other partye vpon euery appeale to be made in any suyte or cause of subtraction or detention of any tythes or offerynges or in any other suyte to be made for or concerning the dutie of such tithes or offeringes.

And further be it enacted by the auctorytye aforsayd, that if any person or persons after such sentente diffinitiue geuen agaynst theym, obstinately and wilfully refuse for to pay their tithes or duties, or suche summes of money so adiudged, wherein they be condemned for the same, that than two Iustices of the peace of the same shyre, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue auctoritie by this acte. vpon informacion. certificat, or Complaynt to them made in writing by the said ecclesiasticall iudge that gaue the same sentence, to cause the same partie so refusing; to be attached and committed to the nert gayle, and there to remaine without baile or mainpryse, till he or they shall haue found sufficient sneerties to be bound by recognisaunce or otherwise before the same Iustices, to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kyng, to performe the sayd diffinitiue sentence and iudgement.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforsaide that no person or persons shallbe sued, or otherwise compelled, to yelde, geue or pay

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any maner of tythes, for any manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whych by lawes or statutes of this realme are discharged or not chargeable with the payment of any such tythes.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by auctoritye aforesayde, that this acte nor any thing therin conteyned, shal in any wise binde thinhabitauntes of the cytye of London and suburbes of the same, for to paie their tythes and offerynges within the same cyty and suburbes otherwise then they ought or shoulde haue done before the makynge of thys acte: any thynge in thys acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritye aforesayde, that in all cases, where anye persone or personnes, whiche nowe haue, or whyche hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritaunce freholde terme ryght or interreste, of in or to any personage, vycarage, porcion, pencyon, tythes, oblacions, or other ecclesiasticall or spyrituall profyte, which nowe bee, or which hereafter shall be made temporall or admitted to be abyde and goe to or in temporall handes and laye vses and profytes by the lawe or statutes of this realme, shall hereafter fortune to be dysseised defoysed, wronged, or other wyse kept or put frō their lawfull inheritance estate season possession occupacions terme right or interest of in or to the same, or of in or to any parcell thereof by any other persone or persones, claiminge or pretendynge to haue interest or tytle in or to the same: that then in all and euerye suche case or cases the personne or personnes so dysseased, defoysed or wrongefullye kept or putte from his or their ryght or possession, as is afore rehersed their heyres wyues and suche other to whom suche iniurye or wronge shall be done or committed, shal and maye haue their remedie in the kynges temporal courtes or other temporall courtes, as the case shall require. for the recouery gettyng or optaynynge of suche inheritaunce estate freeholde seison possession terme ryght or interest, by writes originall of prec. que reddat. Ass. of nouell disseyson, mort dane. Quod ei deforciat. writes of dower or other writtes originall, as the case shal require to be deuised and graunted in the kings court of chancery of euery such personage, vicarage porciō pensiō or other profite called ecclesiastical, or spiritual, so to be demāded according to the nature and cause of the sute therof, in lik maner and forme as they should, ought, or might haue had, of or for lands, tenementes or other hereditamentes in such maner to be demaunded. And that writes of couenaunt & other writes for fines to be leuyed and all other assurances to be had made or conueied of any such personage, vicarage, porcion penciō or other profite called ecclesiastical, or spiritualas is aforesayde shalbe hereafter deuised & graunted in the sayd chancery, according as hath bene vsed for fines to be leuyed, & assurance to be had made or conueyed of lādes, tenēs or other hereditaments. And ỳ al iudgemēts to be geuē vpō any of ỳ sayd writtes originall so to be deuised or graunted of or for anye the premysses or any of them: and all fines to be leuyed and knowlaged in any of the kinges sayed courtes thereof shall be of like force and effect in the lawe, to all

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intentes and purposes, as iudgementes geuen and fynes leuyed of landes tenementes, and hereditamentes in the same courtes vpon writes originall therfore duelye pursued and prosecuted, albeit no suche fourme of writtes originall out of the sayde courte of Chauncery haue heretofore proceded or bene awarded.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this laste acte shall not extende nor be expounded, to geue any remedye cause of action or suyte in the courtes temporall agaynst anye personne or personnes, which shall refuse or denye to set oute his or theyr tithes, or whych shall deteyne, withholde, or refuse, to paye his tythes and offerynges, or any parcell therof, but that in all such cases the personne or partye beynge ecclesiasticall or laye personne, hauinge cause to demaunde or to haue the sayde tythes or offerynges, in euery suche case in the spirituall courtes, accordyng to the ordinaunce in the fyrst parte of this acte mencioned, and not otherwyse: Any thyng herein expressed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte agaynste sellers and byars of fesantes and partryges. Cap. viii.

FOr the increase of Fesantes and Partryches within this realme and for the goode pastyme of the kynges maiestye, & his nobles and gētell men in the same: Be it enacted by the auctority of this presente parlyamente that no personne or personnes after the fyrst day of September next commyng, shall sell or bye any fesant or partriche vpon peyne that euery seller and byer shall lose and forfeyt for euery Fesante solde and boughte contrarye to this acte. vi.s. viii.d. And for euerye Partryche solde and boughte contrary to this acte. iii.s. iiii.d. The moytee of whyche forfayture to be to the kynges highnes, and the other moytee therof to such as wil sue for the same by originall writes, byll, playnte, or informacion In whych none essoyne, protection: nor wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that euerye personne and personnes maye sell Fesauntes and partryches to the officers and ministers of the honorable householde of the kynges, Queenes the Prince and of all the Kynges children: and that the same officers and ministers of suche householdes, and euerye of them, may lawfullye bye Fesauntes and Partryches to be spente in anye of the sayde householdes, as they mought, before the making of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrarye not withstandynge.

This acte to endure til the last day of the next parlyament.

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In acte agaynſt maintenance embracery.&c. and againſt vnlawfull bieng of titles. Cap. ix.



The King our ſoueraygne lorde callynge to his moſt bleſſed remẽbraunce, that ther is nothing within this realme that conſerueth hys louinge ſubiectes in more quietnes, reſte, peace, and good concorde, than the dewe and iuſte miniſtracion of hys lawes, and the true and indifferente trials of ſuche titles and iſſues as bene to be tryed, according to the lawes of this realme, which hys moſte roiall maieſtie perceyueth to be greatly hindered & letted by maintenance, embracery, champerty, ſurborna-cion of witneſſes, ſiniſter labour, bieng of titles, & pretenſed rightes of perſones not beynge in poſſeſſion, wherupon greate periurye hath enſued, and much inquietnes, oppreſſion, veracion, trouble wronges, and diſenheritance hath folowed among his moſt louing ſubiectes, to the greate diſpleaſure of almighty god, the diſcontentacion of his maieſty, & to the great hinderaũce and let of Juſtyce wythin this his realme. For the auoidinge of all whiche miſdemeanours and bying of tytles and pretenſed ryghtes, and to thintent that Juſtice may be more fully and indifferently miniſtred, and the truth in cauſes of contencion plainely tried betwene his ſubiectes of this realme: Be it enacted by our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and the commons in this preſẽt parliament aſſẽbled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that from henceforthe all ſtatutes heretofore made, concerning maintenance, champerty and embracery, or any of theym now ſtanding and being in their ful ſtrength and force, ſhalbe put in dewe execution, according to the tenures and effectes of the ſame ſtatutes.

And ouer that be it further enacted, by the auctorite aforeſayde that no perſone nor perſones of what eſtate, degree, or condicion ſo euer he or they be, ſhall from henceforthe, bargayne, bye or ſell, or by anye wayes or meanes obtayne, get, or haue any pretenſed ryghtes or titles, or take promyſe, graunt, or couenaunt to haue any ryght or title of any perſone, or perſons, in or to any manours. landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, but yf ſuch perſon or perſonnes, whyche ſhall ſo bargayne, ſell, geue, graunte, couenaunte or promiſe the ſame, theyr anteceſſoures or they, by whome he or they clame the ſame haue bene in poſſeſſion of the ſame, or of the reuerſion or remainder therof, or taken the rentes or profites therof by the ſpace of one whole yere next before the ſayd bargaine, couenaunte, graunte, or promiſe made, vpon paine that he that ſhall make anye ſuch bargaine, ſale, promiſe, couenaunt, or graunt, to forfait the whole value of the landes, tenementes or hereditamẽtes ſo bargayned, ſold, promiſed, couenaunted or graunted, contrary to the forme of this acte: And the byar or taker therof, knowynge the ſame, to forfayte alſo the value of the ſayde landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, ſo by him bought, or taken, as is aboue ſayd. Thone halfe of the ſayde forfaytures to be to the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, and the other halfe to the partye that will ſewe for the ſame in anye of the

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kynges courtes of recorde by action of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion. In which action, byl, playnte, or informacion no essoin, protection, wager of lawe nor iniunction shal be allowed.

And furthermore, that no maner of person or persons of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vnlawfully mainteine or cause, or procure any vnlawful maintenaunce in any actiõ, demaũd, sute or complaynte in any of the kinges courtes of the Chauncery, the Sterre-chaumber, whyte halle, or els where, within any of the kings dominions of Englande or Wales, or the marches of the same, where anye person or persons haue or hereafter shall haue auctoritie by vertue of the kinges cõmission, patent, or writ, to hold plea of landes, or to examine, here, or determyne any tytle of landes, or any matter or witnesses concerninge the title right, or interest, of any landes tenemẽtes, or hereditaments. And also that person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he or they be, do hereafter vnlawfully reteyne for maintenance of any suit or plea, any person or persons, or embrace any freeholders or iurours, or surborne anye witnes by letters, rewardes, promises, or by anye other sinister labour or meanes for to maintayne any matter or cause, or to the disturbance or hindrance of iustice, or to the procurement or occasion of any maner of periurye by false verdicte, or otherwise, in any maner of courtes aforesaid, vpon peyn of forfayture of euery suche offence. x.li. Thone moytee thereof vnto the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moitee to hym that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plaunte or informacion, in anye the kynges courtes, in which action no essoine protectiõ, wager of lawe nor iniunction shall be allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that it shalbe lawful to any person or persones being in lawfull possession by takyng of the yerely ferme, rentes, or profytes of or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to bye, obteine, get or haue by anye reasonable way or meanes the pretensed right of title of any other person or persons, hereafter to be made, to of or in such manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof he or they shal so be in lawful possession: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And for the due execution of this presente acte, bee it further enacted by auctority abouesayde, that the Iustices of assyse of euerye circuite within this realme, and els where within the kinges dominions, shal in euerye county within theyr circuites two times in the yeare, that is to saye, in the time of theyr sittinges, for the takinge of assises or deliuerye of the Goales, cause open proclamacion to be made, aswel of this present acte, and of euery thing therin contayned, as also of all other statutes heretofore made, agaynst vnlawfull maintenaunce, champerty, embracery, or vnlawful reteinours, to thentent that no maner of person or persons, hearyng the same, should be ignorannt or miscognisant of the daungers and penaltyes therin conteyned specified.

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¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoryty aforsayde, that this acte shal not extende to charge any person or persons with anye of the penalties mencioned in the sayd acte, for anye offence by him or them committed contrary to the sayd acte, except the same person or personnes so offending be sued therof by action of debt, bill, playnt or informacion in any of the kinges courtes within one yeare next after the same offence by him or them committed as is aforesaide.

An acte for the moderacion of the punishement of incontinencie of prestes and women offendyng wyth them, Capit.

WHere in the fyrste session of this presente parliament begonne and holden at Westmynster, the eyghtenth daye of Aprill in the one and thyrty yere of the kinges moste noble raygne, and there continued vnto the xxviii. day of June the next folowing in certain ordinaunces ther made for abolishing of diuersity of opinions in diuers artycles concernyng christen religion, amonges other thinges it was & is enacted, that if any man, which then was or had bene prest, at anye tyme from or after the. xii. daye of Julye then nexte ensuing, dyd carnally kepe or vse any woman, to whome he then was, or had bene maried, or with whom he had contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersaunte, kepe company, & familiaritie with any such woman, for the euel example of other personnes euerye suche carnall vse, copulacion, open conuersacion, keppynge of companye and familiaritye, be and should be deemed and adiudged felonye, as wel against the man as the woman, and that euery suche personne so offending, should be enquyred of, tryed, punished, suffer, lose and forfayte all and euery thing and thinges, as other felons made and declared by the sayd acte, and as in case of felonye. ¶ And where in the sayde acte it is also further enacted by the auctoryte aforesayd, that yf anye man whiche then was or had bene prest, or after that should be at anye tyme after the sayde xii. day of July did carnally vse or accustome anye woman, or keepe her as his concubyne, as by payenge for her bourde, maintenynge her wyth money, arraye, or anye other gyftes or meanes, to the euyll example of other personnes, that thē euery such offender being therof duly conuict or attaynted by the lawes mencioned in the sayde acte, shoulde forfayte and lose all hys goodes and catalles, benefyces, and prebendes, and other spyrytuall promocions and dignitryes, and also should haue and suffer imprysonmente of hys bodye at the kynges will and pleasure. And that euerye of the sayd benefyces, prebendes, and other spirituall promocions and dignitryes should be to all ententes and purposes vtterly voyde, as if the sayd offender had resigned and permuted. And if any such offender or offendours at any tyme after thē sayd conuiction or attaynder, essoynes dyd commyt, doe, or perpetrate the sayd offences, or anye of them nexte before rehearsed, and be therof duly conuicted or attainted by the lawes mencioned in the sayd acte

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that then all and euery suche offence and offences shoulde be demed and adiudged felonye, and the offender or offenders therin should suffer paines of death, and lose and forfaite al his and theyr goodes, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, without hauing any benefyte of clergie or sanctuary: And that those women, with whome all and singuler the foresayde priestes should in anye of the foresaide wayes haue to do wyth or carnallye knowe, as is aforesayde, shoulde haue like punishemente as the priestes, as by the sayde acte amonges other thinges it manifestly appeareth. Our sayd souerayngne lord the kyng graciously considerynge that albeit that the incontinent liuing of pryestes, from whom all good exaumple of vertue and good liuing most specially should procede, to the good instruction and edifyeng of other christen people (is highly to the displeasure of almighty god, and great occasion of increase of lyke sinfull lyuinge to all other the kynges subiectes, yet the sayd punishmente therefore prouided by paynes of death is very sore and to much extreame: wherefore the kynges maiestye is contented and pleased, that wyth the assent of the lordes spyrytual and temporall, and of the commons in this present parlyament assembled it be ordeyned and enacted by auctoritye of the same, that the sayde clause and clauses aboue written in the acte before rehearsed, conteyned, concerning felony and peynes of death, and other penalties and forfaytures, for and vpon the first and second conuiction or attainder of any pryest or woman for any of the sayd offences in the same clauses of the sayd act mencioned, shall be from henceforth voyde and of none effecte. And also, that it be ordeyned and enacted, by auctority of this present parlyament, that yf any suche offender as is aboue written, hereafter shall happen to be dulye conuicted or attaynted, by the lawes mencioned in the foresayde acte, of or vpon any of the crymes and offences afore wrytten, that than euerye suche offendoure so beinge conuicted or attaynted shall from henceforthe vpon his fyrste conuiction or attaynder, only forfayte and lose to oure sayde souerayngne lord the kyng, all his goodes, catelles and debtes. And if the same offender, at the time of that his first conuiction or attaynder, haue any mo benefices or ecclesiasticall dignityes, or promotions, than one: than the same offendour so conuicted or attaynted, shall forfayte and lose for terme of hys lyfe, all issues, reuenues, and profittes, of hys sayde benefyces or other ecclesiasticall dignities or promocions (except one of the same benefices or other ecclesiastical dignities or promotions.) And if it shall fortune anye such offender or offenders at any time after his sayd first conuiction or attaynder, to cõmyt, do or perpetrate any of the sayd offences before reherced be therof eftsones duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes aforesaid, that then euery such offender shall onely lose and forfait to our sayd souerayngne lord the kynge, all his goodes, catelles, and debtes. and also durynge hys lyfe all the issues, and profytes of hys landes, ecclesiasticall dignityes, benefyces, offices, and promotions, to be had, leuyed, perceiued and taken to the kynges vse. And if it shall fortune any suche offender or offenders, at

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any tyme after his said second conuiction or attainder to cõmit do or perpetrat any of the offences before written, and be also therof duly cõuicted or attainted by the lawes aforesayd, that than euery such offender shal onely forfaite and lose to our said soueraigne lord the kyng, all his goodes cattalles and debtes, and also durynge his lyfe all the issues and profites of all hys landes and tenementes, and of all hys ecclesiasticall dignities benefyces offices and promocions, to be had leuied perceued and taken to the kynges vse, and also shal further haue and suffer continual imprisonment of hys body duryng his lyfe. And euery woman beyng sole and vnmaried with whom any priest shall so offend in any of the offences aboue written shal forfait for hir first conuiction or attainder of or vpon any of the crymes or offences aforesayde, all hir goodes cattalles and debtes. And for hir second conuiction or attainder, of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesayde all hir goodes cattalles and debtes, and also the one halfe of all the issues reuenues and profytes of all hir landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by all the terme of hir lyfe. And for hir thirde conuiction or attaynder, of or vpon any of the crymes or offences aforesaide, she shall forfayte all hyr goodes cattals, and debtes. and also durynge hyr lyfe, all the issues and profites of all hir landes and tenementes, and also shal further suffer imprisonement of hir bodie by al the term of hir lyfe. And if the woman, with whom any prieste shal so offend in any of the offences aboue said be maried: that than for euery hir cõuiction or attainder of or vpon any of the crimes or offences aforesaid, shall haue and suffer emprisonment of hir body by all the terme of hir lyfe, at the kynges will and pleasure: Any thyng conteined in this said former acte to the contrary of the said penalties in this acte mencioned in any wyse not withstandyng.

Sauyng to all and syngular personne and personnes bodies polytike and corporate, their heires successours and assignes and to the heires successoures and assignes of euery of them, (other than suche person and personnes that shall hereafter fortune to offend contrary to the tenoure of this acte(all such ryght tytle interest possession entre actione condicion rentes remainders reuercions annuities fees commons leesses liberties and commodites, whych they or any of them haue shall or oughte to haue at the tyme of any such offences committed or done by any of the said offenders cõtrary to the tenour of this acte, in as ample and large maner and form to all ententes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thyng in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

An acte concernyng stealyng of haukes egges, coneis. and deere. Cap. xi

For as muche as Iustice and equyte requiereth that euery inherytour and possessour of manours landes or tenementes within the realme of Englande, shoulde accordynge to their estates or possessions peaceably and

quietly haue take and enioie the profites reuenues and commodities of the same as well in thinges of pleasure, as in thinges commonly valuable without iniury rapine or other extorte wronge to be committed or don to any of them within or vpon the same. And where in the parliament holden at westm. in the .xi. yere of the reigne of the noble prince of famous memory kyng Henry the seuenth, it was ordeined and amongest other thynges enacted, that no man of what condicion or degree so euer he be, should take or cause to be taken the egges of any faucon, gosshauke or lanerd out of the neste, vpon peine of emprisonmente by one yere, and further to fyne at the kynges will. The premisses not withstanding, diuerse ydell and euyll disposed persones haue not despysed nor forborne to take egges of faucons, gosshaukes and lanerdes, out of the nestes, nor to take and steale deere conyes and rabbettes, by day and by night, wherof many tymes haue ensued manslaughters and other great hurtes and inconueniences, and the encreases of the said kindes of haukes within this realme, bene in maner distroied, and the prices of the said conyes and rabbettes (which be one of the commodiouse vitailes of this realme, much enhaunced, to the common hurte and preiudice of all the kynges subiectes of the same: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this presente parliament, that if any persone or persones after the feast of the natiuity of our lady saincte Mary next commynge, vnlawfully or wrongefully, take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any Faucon or Gosshauke or lanerde, or the brydes of anye faucon, gosshauke, or lanerde, oute or from anye neste or nestes of any Faucon, Gosshauke or lanerde, within any woode, grounde, or place of anye other person or persones within this realme, that the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shall be adiudged and taken to be felony. And the offendour and offendours therin beyng therof lawfullye conuicted and attainted shall haue and suffer paynes of deathe and shall lose and forfayte their goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that yf anye person or persons, after the sayd feast of the natuity of our ladye next commynge, at anye tyme of the daye, that is to saye, betwene the tyme of the arrysyng of the sunne and the goyng downe of the same, with his face hid and couered with hood or viser, or with his face paynted, or hymselfe otherwise disguised, to the intent that he would not be knowen, wrongfully, take kyl, or slea any deere within any parke or closed ground vsed for deere, or to any haie or other nette, or wyth anye fyrret or purslnete anye of the conyes or rabbettes being within any parke or ground closed for maintenaunce or keping of deere, or in any place being a lawful warren except it be such person or persons, as hath or shal haue the keppyng, or be maister of the game of such parkes or grounde closed for deere, or that haue or shall haue the sayd coneies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe lawfully licenced so to do. Or yf any person or persons at any time of the night, that is to saie, betwen the

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time of going downe of the sunne, and arising of the same, take, kyll or slee, any deere, within any parke or closed grounde for deere, or with anye nape or other net, or with any first or pursenet, any of the conies or rabettes in any parke closed ground or warren, as is aboue written, except it be such person or persons, as hath or shal haue the keping, or be maisters of the game, of such parkes or closed groundes, or that haue or for deere shall haue the said conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe lawfullye lycenced so to do, & al such offences and euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felonye and the offendour & offendours therin, being therof lawfully attainted, shall haue and suffer such peines of death, and shal lose and forfaite their goods, and cattalles, landes and tenementes, as in cases of felonye by ye course of the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that no maner of person or persones, shall hereafter bee made deemed or taken by anye maner of meane, as accessorie or accessories to anye offendour or offendours, in any thinge aboue written, but onely suche person and persones as shal hereafter abette or procure any person or persons to commit or do any of the sayd offences aboue written contrary to this acte, whiche persone and persones so abetting or procuryng, shal (after suche offence done) by auctority of this acte be adiudged deemed and taken as accessory or accessories, in lyke maner as in cases of felony at the common lawe.

Prouided alway that any word article clause sentence forfaiture peine or punishment in the actes aboue wrytte declared, shall not in anye wise extend to any person or persons, that shal hunt take kyll or slea any conies or rabettes by day or by nyght, contrary to this acte, in any chases, forestes, or warrens of the kynges, the Quenes, the Princes, or of any other persons set lyeng and being within the kynges dominion of Wales, or in the borders against Scotland (The forest of Snowden in wales only excepted) any thing aboue written not withstanding.

Prouided also and be it enacted, that this acte, or any thing therin contryned, extend not to any person or persons, which shall not be lawfully endited or appeled of any of the offences aboue wrytte, within one yere after any such offence committed or done: this acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alway that this acte or anye thyng there in conteined, extend not to any parke enclosed grounde, vsed for deere heretofore had or made without the graunt or lycence of our soueraign lord the king, or of anye of his noble progenitours, or otherwise not alowed or approued of record, nor to any grounde hereafter to be emparked or enclosed for deere, by any of the kynges subiectes, nor to any grounde not nowe vsed as a warren, for or of any conies at this present time, nor to any person or persons beyng freholder, copiholder, lesse, for terme of yeres, for terme of lyfe, or any estate of inheritaunce, for or in any wyse concernyng takynge kylling or sleynge by any maner of meane, of any conies or rabettes, in or vpon any bu-

ry bath in his own ground or soyle, or elsewher within the same his ground or soyle dryng no hary, with bowe, arowe, sureet or pursuet: any thynges before in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

An acte concerning Sanctuaries priuileges of Churches and Churchyardes. Cap. iij.

AT the kynges most royal maiestie calling to his moste blessed remembraunce, howe that many vile and euell disposed persones within this his realme and in other his graces dominions, nothing regardynge the feare of God nor the punishment of the kynges lawes, heretofore haue don, and do dayly committe and perpetrate wylfully as well great, horrible and detestable murders, robberyes, as also other great and heynous offences, to the great displeasure of almighty god, to the subuersion of all good and politike order: wherunto such malefactors are partye instigated and moued, and the more bolde and wyllynge so to offend by certayne pretended priuileges and other libertyes heretofore graunted to diuerse places and territories within this his realme, commonly called Sanctuaries to which such wylfull offendours, heretofore haue had refuge and tuicion of their lyues and goodes, after the sayd mischeuous offences perpetrated & done, from the iust and condigne punishmēt of his graces lawes, with contempte to the expresse word of god, & the common tranquillity of this his graces realme and the publike weith & surety of the same. Wherfore his grace of his accustomed goodnes neither mynding the encouragyng nor continuall maintenaunce of suche myscheuous and wylfull malefactours and offendours, neyther again the vtter abolishment and extinguishment of all sanctuaries and the priuileges of the same, very expedient also conuenient to be had and continued in euery common weith, by the lawe of mercy, for some causes & offences.

The kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his highnes with the assent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that al maner of sanctuaries and places priuileged which heretofore haue ben vsed reputed or taken for any maner of sanctuary, except parishe churches, and their churchyardes, cathedrall churches, hospitalles, and churches collegiate and all chapelles dedicated & vsed as parishe churches, and the sanctuaries to them and euery of them belonginge, and except such places and territories, as hereafter shall be declared, appointed, & named, to be places of tuicion and priuilege by this present acte, shal be vtterly extinguyshed annulled voyde, and of none effect, for any suche libertye or priuilege of sanctuaries, to al purposes and intentes. Any lawes, statutes, customes, priuileges, prescripcions, allowāces or any other thing or thinges heretofore vsed or admitted to the contrary not withstanding.

And furthermore the kynges royal maiestie of his accustomed goodnes mercy & benignity is pleased & contented that it be enacted by auctorite of this

this present parliament, that from henceforth these places and territories hereafter expressed and declared, that is to say Welles in the county of Somerset, westm. Manchester, Northampton, Norwich, Yorke, Derby, and Lancestō, shalbe from henceforth admitted alowed and taken to be places of priuiledg and tuicion for terme of lyfe of & for all and singuler offendours and malefactors, of what so euer quality kind or natures all & euery their offences be or shalbe, for the which their sayd offences & crimes the peynes and punishmēt of deth should ensue by the statute, lawes or customs of this realme, other than such as hereafter by this present act be excepted and forprised, that is to say that it be enacted by thauctorite aforesayde that from hēcforth ỳ said parish churches or churchyardes, cathedrall churches, hospitals, churches colegiate & al other chappels dedicated, vsed as parish churches nor any of thē, nor ỳ Cemitories to them or any of thē belonging nor ỳ sayd places & territories before in this psēt act rehersed and declared for places of refuge and tuicion, shal not in any wise extend to geue any manet tuicion defence immunity, liberty or priuileg to any maner of person or persons, which at anye tyme hereafter shall perpetrate cōmit or do any manet of wilful murder, or which shal commit or do any ratishement of or to any womā, or which shal cōmit any maner of burgulary, or which shal cōmit or do any maner of robbery in ỳ high way or neare vnto ỳ same, or to any person which shal commit or do any robbery in any house, putting the owner hys wyfe, chylderen seruauntes, or anye other wythin the same in feare of life. And also excepted and forprised al felonious burnyng of houses or barnes with corn, & also al robberies of churches, chapels or other halowed places. And also forprised and excepted all and singuler abbetters, procurers and counsellores to any of the forsayde offences before specified and excepted before the said offences committed and done. And also excepted & forprised al other offendoures committyng or perpetratynge any offences where sanctuary or clergy is not allowable by the lawes of this realme, or wher Sanctuary or clergy is taken away by any former statute or lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctority aforesaid, that if at any time hereafter, any person or persons do take any refuge or sanctuary in any pary the churche or churchyarde, cathedrall church, hospitall, church collegeate or other chapel dedicate cōmonly vsed as parish churches or in the cemitory to any of them belonginge, for any offence, other then suche as be excepted & forprised by this act, that the the said person or persons, so taking sanctuary and refuge, shal & may abide and remaine ther by the space of xl. dayes, as hath ben heretofore vsed, vsing hym selfe in al poyntes, according to the lawes and statutes of the realme: onelesse the coroner in the meane tyme repayre vnto him for the taking of his abiuracion in which case vpon repaire of the said coroner, he shal and may abiure after the lawes and estatutes of this realme, to any of the saide territories and priuiledged places before named not being ful of the number, as hereafter to euerye of the sayde places by this acte shalbe appointed, there to abide and remayne durynge hys lyfe,

bsyng him selfe in such like order condicion and fashione in all thinges and poyntes as hertofore hath ben ordered and appoynted by the statutes and lawes of this realme, for and concerninge the good order of sainctuary persons to be observed vsed and kept within priuileged sanctuaryes, or els to lose the benefites of their sayde priuilege and vpon the penalties comprysed in the sayd estatutes.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if the cozoner of the shyre or place, wher any person or persones, shall take any refuge or sainctuarye in any of the sayd churches or churchyardes, cathedrall churches, hospitalles, churches collegiate chapelles dedicate commonlye vsed as parishe churches, or anye Cemitories to them or anye of them belonging, vppon reasonable requeste to hym made, do refuse to come in conuenient tyme vnto such persone beynge in Sainctuarye, as aforesayde ther to take hys confessyon and abiuracion, accordynge to the lawes of this realme that than the sayd cozoner for euery such defaulte shall lose and forfayt to our soueraygne lorde the kynge. C. s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorytye aforesayde that the Chauncellor of England for the tyme beyng within the space of one yere nexte folowyng, shal haue power and auctority by this acte, to award seuerall commissions vnder the kynges great seale of England, vnto suche discrete persons, as he shall thinke meete by hys discrecion to make parambulacions & to appoint set forth and limit certaynly how far and where the boundes & limites of euery of the sayde priuileged places and territories before rehersed, shall extend, and that the same bosides and limites so by the sayde commissioners to be setforth limitted and appoynted shalbe returned vnder the seales of the said commissioners into the kinges court of chancery ther to remaine of record for the certayne knowlege of the bosides & limites of ỳ said priuileged places and territories. And that after the same limitacions so to be made and returned, ỳ sayde priuileged places appointed by this acte shall serue and be alowed onely within ỳ same limites and boundes so returned and not elles wher within the residue of the citye or towne where suche lymittes shalbe appointed.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorytye aforsayde, that in euerye of the sayd priuileged places and territories the officer or gouernor of the sayd priuilege place and territory by the kinges highnes to be appointed, and euery of them, for the good gouernāce and ordring of ỳ same places and territories, shall dayly call or cause to be called by hym selfe or his deputie, all and euery of the said priuileged persons in euery of the sayd places and territories by their names and if any of the sayd priuileged persones doo make default iii. seuerall dayes together, and do not personally apeare at anye of the said iii. dayes, hauing no lawful excuse to the contrary that than euerye such priuileged person makinge default of his apparance, as is aforesayde shal lose and forfayt the priuelege of al and euery of the saide priuileged places and territories. Any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding

¶And further it is enacted that if any of the said abiured or priuileged persons within the time he shalbe in any of the said priuileged places or territories as a priuileged man, fortune to commit perpetrate or do any maner of felony or other offences, for the which ꝑ penalty of death should ensue by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that than euerye such offendour shall for euer lose the benefyte and priuiledge as well of the sayd place as of al other priuileged places and sanctuaries before named, any thing in thys acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶And it is further enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd that ther shal not be at any one tyme abouꝰ ꝑ nombre of .xx. of the said priuileged persons hereafter to be admitted and receiued into any one of the sayd priuileged places & territories aforesayd. And that if anye person hereafter do abiure to any of the saide priuileged places and territories accordyng to the purvey of thys acte the person so abiurying shal be led conducted, conueyed and brought from constable to constable directlye accordyng to the order of the lawes, heretofore vsed for the conductyng of abiured persons to their portes after their abiuracions vntill suche tyme as the sayde persone so abiurying, bee brought to the gouernour of the saide priuileged place whereunto he shall so be abiured, or to hys deputie, And if at the bringing thither of the sayde abiured person it shal appere and be truly declared by the regester ther to be kept of the names of the sayd priuileged persons than beinge in the sayde priuileged place, that the sayd priuileged place is than full of his saide nombre of the said priuiledged persons being than their lawfully priuileged, according to the purvewe of this acte: than the sayd gouernour of the sayde priuileged place or hys deputie shall declare and shewe vnto the sayde abiured person, so being brought thither, and to the sayde officer that bryngeth and conducteth hym thither that the sayd abiured person maye not be ther receyued for that that the sayde priuileged place is than all redye full of hys sayde number and therupon shall commaund the sayde constable or other officer to conducte leade and deliuer the sayde abiured person, to the constable or other officer or officers of the nert towne adioyninge to the sayde priuileged place ledyng directly towardes the nerte of the sayd other priuileged places or territoryes. And the same abiured person so to be delyuered from constable to constable officer or officers of euery townshyp, tendyge toward the same nert priuileged place vnto suche tyme as the same person be thither conducted & their deliuered to remayne as aforesayd. And ꝑ the gouernour of the sayde priuileged place where suche refusel was hadde or hys deputie shal make an entre i the said regester of the whole matter that is to saye what day and yere the sayd abiured person was brought thither vnto hym, and by what officer, and for what cause he did refuse the receyuyng of him, and to whych of the other sayd priuileged places the sayd abiured person was from thens appointed to bee brought conueighed & shal before the departure of ꝑ saide abiured person, deliuer to him a true copye of the said entre to thintent he may deliuer ꝑ same to the gouernor of ꝑ sayde

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other priuileged place, to the which he shall be conducted and brought, or to his deputie. And that the said gouernour of that same priuileged place, if that same place be not than full of his number as is afore rehersed, shall receiue the said abiured person vpon the sight of his sayde bill, there to remayne during his life as a priuileged person according to the purview of this statute. And that like order and faction be always obserued and kept for the conducting and conueying of all abiured persons from euery of the said priuileged places being full of their saide number, at the time of y bringing thither of any such abiured person to the next other of the sayde places, vntill such tyme as the said abiured person be receiued into on of the sayd priuileged places not hauing his full nũber according to the purview of this acte, And that euery gouernour of the saide priuileged places being negligent, and not doing his duty according to the purview of this acte, and euery constable and other of the kynges officers, refusyng to receiue or to conducte such abiured person as is afore said, shall forfait and lose to our said soueraigne lord the king for euery of their defaultes in y behalfe xl.s.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte nor any thing therin contayned, shall not extend or be taken to minishe or appaire, or to augmente or inforce the priuiledge or liberte, which any person or persons haue alredy taken, claymed, or obteined in any place or places within this realme heretofore vsed, allowed or admitted for places of sanctuarye priuiledge or tuicion, but the same to stand for them in like force and effecte neither better nor worse than it was before the making of this acte, any thing here in contained to y contrary hereof not withstandinge.

An acte concerning the breede of horses of higher statute. Cap. xiii.

Forasmuch as the generacion and breed of good and strong horses within this realme, extendeth not only to a great help of defence of the same, but also is a great commodite & profyt to thinhabitaũtes therof, which now is much decayed & diminished by reason that in forestes, chases, moores, marshes hethes, cõmons, and waste groũdes, within this realme lytel stoned horses and nagges, of small stature, & of lytel value be not onely suffered to pasture and feede therupon, but also to couer and reape mares, feedyng there, wherof commeth in maner no profyte or commodite. For reformacion wherof, and for thincrease and breed of better and stronger horses, hereafter to be had within this realme: Be it enacted by the king our soueraygne lord the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same that no commonour or commonours with in anye forreste, chase, moore, marshe, heathe, common, or waste groũde, nor anye officer or officers of or within any of the sayde forestes or chases, nor any other person or persons

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what so euer he or they be at any time after the laste daye of marche whiche shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god a thousand fiue hundred and three and fortye shal haue or put to pasture into or vpon any such grounde, forrest, chace, moore, marshe, heth, common or waste ground, any stoned horse or horses, being aboue the age of two yeres and not being of the altitude and heyght of fifteen handfull, to be measured from the lowest parte of the foote vnto the highest parte of the withers, euery handfull to contein.iiii. inches of the standerde, to pasture feede ne be in or vppon any of the sayd forrestes, chases, cõmons, moores, marshes, hethes, or waste groundes, within any of the shyres and territories of Norff. Suff. Cambridge, Buck. Huntyngdon, Leyc. Kent, Southamshyre, North. Lyncolne, Oxforde, Warr. Worcester, Glouceter, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde, Warwyke, Northhampton, Yorkeshyre, Cheshyre, Staffordshire, Pauntye of the citie of Yorke, the town and liberties of Glocester, the county of the town of Kingston vpon Hull, the county Palatine of Lancaster, the cõtie of Salop, Leycester, Herefordе, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to fede or pasture anye stoned horse or horses, beinge aboue the sayd age of two yeres, and not beyng of the altitude and heyght of foure handfull to be measured, as is aboue said; within or vpon any lyke ground or groundes as ben aboue written, lyeng or beynge within anye other shire of this realme, nor within any of the, vpon peyne of forfeyture of the sayde horse or horses, whiche shalbe so founde in or vppon anye suche grounde forrest, chase, moore, marsh, heth, commõn or waste grounde, at anytyme after the sayde laste day of Marche, whyche shalbe in the sayde yere of our lord God a Thousande fiue hundred and three and fortye contrarye to the fourme of this estatute. And it shalbe lawful to euerye person and persones that shal fynd anye suche horse or horses, contrarye to the fourme of thys estatute, to seyse the same in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say, the sayd person and persons so fyndyng any horse or horses, contrarye to thys acte in any forrest, chase, cõmon, moore, marish, heth, or waste ground within the sayd shyres or other limites aforesayd, or in any of them, shall fyrste go vnto the keper or kepers of the same forrest or chase, to hys deputy or deputies or to the constable, bayliffe, headborough, borsholder, or tythyng man of any townes hyppe next adioyning vnto the sayde place where the saide horse or horses shall be. And shall commaunde, or require hym or them or any of them, in the kynges behalfe, to goe with hym or them, to bryng euery suche horse or horses, as he or they shall thinke to be there feeding and goyng, contrary to this estatute, to the nexte pounde, and there the said horse and horses to be measured by anye of the same officer or officers in the presence of three other honest men to be named and appoynted by the sayd officer, and if it so bee founde that the same horse or horses bee contrary to this act, that than it shall be lawfull to euery suche person and persons that so shall chaleng and sease the saide horse or horses as before is sayd, to take and retain the same horse and horses, or euery of them, to hys

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owne vse, and his owne proper goodes and cattalles for euer, without let, interrupcion, veracion, suite or trouble of the owner or owners of them, or any of them, or of any other person or persons.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritye aboue sayde, that yf anye of the sayde kepers, their deputy or deputies, bayliffes, constables, hedboroughes, burshelders, or tythyng men, or any of the sayde three other honest men, which shall be required to be at the meeting of the sayde house or houses, as is before sayde, do refuse to do as is aforesayde, or els doe not truly measure such house and houses, that then euerye suche bayliffe keaper, deputye or deputies, constable, hedborough, burholder, and tythyng man, and the said three honest persones to be named as is aforesayd and euery of them not doyng, and refusing to do hys or their duty in the premisses shall forfayte and lose .xl.s. for euery tyme so refusynge to do, or not doyng as is aforesaid, the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lord the king, & the other halfe therof to be to the party that will sue for the same, in any courte of our sayd soueraign lord the kyng by bill, or plaint of debt, information, or other wise, in whiche action none essoyne, wager of lawe, or protection shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte shall not extende to anye stoned house or houses, that shall happen ones in any yere after the sayd last daye of March, to brake escape or go out of any seuerall pasture or ground against the will and mynde of the owner or possessour of suche house or houses, in any of the said forestes, chases, moores, marshes, hethes, commons or waste grounds, so that the sayd house or houses, so breakyng, escapyng, or goyng oute do not remayne or abide in ye said forestes, chases, moores, marshes, hethes, commons or waste grounds, or any of them, by the space of foure dayes next after sufficient and open notice and knowledge gyuen at the dwellyng house of the owner of the sayd house or houses, or of the open publicacion therof made, vpon a sonday, or other festiuall day, in the parish churche where the owner or possessour of such house doth dwell.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritye aforesayde, that all forestes, chases, commons, moores, marshes, hethes, and waste grounds, within this realme of England and Wales, and the marches of the same and euery of them, shalbe diuen at the feast of saint Michaell tharchaungel next comming or within .xv. dayes than next after, & so yerely to be diuen by the lordes owners or possessours of the sayde forestes, chases, or by the officers of the same, and by the constables, hedboroughes, bayliffes, burholders, and tythinge men within whose offices and precinctes and limites, the commons, moores, marshes, hethes and waste grounds, bring out of forestes and chases, be or lye vpon peine of .xl.s. to be forfayted to oure sayde soueraign lord the kinge by euery of the sayde officers, bailiffes, constables, hedboroughes, burholders, and tithinge men, as often and at euerye time, as the said diuise shalbe omitted or left vndone, or not effectually done within .xv. dayes after the said feast of saincte Michael tharchāgel as is afore-

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said. And it shall also be lawful to the said lordes, owners and possessioners of the said forestes and chases, by their officers of the same, and by the constables, bailiffes, hedboroughes, burholders and tithyng men, and euerye of them, within the limytes of their offices, to make lyke drifte of the sayde forestes, chases, commõs, moores, marishes, heathes and waste groũdes at any other season and tyme of the yeare, whan so euer and as often as they shall thinke meete and conuenient.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that if in anye of the sayde dryftes there shalbe founde any mare filly fole or geldyng that then shalbe thought not to be hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to beare foales of resonable stature, or not hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to do profitable labours, by the discretions of the dronours aforesaide or of the more number of thẽ, thã the same driuour or driuours shal cause the same vnprofitable beastes and euery of them to be kylled, and the bodies of them to be buried in ỹ grouñd, or otherwise bestowed, as no noisance therby shall come or growe to the people, ther nere enhabityng or thither resortyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliamente, that the Justices of peace in euerye shyre ridyng, and other place in theyr quarter sessions to be kepte and holden by vertue of the kynges commissiõ of the peace to them directed, and all stewardes of leetes and lawdayes in the same leetes and lawdays, shal haue auctorite by this acte to enquyre of defaultes, contemptes, omissions, and offences, contrary to the effectes aboue writtẽ, and euery of them. And all presentmentes therof to be found in any of the sayd leetes and lawdays, shalbe certified by the stewarde or deputy, stuarde or courtholder of the same leete or lawday in the nexte generall sessions of the peace to be holden in the countye where suche presentmente shalbe found or had, or vnto the Custos Rotulorũ of the same shire, within xl. daies nexte after that presentment made which Justices of peace in their quarter sessions of the peace shall haue power and auctorite by thys acte to here and determin euery such presentment before them selfe founde. or in any of the sayde leetes or lawdayes to bee presented and certified as is aforesayde, aswell by examinacione as otherwise and if anye suche stuarde deputy, stuarde or courtholder aforesayde, imbesyll or conceale anye suche presentment, or do not certifie the same as is afore written, euerye of them so offendyng shall forfaite and lose for euery suche offence. xl.s. Thone halfe of euerye suche forfayture, and euerye other of the forfaitures afore written, to be to the kynge oure soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to the persone or persones that will sue for the same, before the sayde Justices of peace in their sayde quarter sessions by byll or informacion whiche Justices shal haue ful power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to here and determine euery such offence, as well by examinacion as otherwyse, as is before mencioned.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that no pson or persones, after the feast of saynct Michael tharchaungel nexte commyng, shall

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haue or put to paſture anye horſes, geldynge or mare infecte with ſcabbe or mangie, in to or vppon anye of the ſayde foreſtes, chaces, moores, maryſhes hethes commons waſte groundes, or common feldes: vppon payne to forfayte for euerye horſe, geldinge, or mare ſo infecte, paſturynge in anye of the ſaide goundes, ten ſhillinges. whiche offence ſhall be inquirable and preſentable before the ſtuard in euery leete, as other common annoiſances be And the forfaiture therfore to be to the lord of the ſame leete, wher the ſaid offences ſhalbe preſented.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte or any thinge therin contayned, ſhall not extende nor be preiudiciall to any perſon or perſones, hauing anye ſtoned horſe & horſes vnder the heyghtes, and altitudes aboue mencioned, for or concerning the hauing or putting any of the ſayde horſes to feedynge in or vpon any common or other waſte groundes, where anye mares or fillyes not vſed nor ſuffered to be fedde paſtured or kepte.

An acte for maintenaunce of the nauy of England, and for certaine rates of fraightes. Cap. xiiii.

FOraſmuche as it is euidently and notoriouſlye knowen, that the more parte of this our ſouereigne lord the kynges realme of England, and the confines and dominions of the ſame is and hath bene compaſſed and enuironned by and with the great ſeas, ſo that neither the kynges liege people and ſubiectes of thys hys ſayde realme, nor yet any others of any forren realmes or countreis can or maye conuey or tranſport their wares goodes marchandiſes and commodites in to and from the ſayd realme, by ouer or alonges the ſayd ſeas, but onely, by ſhyppes. And wher the nauy or multitude of ſhyppes of this realme in tymes paſte hath bene and yet is very profitable requiſite, neceſſary and commodiouſe, as well for the entercourſe and concourſe of marchantes tranſporting and conueyng their wares and marchandiſes as is aboueſayde, and a greate defence and ſuretie of this realme in the time of warre, as well to offend as defende, and alſo the maintenaunce of many maiſters mariners and ſea men, makyng them expert and connyng in the arte and ſcience of ſhyppmen and ſailyng, and they, theyr wyues and chyldren haue hadde theyr lyuynges of and by the ſame, and alſo hath bene the cheife maintenaunce and ſupportacion of the cities townes villages hauens and crekes nere adioignyng vnto the ſea coaſtes and the kynges ſubiectes bakers, bruers, bouchers, ſmithes, ropers, ſhyppwrightes, tailours ſhoemakers, and other victailers and handy craftes men, inhabityng and dwellynge nere vnto the ſayde coſtes, haue alſo hadde by the ſame a great parte of theyr lyuenges, and the ſame nauy and multitude of ſhyppes is nowe of late meruailouſely appaired and decaied, and by occaſion therof not onely a great multitude of the kynges lieges people, whyche thereby hadde theyr lyuynge be now miniſhed and empoueryſhed, but alſo the townes. vyllages

ges and inhabitacions nere adioyning vnto the sea coostes bene vtterly fallen in ruine and decay. For reformacion wherof it was ordayned & enacted by a statute made in the fifte yeare of the raign of the right noble king Richarde the seconde, that none of the kynges liege people shoulde shyppe marchandise in any other ship than in an englishe ship, vppon peine of forfaiture of the said marchandise so shippid. And after that by one other estatute made in the syxte yere of ỳ saide most noble kyng it was enacted that for default of englith shippes euery man myght ship their marchandises in straungers shippes. And after that at a parliament holden at westminster the fourth yere of the late noble kynge of famous memorie kynge Henrye the. viii. it was ordeined and enacted that no person should carye or bryng any wines of Gascoigne or Guien or Tolose woad into England: Wales, Ireland, Caleys, or the marches therof or Barwike but al onelye in shyppes of England, wales, Ireland, Caleys, or marches therof or Barwyke & that the maister and mariners of the same shippes or the most parte of thē should be of the same countries, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same wyne and woade. And after at a parliament holden at westm. the fiftene daye of January, in the. xxiii. yere of the most noble reigne of our now soueraigne lorde, kynge Henry the eight, it was ordayned and enacted that the sayde estatutes, and euery thing in them cōteined shoulde stād in their ful strēgth force and effecte: So that from hencefoorth no person shoulde attempte to do contrary to the tenours of any of the saide estatutes vppon the peine conteined in the same as in the same statutes is more plainlye expressed & declared. Yet notwithstanding diuers and sundry persons not regardinge the maintenance of the said nauy nor yet the commodities and profite cōmynge and growynge vnto thys realme by occasione of the same for theyr owne singuler lucre and aduantage haue not feared nor dreade to offende the sayde lawes and good ordinaunces. Wherfore the kynges maiestye hauyng great zeale and tendre respecte vnto the common wealth of thys his realme, willeth that it be enacted by thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same that the said estatutes and al and euery thyng in theym conteigned, be stande and continewe in their full strength force and effecte So that from hencefoorth no person or persons shall attempt to do any thinge contrary to the tenours and effectes of the sayde goode and lawdable estatutes, vpon the peines in the same conteygned and expressed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite abouesayde that from hencefoorth the owners maisters and pursers of Englishe shippes or other vessels hauyng the same their shippes or vessels at the porte and hauen of the ryuer of Thamys at London and beynge mynded purposed or agreed to take any freight or ladynge at the same porte into any of the sayde shyppes or vessels and from thense to saile with the same directely vnto anye of the partyes of beyonde the sea, hereafter named, expressed, and specified, or to any hauen porte or rode of charge or discharge: Or hauyng the same their

shyppes or vessels at anye of the sayde partyes of beyonde the sea and beyng contented, mynded, agreed or purposed to take anye freight or lodynge frō any of the same places of beyond the sea directly vnto the sayde porte or hauen of the sayde riuer of Thamys at London, or to the rode of charge or discharg of the same, shal not at any tyme hereafter by any maner of mean take or receiue anye more or greatter summe or summes of money for the freight transportacion conueiance or cariage of any wares goodes or marchaundices in their shippe or shippes, vessell or vessels, into or from anye of the saide hauens or orders of charge or discharge, but onely such summe or summes of money, and after the rate quantity and faction, as hereafter in thys present acte is mencioned and declared.

¶ First for the freight of euerye woollen clothe shipped from London to Flaunders. viii. d. flemmishe, and a piece of flemmishe money called an Englyshe for lodemanage and for primage of euerye fardell of woollen clothe great or smalle. iiii. d. flemmishe.

¶ Also from Flaunders to London for the freighte of euerye fardell of the byggest sorte, xx. s. sterl, discendyng downwarde to. xvi. s. xiii. s. iiii. d. x. s. or viii. s. after the rate and quantitye of euerye suche fardell, as the owner shypmaister or purser can agree.

¶ Also for the freight of a maunde of the biggest sorte, vi. s. viii. d. sterlyng. and discending downwardes after the rate and quantitye of euerye suche maund, as the marchaunt and owner shypmaister or purser can agree.

¶ Also for the freight of a dyze fatte of the biggest sorte. vi. s. viii. d. sterlyng and so discending downwardes after the rate of euerye such dyze fate, as ỹ marchaunt and owner shypmaister or purser can agree.

¶ Item for euery rase of velvet, contewyng xiiii. pieces velvet. v. s. Item for a bale of saies of. vi. sote high. v. s. Item for a bale of fustian. xx. d. Item for a bale of chamblet. xx. d. Item for a bale of Colein hempe or threde ii. s. Item for a bale of madder. ii. s. Item for a bale of almondes. ii. s. Item for abutte of currantes. iii. s. iiii. d. Item for abarrel of nailes. ii. s Item for a trussing cheste. ii. s. Item for a suger cheste. ii. s. Item for a tunn of yron. ii. s. Item for a hoggshead of proynes and dates. xx d. Item for a bag of pepper lowse xx. d. Item for euery hundreth hoppes. vi. d. Item for a flaskett of sope. iiii. d. Item for pieces of brasel as they be of bignes, for euerye pece. i. d. with al auerages lodemanage and primage of olde tyme accustomed in Englyshe shyppes.

¶ Item from London to Daunsk the owner of every shippe shall haue viii. d, sterlyng for the freight of euerye broade woollen cloth freyghted to Daunske and for euery set cloth. iiii. d. sterling. Item for euery rolle packe or maunde of copp skynnes. xviii. s. sterlynge, and so discendynge downewardes after the biggenes of the rolle or maunde as the marchauntes and owners haue ben accustomed to agree. Item for primage of euery fardell towarde Daunske iiii d. sterling.

¶ From Daunske to London for euery laste of wheat and rie. xx vi. s. viii. d

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¶Item for euery packe, or two halfe packes of flare. xx.s. Item for euerye packe of canuas. xxx.s. Item for euery last of pitche and tarre, accomptyng xiiii. barelles for a last. xii.s. Item for a last of aſhes, accompting xiiii. barrels for a last. xi.s. Item for euerye last of oſmondes accomptyng. xiiii. barrels for a last. viii.s. Item for euery xxiiii. bundelles of bowſtaues. xxvi.s. viii.d Item for euery neſt of compters, xviii.s. Item for euery last of faggottes of yron iiii.s.

¶Item for euery fatte of ſturgeon. ii.s. Item for euery fatte of yeles. ii.s. Item for euery cage of yeles. iiii.d. Item for euery facke of fethers weiyng iv.C. weight. euery. C. xviii.d. Item for euery ſtraw of war, of. xvi C. weight xiiii.s. Item for lodemanage of euery last of the ſayd marchaundices. vi.d. ſterling. And for the yrimage of euery last. iiii d. ſterlyng.

¶Item frō Burdeux to London for euery tunne of wyne at the firſt vintage, accomptinge two yppes. iiii. hoggſheades, or. vi. terſes for a tunne, xviii.s. Item for the freight of euery tun of wyne at the racke vintage. xvi.s Item for euery tunn of Toloſe woad, accompting. viii. whole bales, or. xvi. di. bales for a tunne xx.s. with lodemanage & yrimage, and al auerages of olde tume accuſtomed after the olde vſe and cuſtome of engliſhe ſhyppes.

¶From Londō to Byſkay outward & homeward, the marchants which take freight in any ſhippe ſhal haue for euery. v. tonnes, a fardell of wollencloth, conteining. xviii. broode clothes freight free, and to pay for euery cloth laden beſides in the ſame ſhyp. lxx. maruadies, which is. xi. d. and the thyrde parte of a peny ſterlyng. And for euery tunne homewardes. xiii.s. iiii.d.

¶And for yrimage and lodemanage of euery tunn. vi.d. ſterlynge with all auerages accuſtomed, after the olde vſe and cuſtome of engliſhe ſhyppes.

¶From London to all portes of Portingale and South Spaine on this ſide the ſtraites for the freyght of euerye packe or fardell of. xvi. broode clothes. ii. ducketts of. v.s. ſterlyng the piece. Alwayes yrouided that the marchant that taketh freight in any ſhip freighted from the ſayde port of London to any of theſe places, ſhall haue for euery. v. tunne freight, one fardell or packe of. xv. broode wollen clothes freyght free. And for yrimage & lodemanage of euery fardell. v.d. ob. ſterlyng, wyth all auerages after the olde vſe and cuſtome of Engliſhe ſhippes.

From Tauyſe Aymountey, and Lepe, for the freight of euerye tunne marchaundyſes to London. xx.s. ſterlynge, and. vi.d. ſterlynge for lodemanage and yrimage, with all auerages accuſtomed after the olde vſe and cuſtome of engliſhe ſhips. Alſo for the freight of euery tunne marchandiſes freighted to ſaincte Lukeis de Barromeda, ſaincte Mary port, the bay of Candyz towardes Londō (peſterable wares only excepted) xxi.s. ſter. and for lodemanage and yrimage. vi.d. ſter. wyth al auerages of old tyme accuſtomed after the olde vſe and cuſtome of engliſhe ſhyppes.

¶Alſo the freight of euery tunne marchandiſes from the Crane of Ciuile directlye to London (peſterable wares onelye excepted) xviii.s. ſterlynge.

¶And for yrimage and lodemanage. vi.d. ſterlyng, wᵗ all auerages accuſto-

med after the olde vse and custome of Englishe shyps.

Also for the freight of euery tunne marchandises from Malaga to London (pesterable wares onely excepte) xvb.s.ster. And for primage & lodmanage, vi.d.ster. of euery tunne, with all auerages accustomed after ỳ olde vse and custome of Englishe shyppes.

And further be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid that yf any owner maister or purser of shyp or vessel of this realme or the dominions thereof or any of them beinge freighted vnto or from the sayde hauen or porte or the riuer of Thamis or any of the places aboue rehersed doe eracte or take of any marchant or his factour, seruant or any of them, any other more or larger freight or summes of money in the name of freighte than is aboue ymitted and appoynted by this acte, or otherwyse infring or breake ỳ same acte or any thynge therin conteyned that than euery suche person and persons so offendyng contrary to the forme of this estatute shall forfayte and lose double so much as he or they shall so receiue and take ouer and aboue the rate and summes before rehersed the one halfe therof to bee to our soueraigne lorde the kynge hys heyres and successours and the other halfe therof to be to any such person or persons that wyll sue for the same by actione of det byl information or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes of record: In which action no essoine protection ne wager of lawe shall bee allowed or admitted in any of the courtes aboueseyde.

Prouyded alwaies that this acte ne anye thinge therin conteyned or specified, concerning the said rates or summes for the freight aboue rehearsed shal not extende to binde or charge any owners maisters, pursers, or mariners of any ship or vessel for the freightinge or ladinge thereof into or from any porte or hauen within this realme of England, other than the said port of London in maner and fourme before specifyed.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that at what time any warre shal happē to bee moued or had betwen thys realme of England and any other exteritour potentates, foreyne princes, theyr realmes or subiectes, or betwene any other outward kingdomes or dominions, by occasion and meanes wherof the sayd owners shalbe more charged for the furniture of their shyppes and vesselles, as well with vitailes more numbre of men and artillary, for the suer conducting, conueiance, and trāsportacion of the marchandises goodes, & wares ladē in the same, that than it shal be lawful to the same owners, to receiue, take, and haue suche more and greater summe or summes of money, ouer and aboue the rates aforesayde for the freight of theyr shyppes and vesseles, as the marchauntes and they shalbe agreed vpon: any thinge or thynges conteyned and limitted in the sayd rate specified in this present acte, or anye other thinge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctority aboueseyde, that yf at any tyme hereafter it shalbe cōcluded, couenanted, bargayned, cōdiscēded or agreed betwene any marchantes theyr factours & seruantes or any of thē,

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and any owner maister or purser of anye shyppe or vessell of this realme or the dominions of the same that any suche owner maister or purser be contented to receiue take and haue any lesse sum or summes of money, vnder the rates aboue said, for the freight of their shippes and vessels, as aboue said: that than euerye such conclusion couenant bargain condiscent and agreement shall stand and be good and effectual any thing or thynges limitted in ỳ said rate specified in this present acte, or any other thing or thinges in the same acte conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And where also our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge of hys owns bounteous liberall mynde and princelye discretion nowe of late hath commaunded that no person nor persones beynge straungers or denisens, conueiyng or transporting any goodes wares or marchandises into any porte, creke or other place of this realme, or out of the same, should for a certayne tyme paye any other more or larger custome and subsidie than hys graces louynge and naturall subiectes than vsed and wer accustomed to do and paie at that present tyme (custome and subsydie for wolles onelye excepted) sens which commaundement so gyuen and knowen, sondry grieuous complaintes haue bene made as well to the kinges maiestie as also to his most honorable counsayle by dyuers of hys graces louynge subiectes, that the marchauntes estrangers and their factours haupnge exercysynge benefyte, profite, comoditye by reason of the sayde commaundemente, haue doone and doe dayly lade and conueigh theyr goodes wares and marchaundises broughte within this realme, from and out of the same, in and vpon strangers shyppes of other realmes, in such number at sundrye portes, hauens, ryuers and places of this realme and the dominions of the same, that the owners of shyppes their maisters mariners, seamen shypwrightes, and great multitude of other his graces subiectes be greatly impouerysshed, to their extreme losses and damages wherby no littell detrimente and decaye hath and is lyke to ensue to the sayde nauye of thys hys graces realme of England and the dominions therof. For reformacion wherof hys royall maiestye of his most excellent wisedome and policy forseing the discommoditye as wel of his sayd nauy as of the people and with most godly mynde intendynge as wel the common wealth of his graces said nauy and people, as also ỳ successe and effecte of his sayde commaundement dothe enacte by his most royall assent and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parlyamente assembled and by the auctoritye of the same that from henceforyth al and euery person and persons that is or be straungers, or aliens borne out of this realme of Englande or in any other place out of our sayde souereigne lorde the kynges obeysaunce beyng denizens or not denizens, theyr factours, attorneis, ministers and seruantes, that anye tyme hereafter do lade or shall cause to be laden anye wares, goodes or marchaundises of what kynde, nature or qualytye, so euer it shall be, in any shyppe botome or vessell of thys realme of Englande, commonlye called an englyshe shyppe bottom or vessell duryng the tyme

in the sayd proclamation conteined shall not bee compelled to paie or cause to be payd any other custome or subsidie, but onely accordyng to the said proclamacion. And in case that any stranger or alien borne out of this realme of Englande, or other our said soueraigne lorde the kynges obeysaunce, being denizen or not denizen, at any tyme hereafter freight or lade or cause to be freighted or laden any shippe bottom or vessel of any straunger or outlandyshe person with any wares or marchandise from thys realme of Englanl to any outward parties that thā the same stranger or alien shal content and pape, or cause to be contented and paied to the king our soueraign lorde his heires and successours all suche and lyke customes and subsidies as straungers and aliens borne in other realmes haue vsed to pape, accordynge to the auncient customes vsages and lawes of thys realme of Englande: any thynge in this present acte, or in the said proclamacion conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwayes that if there bee no such shyppe or vessell of thys realme of England or the dominions of the same, at or in the porte hauen or place where the sayde straungers, aliens or denizens their seruauntes or factours would freight and lade their wares and marchandises towardes the outwarde regions that than yf the sayde straungers or denizens their factours attorneies or seruantes before he or they do lade freight or conuey the same goodes wares commodittes or marchandises into any strang or strangers shyp or vessell doe notifie and declare the same lacke or wante of the same englishe shippes and vessels vnto the lorde highe admyrall of Englande for the tyme being, or his lieutenant deputy, or deputies, if that anye of them be resiant at or in the same porte or place of ladyng: or if the sayde lord high admirall, ne any such his lieutenant, deputye, or deputies, bee not resiant at or in the sayd port or place, than yf they make notice or declaracion therof to the custom erand comptroller, of the same porte or hauen, or to theyr deputy or deputies, and do obtayne and cause a certificat to be made vnder the seale of him, to whom suche notice and declaracion is made of lacke of Englyshe shyppes, as is aboue sayd: that than it shall be lawefull to the strangers and denizens, theyr factours and attourneys, for lacke and wantyng of the sayd Englishe shippe and vessels, to freight and lade their sayde wares and marchandises in anye straunge shyppe or vessell, at that time being in the same porte or hauen, and to pay none other subsidies and customes therfore, but as the englishe marchauntes being the kinges naturall subiectes, do vse and oughte to do by the lawes and customes of thys realme of England, any article or clause to the contrary therof in thys present acte conteined in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctority aboue said, that al & enery owner and owners, maister and maisters, and other gouernours of English shippes or vessels, or any of them minding and intending to make any voyage or sayling from the porte of London, into the parties beyond the seas with his or their shippe or vessell, shall make publyke notyce and declaration of

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his or their sayde minde and intent of sailyng and voiage in writinge and affix the same writyng vnto some poste or other open place or places in Lī-berdstrete there to remayn by the space of seuen dayes declarynge in the same writig, to what place or port he or they shal so intēde to saile or make hys or their voiage, and of the name of the shyp and shyppes in the whiche he or they intende to saile to thentente that marchauntes maye haue perfyte knowledg to prepare suche wares as they or anye of therm wyll haue conueied into such parties beyond the seas: And all so that the sayde owner and owners maister and maisters and other gouernours or any of theim intende or make his or their departure from the said port of London after the straightinge or ladynge of the same shyppe or shyppes at such tyme and as soone as winde and wether will serue, according to the charter partie to be made betwen the said owner or maister and the marchantes without protracte of tyme.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctority abouesayde that the sayde owner and owners maister and maisters and other gouernour or gouernours of shyppes and euery of them, to his or their power, and forasmuch as in hym or theym shall be, shall see and prouide that all wares and marchandises, which shall be by the said marchauntes their factours or seruantes or any of them brought into any shyp or vessell, shall bee honestlye and in good order saued and kepte.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by thauctority abouesaid that yf any marchant straunger or other finde hym selfe agreued or dampnified by negligent keping of the saide marchandises or wares or by longe delayinge or protractyng of the tyme in takyng the voiage by the saide owner his factor maister or any the mariners of the sayd shyp otherwyse than shalbe agreed betwyxt the saide marchāt his factor attorney or seruāt & maister or owner in or by the said charter party (not being letted by wind or wether) shall & may haue his remedy by way of complaint before the lorde admirall of England for the tyme beinge hys lieutenant or depute against the saide owner or owners, maister or maisters, gouernour or gouernours or hys or theyr factour or factours: which lorde admirall for the tyme beyng, hys lieutenant or deputy shall and may summarily and without delay take suche order and direction therin, as shalbe thought to his or their discretions moste conuenient and according to right and iustice in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, extende not to giue any liberty licēce benefit auctority profite or aduantage by any maner of meanes, to any person or persons borne out of this realme of Englāde or any other our souerraign lorde the kynges dominions or for the shippyng transporting conueiyng or cariyng of any maner of wolles or felles out of the saide realme and other his highnes dominions or for any longer time or terme than in the said proclamacions & cōmandemēt is expressed and declared any thing in this present act to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

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acte ne any thyng therin conteined ertend or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtful to the marchants of ỳ Hanse in Almeine, hauyng the house in Lõdon commõly called Guihalda Theutonicorum or otherwise called ỳ Stylliarde, but that thei and euerye of them maye dooe in all thynges and in all places as thei and euery of them should or might haue done before the makyng of this acte and as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng. So that the same marchantes do onely lade in such bottoms, vesselles and shippes, as belong to and bee of their owne portes, terrytoryes, and dominions priuileged, or in englyshe bottoms vessels or shyppes, and for lacke of the same englyshe shypes or bottomes than they and euery of them may lade in any strange bottoms, vessels or shyppes, after suche lyke forme and maner, as they might doe before the makyng of this acte: any thynge conteined in the same to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaye that the lorde admirall nor his deputye nor deputies shal in any wise intermitte ne meddle with the liberties of the .v. portes & the mẽbres of the same, to execute any auctority or iurisdiction to him grãted by vertu of this acte, but that the warden of the said fiue portes for the tyme beinge or his deputy shall or may by thauctorytye aforesayde, haue and enioy al such auctorityes iurisdictiõs and liberties within the said .v. ports and membres of the same as ben graunted to the sayde highe Admirall by vertue of this acte within any other porte or place within thys realme, any thyng within thys present acte to ỳ contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte concerning archbishopes, bishops their chauncellours cõmissaries archdeacons & their officials to be in the commyssion of ỳ acte concernyng thabolicion of erronious opinions in christen religion. Cap. xv.

WHether in the parlyament holden and begun at Westminster, the .xviii. daye of Aprill, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the .viii. and there continued vntill the .xviii. day of June than nexte folowynge, amonges diuers other thynges a godlye acte was made by auctority of the same parliament touchinge the abolishment of diuersite of opinions concernynge christian religyone, and for the full and effectuall execution of the same acte, it was than and there enacted by the same auctority that immediately after the .xii. daye of July than nexte following, diuers and sundry commissions should be made from time to time into euery shyre within this realme and wales, and into suche other places within the kynges dominions as shoulde please hys maiesty to bee directed to the archebyshope or byshope of the dioces, and to his chauncellour and commissary, and to such other persons as should be named by the kynges highnesse or by suche other as hys maiestye at hys pleasure should apoinct to name the same. Whiche archebishoppe or byshoppe, his chauncellour or commissarie, and other persons so to bee named

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or three of them at the leaſt, wherof the archebyſhop or biſhop or his chauncellour or his commiſſary to be one, ſhoulde holde and keape theyr ſeſſions in the limmites of their commiſſion. iiii. ſeueral times, of the yere at the leaſt or oftener, if they ſhould thinke it expedient by their diſcreſcions, and ſhould haue power and auctority by vertue of the ſayde acte, and theyr commiſſion as well to take informacion and acculacion by the othes and depoſicions of twoo able and lawful perſonnes at the leaſt, as to enquyre by the othes of twelue men, of al and ſinguler the hereſies, felonies and contemptes and other offences mencioned and declared in ỳ ſame acte, committed done, or perpetrated within the limites of their comiſſions, as by the ſame acte among other thinges therin conteined more at large it doth and maye appere. And for ſo much that as wel the dioceſe of the ſee of yorke as other dioceſes within this realme, bene very wide and large, extending into dyuers ſhyres, and beene deuided into ſeuerall riddinges, wapentakes and ſokes, and in euery one of them, bene and heretofore vſually haue beene, particular commiſſions for the peace, and alſo in diuers of the ſayde dioces bene diuers peculiar iuriſdictions of ordinarye powers, by reaſon wherof the archbyſhops and byſhops, chauncellours and commiſſaries, or any of them, being in the Quorum, in the ſayde commiſſions concerninge chriſtien religyon, made accordynge to the ſayde acte, can not conuenientlye be at ſuche ſeſſions as neceſſarily be to be holden by vertue of the ſame commiſſiones, becauſe of the long diſtaunce of the places, where theſe ſeſſions beene to be holden within the ſayd dioces, accordyng to the tenour of the ſayd acte. Wherby diuers of the ſame ſeſſions haue ben omitted or differred, contrary to the true meaning of the ſayd acte. For reformacion wherof bee it enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, wyth the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and by the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that in all and ſinguler commiſſions, hereafter to be made within this realme, Wales or other the kinges dominions from time to time concerninge the premiſes, there ſhall bee aſſygned to be commiſſioners with the archebyſhop or byſhop, chauncellour or commiſſarye, the archdeacons and officials of euery dioceſe, and archedeacons iuriſdictions, and ſuche other perſon or perſons, as it ſhal pleaſe the kynges highnes or the chauncellour of England for the time beynge, to name and appoynct to be of the Quorum. which ſayd archbyſhop or byſhops, chauncelloures, commiſſaries, and officials of archedeacons and other ſuche perſon and perſons, ſo to be named by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, or by the chauncelloure of Englande for the tyme beinge, ſhall haue by force of this acte and ſuche commiſſione to theym hereafter to be made and directed, the ſame and like power and auctorite, to do and execute all thynges declared in the ſayde acte and ſtatute, to all intentes and purpoſes, and in as ample and large maner and fourme, as the ſayd archbyſhoppe, byſhope, chauncellour and commiſſarye or any of them, maye or ought to do by vertue of the ſayd former acte or commiſſion to them made or directed.

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¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctozitye afozesayde, that all and euerye commission and commissions hereafter to be made & directed to any archbyshoppe, byshoppe, chauncellour, commissary, archedeacon and officiall of archedeacon, oz to anye of theym, foz the execution of the premisses by the same names oz dignitye of office: that is to saye, archbyshoppe, byshoppe, chauncellour, commissary, archdeacon, and official of archedeacon, oz of any of them, omitting and leauing out theyr christien names and surnames, shalbe good and effectuall in the law, to al ententes & purposes And that they and euery of them, and euery successour of euery of them, in euery such dignitie and office, shall haue by the same name of dignity and office ful power and auctozity to heare and determine, to award & execute all thinges conteyned in euery such commission to theym directed, in lyke maner and fourme as they myght haue done, if they had ben named by their chrystien names and surnames with additions of theyr dignityes oz offices full expressed in the same commission. And that euerye suche commission shall extende and be executed alwel within euerye peculiar iurisdiction and place priuileged, oz hauinge libertyes oz fraunchises (and beinge no shyre in it selfe) being oz lienge within the dioces and shire oz other limitte specyfyed in anye suche commission, as elz where without the same.

¶ An acte concerning straungers Cap. xvi.

THe kynge our moste dzade soueraygne lozde, callyng vnto his blessed remembzaunce the infinite number of straũgers and aliens, of forein countries & nacions, which daylye do encrease & multyplye wythin hys graces realme and dominions in excessiue numbers to the greate detriment, hinderance, losse, and impouerishmente, of hys graces naturall lieges and subiectes, of this his realme, and to the great decaye of the same remembzing also the manifolde actes and good statutes, whiche haue bene heret ofoze made, as well by his most noble progenitoures as by his owne most royall maiestye foz reformacion of the same in diuers and sundzy parlyamentes, that is to wyt: Fyrst in the fyrst peare of the raigne of king Rychard the thyzde, where it was enacted, that no person not bozne vnder the same kynges obeysaunce, noz made denisen, takynge vppon hym to bee an artificer oz handy craftes man, should take noz occupy any house oz chãbze within this realme, noz abide oz remayne in the same, noz soiozne with any strange person, not being bozne vnder the obeysance of the same kynge as is afozesayd, noz exercise oz occupy any crafte oz manuell occupatiõ within this same realme: but that such straungers should depart from this same realme, within acertayne time appoynted by the sayd estatute, oneles they were reteyned in seruice to oz with any subiectes oz lieges of the king only whych were expert in the craftes oz occupacions, vnder paine to forfaite all theyr goodes. And that no person, not beinge bozne vnder the sayd kynges obeysaunce, noz made denisen, beinge an artificer, oz handye craftes man

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shoulde make anye cloth within this realme. And also that no such stranger shoulde selle any wares within this realme but only in grosse, and not by retaile, vnder peine of forfaiture of the saide wares. And more ouer, that no person, not beyng borne vnder the sayd kynges obeisance, abidyng in anye house or chamber within this realme occupieng anye handy crafte after a certaine time in the saide acte limitted should take any seruaunt to worke with hym excepte it were hys sonne or doughter or els on of the subiectes of the sayd kynge, and borne vnder his obeisance vnder peine to forfaite for euery such default .xx.li. as in the said acte amonges other thinges more plainly appereth. And where also in the .viii. and .xv. yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge that now is, it was enacted that no straunger borne out of hys graces obeisaunce wer he denisen or not denysen, vsyng any handy crafte or occupacion wythin this realme, should take any apprentice excepte the same apprentice were borne within hys graces dominions and obeisance, vpon peine to forfayte for euery suche apprentice so taken .x.li. And that also no straunger or alyen borne vnder like payne vsyng any handy crafte wythin this realme after a certayne time lymitted in ỳ said acte, should take or haue any iourneyman or couenant seruãt, except such iourneyman or couenaunt seruant wer borne vnder hys graces obeysance. And that all maner of aliens borne as well beyng denisens, as not being denisens inhabityng within the citye of London or a certaine space about the same, should be vnder the serch and reformacion of the wardens of the felowshyps of handy craftes within the said citye of London or as in the sayd estatute among other thinges more playnly appeareth. And wher also in the parliament of our sayde soueraigne lorde holden at westm. in the .xxi. yere of his moste gracious raigne, it was enacted among other things that no strauger should kepe any mo seruauntes straungers but only twoo at one tyme, and that all denizens than made or after to bee made whiche would inhabite within the sayd cytye of London, or within a certaine circuite of the same, and would ther kepe any house, or occuppe any crafte or occupacion should be contributorye to and with the kynges graces subiectes of the same crafte or occupacion within the saide citye of London paynge bearyng and sustenynge suche charges of the same craftes men, as in the same acte is conteined. And that they should also present them selues at the common halle or meting place of the said craftes in the citye of London, and ther to take a corporall oth before the maister and wardens of the same crafte to bee true to our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge and hys heyres. And also that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man, borne out of his graces allegiance, not beyng denisen, shoulde set vp or kepe anye house shoppes or chambers wherin they shoulde exercise any handye crafte or mistery, within thys realme, vppon ỳe penalties as ben mencioned in the saide former estatute. And that also no stranger nor denisen not beyng born within this realme, should assemble in any company felowshyp congregacion or conuenticle, but onely in the common hall of their craftes with

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his graces subiectes of the same crafte vpon lyke peine, as is aforesayde, as in the sayd actes and statutes among many other thinges more plainly appereth. All which good holsom and beneficial actes and statutes ben in maner infringed, frustrated, and defrauded, chefely by the meanes of dyuers letters patentes, obteined by the crafty suites, inuentions and practises of such straungers latlye made denisens in great number whyche letters patentes doth conteine, that euery such denisen shalbe as free as Englyshmen naturally borne within the kynges graces dominions and obeisaunce any actes or statutes made or to be made to the contrary not withstanding by reason wherof the sayd denisens refuse to obeie and performe suche orders, and directions as in the sayde former estatutes were limitted prescribed & declared aswel to and for such strangers borne out of the kynges obeisance as at that time were made denisens, or that after should be made denisens to the grat hinderance and decay of the handy craftes men, beyng the kynges graces naturall lieges and subiectes. For reformacion whereof, the kynges most royall maiesty is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by hys moste gracious highnes the Lordes spyrytuall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled and by auctority of the same that all maner of straungers borne out of hys graces obeysance which heretofore haue beene made denisens, or that hereafter bee made denysens, from and after the feste day of September nert commyng shall be bounde and obedient by and vnto all the foresaide actes and statutes and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes and statutes, of thys realme, heretofore made now being in their force and not repelled: Any letters patentes or ordinantes heretofore made or hereafter to be made to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding. And that also in all and euery letters, patentes of or for the makyng of any denisen, from and after the laste day of this present parliament to be made to any stranger not being borne vnder the kynges graces obeisance, shalbe conteined A prouiso that he or they to whom such letters patentes shalbe so made and graunted shall be boundē and obedient by and vnto al the actes and estatutes of this realme as is aforesayd, and to all and euerye the contentes of the same: Excepte it shall be the kynges moste gracious pleasure to graunte to anye suche alien anye speciall libertyes or priuyleges more or otherwyse than is contayned in the said estatutes. And in that case all suche libertyes and priuileges so to be graunted to any such alien, contrary to the fourme of any of the sayde estatutes shalbe plainly wholy and particularly expressed specified and declared by speciall wordes as wel in the byl assigned with the kynges grace his hand, for obteyning of any such graunt as in the letters patentes to be made out of the Chauncery for and concerning the same.

And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that no alyen or straunger denisen or not denisen, vsynge anye handye crafte beyng borne out of the kynges graces obeisance inhabityng within the vnyuersitye of Cambrige or Oxforde, or within the precinct of sainct Martins le

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graunde in London, or within any other suche lyke places priuileged shall from the feaste of saincte michaell the archangell nert commynge, retayne, haue or kepe in their seruice any apprentice, iourneyman or seruaunte beyng alyens borne out of the kynges obeysaunce, aboue the numbre of two persons at on tyme, vpon peine and penalty conteined in the said acte, made in the saide .xiiii. and .xv. yeres of his graces reigne: Anye acte or prouision heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And that it be also enacted by the auctoritye aforesayd that euery alyen and straunger, borne oute of the kinges obeysaunce, not beynge denisen, which nowe or hereafter shall come in or to this realme, or els wher within the kinges dominions, shall after the sayd first day of September nerte comming be bounden by and vnto the lawes and statutes of this realme and to all and singuler the contentes of the same. And none of the kinges subiectes shall reteine or kepe together at one time in his household, seruice or family aboue the numbre of .iiii. strangers borne out of the kynges obeysaunce, nor that anye alien, beinge denisen, and vsinge no handye craft, shal reteine or kep in his household, seruice, or familye together at one tyme aboue the sayd numbre of four straungers, vpon peyne that the offendour, & offendoures contrarye to thys article, shall lose and forfaycte for euerye straunger borne out of the kynges obeysaunce, reteyned and kepte aboue that numbre .x.li. The one moyty of al which forfaycture shalbe to the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours, and the other moytye thereof to such person or persones as wyll sewe for the same by original wryt, byll, playnt, or information in any of the kinges courtes. In which suyte none essoyne, protection, nor wager of lawe shal be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte nor anye thing therein conteyned, shall bee hurtefull or preiudiciall to suche proclamacion as the kinges maiestye hath published and proclaymed for and concerning the paiment of custome for straungers, graunted by the goodnesse of his maiesty to endure for certaine yeares, but that the same proclamacion shall abide, be, and remain in the same plyght and strength that it is, and as yf this acte had neuer bene made: Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that euery lord of the parlyament maye kepe the numbre of .vi. straungers borne out of the kinges obeysaunce together at one time Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritye aforesayd, that all leases of anye dwellyng house or shoppe, within this realme, or anye the kinges dominyons, made to any straunger artificer or handy crafte man, borne out of the kinges obeysaunce, not being denisen, from & after the sayd feast of saincte Michaell the archangell nert comming, shall be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And that no straunger artificer, or handye crafte man, borne out of the kinges obeysaunce, not beinge denisen, shall after the same feast take anye lease of anye dwellyng house or shoppe within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, vpon paine to lose and forfaite for euerye tyme do-

yng contrary to this acte one hundred shyllynges. And that person after the same feast, shal graunte or let to ferme any dwelling house or shope, to any such straunger artificer, or handye craftes men, not being denysen, to the intent to dwel or inhabite in the same, vpon lyke payne of one hundreth shillinges. The on moity of which peynes and forfaytures to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moytye to such as will sue for the same, in maner and fourme as in this acte is aboue expressed.

An acte for paving of algate, highe Holborne, Chauncery lane, Graies Inne lane, Showelane, and Feuter lane. Cap. xvii.

FOr as much as the streate or waye leadinge from Algate wythin the citye of London, to white Chappel Churche without the same gate, in the countye of Midd. The lane called Chauncerye lane, and the waye leading from the barres in Holborne westwardes toward saynete Gyles in the fyeld. And the lane called Graies Inne lane within the sayd county. And also the lane lyinge besides saincte Andrewes church in Holborne called Showe lane. And also the lane called Feuter lane, being thorough fares and passages from Fletestrete into Holborne, within the libertyes of the citye of London, be verye foule and full of pittes and sloughes, very perillous and noyous as wel for al the kynges subiectes, thorough and by them repayring as wel on horsebacke as on foote, as also with carryage: For the amendmente and reformacion whereof, it may please the kinges hyghnes, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall and of his commons in this high court of parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, that it maye be ordeyned established, and enacted, that al and euery persone bodyes politike and corporate, whiche nowe haue or at any time hereafter shal haue any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeares, or by reason of the wardship of any heyre during the nonage of the same heyre or by execution, by writ of Elegit, or for any estratute of the staple, lying & beinge betwene the saide gate called Algate & white chapell church, nert adioyning to the said high way, or nerte adioyninge to anye of the sayd lanes or wates called Chauncery lane, Grayes Inne lane, showe lane, Feuter lane, & the way from the barres in Holborne westeward to the farre ende of high holborn, shal on this side the feast of the natiuitye of saincte Jhon baptist, which shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god. m.d.xlii. well and sufficiently paued or cause to be paued with paving stone, the bredg of Holborne barres, at the causey, beginning at the same barres, vnto the ende of high Holborne west wardes, as far as any habitacion or dwelling is on both the sydes of the same streete: And also the causey or high way leading from Algate to white chaple church: And the lane called chauncery lane from the barres beside the Rolles late made and set vp by the lorde prypyscale, vnto the sayd high way in Holborn. And the saide lane called Graies

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ynnes lane, from Holborne barres northward, as farre as anye habitation is there: And also the lanes called Shoo lane, and Fewterlane, euery man such parte and quantitie of the same causeys and lanes vnto the middes of the same causeis and lanes and euery of them in length, as his or their landes or tenements, do lye or extende, in like maner and forme as the causey or hygh way leading from Strand bridge to Charing crosse is made and paued: And also the lanes called Shoo lane, & Fewterlane in euerye parte of the same lanes as other streates within the city of Lõdõ be paued wyth a canel in the middes of the same lanes, vpon payne euerye person in hys owne default to forfayte for euerye yarde square of the same causeys and lanes, and euerye of them not sufficientlye paued before the sayde feaste of sainct Jhon Baptist. vi.d. And that all and euery such persons hauyng, or which hereafter shall haue landes or tenementes, in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, or otherwyse as is aforesayd, adioyninge or lyenge to and next eyther syde of the sayd causeys or lanes, or any of theym, theyr heyres, assignes, or successours, after and from the sayd feast of saincte Jhon Baptist, whych shalbe in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xlii. shall yearely maintaine and repayre the same pauemẽtes and euery of them ouer against hys sayd landes, and tenementes, wel and sufficiently from time to time, as often and when nede shal require at al tymes hereafter with pauinge stone, vpon payne to forfayte for euery yarde square not sufficientlye paued. vi d. as often as any such default of any person shalbe presented before the iustice of peace within the sayd countye of Midd. for that parte of the sayde waye being within the sayd county of Midd. And before the Mayre and aldermen or iustices of the peace within the city of London, for that whyche is within the liberties of the sayd citye.

And be it further enacted by the sayd auctority, that the iustices of peace of the sayd county of Midd. for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctority to enquire in euery quarter sessions to be kept after the sayd feast of sainct Jhon Baptist by the othe of xii. men of the sayd county as wel of them that haue not paued such parte or portion of the sayde causeys and euery of them beyng within the sayd county, ouer against and alonge vnto the middes of the same causeis, as theyr landes and tenementes do extende or lye, as also of suche persons as haue ben remisse and negligente, in amending and repayring the same causeis from tyme to tyme, as neede shall require according to the meaning of this acte.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the mayre of London, Aldermen, and Justices of the peace of the same city for the tyme being, shal haue like power and auctority by vertue of this acte, to enquire both in their quarter sessions and al ward mote enquestes to be kept within the citie of London after the sayd feast of the natiuity of sainct Jhon baptist, by the oth of xii. men of euery warde within the said city and liberties therof, as wel of al such person and personnes that frome time to tyme as need doth and shal require, haue not paued suche parte and portion of the

ſtretes and lanes within the ſaid city and liberties therof, and alſo within all priuileged places beyng within the ſaid citye and libertyes therof: As alſo of all ſuch perſon and perſones as be remiſſe and negligente in amendyng and repayring of the ſame ſtreates and lanes, and euery of them, as often and whan as neede requireth accordyng to the purpote of this acte, vpon like peins and penaltyes to be aſſeſſed and aſſerred vpō the offēders within the ſaid citye and liberties therof in euery condicion, as be limmitted before for theim whiche doe not paue and repaire the ſayde cauſeys in holborne, Chauncerylane and without Algate. And that the ſaid Juſtices of peace, within the ſayd countie of Midd. for the tyme beyng within their iuriſdiction, ſhall haue full power and auctority by theyr diſcreacions to amerce and ſet fynes, vpon ſuch perſons as ſhall be remiſſe and negligent or make default in the obſeruyng of the tenour of this acte. And if the ſayd iuſtices of peace within the ſayd countye of Midd. or the Maire and aldermen and iuſtices of peace of the ſayd citie of London, at any their quarter ſeſſions after the ſayd feaſt of the natiuitie of ſaunct Jhon baptiſt to be holden and kept within the ſayd countie of Midd, by the iuſtices of peace of ẏ ſame countie, or the maire, aldermen and iuſtices of peace of the citie of Lōdon at any their quarter ſeſſions or enqueſtes of wardemot kepte within the citye of London, be negligent & remiſſe on their partes to charge by oth ſuch perſons to finde and preſent the ſayd defaultes & negligence of al perſons offending contrary to the meanyng of this acte, Than the ſaid iuſtices of peace within the ſaid countye of Midd. beynge preſente at ẏ ſame quater ſeſſions to loſe, and forfaite for euerye tyme ſo neglectinge the ſayde charge C.s. And in lyke wyſe the Mayre, aldermen and iuſtices of peace of London for euery lyke default and neglectyng to loſe and forfayte. C.s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the ſaid auctority, that the clerke of ẏ peace of the ſaid countye of Midd. for the tyme beynge ſhall from tyme to tyme certify into the kynges eſchequer as well all ſuch fynes and forfaytures ſo aſſiſed within the ſayde countye loſt and forfayted before the ſayd Juſtices of Midd. into the kynges eſchequer to the vſe of the kynges highnes and hys heyres, And the barons of the ſayde eſchequer to make oute proceſſe by diſtreſſe to be taken and leuied vpon the ſayd landes and tenementes or otherwyſe by their diſcreacions as well for the ſaid fynes aſſiſed, as alſo for the ſayd forfaytures and penaltyes before limitted. And if the clerke of the peace within ẏ ſayd county of Midd. be remiſſe and negligent in makyng ſuche certificate, or doyng his dutye accordyng to thys acte than the ſame clerke to loſe and forfayte for euery ſuch defaulte. x.li. the one halfe to bee to the vſe of the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to the vſe of any the kinges ſubiectes that wyll ſue for the ſame in any the kynges courtes, by byl, action, informacion, or otherwyſe, wherin no wager of law, eſſoyne, or protection ſhall lye for the defēdaunt.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctority afore ſayde that the mayre, aldermen, and Juſtices of peace within the citye of London & ſubburbes of

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the same, or iii. of them, whereof the maire to be one, by vertue of thys acte, shall haue full power and auctorytye from time to time, to set fynes and amerciamentes on all and singuler personnes, for pauinge and repairynge of any strete, lane, stretes, or lanes, within the sayde city or libertyes of the same, which nowe be paued, or by force of this acte hereafter shall be paued and the same fynes and amerciamentes to be leuied by distres playnte, or action within the same citye, by the chamberlayne of the sayd citye for the time being, to the vse of the mayre and comminaltye of the sayde citye and theyr successours, as other fynes and amerciamentes for anye other matter or cause within the sayd citye haue bene vsed and accustomed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that if the inhabitantes of such landes or tenementes, do sufficientlye repayre and paue before their mansions and dwellynge places, the sayd stretes, lanes, and causeis, that than euery such inhabitante by vertue of this act shal defalke abate, and reteine in his handes as muche of the rent due vnto his lessor, as he can proue to haue expended, in and about the same pauing. And the lessor for so much money, as suche summe doth amount vnto, to haue no action reentre or other remedy for non payment of the same, onelesse it be otherwise agreed betwene them.

An acte for reedifiyng of decayed houses in sundry townes and places of the realme. Cap. xviii.

FOr as muche as there haue bene in tyme passe, dyuers and manye beautifull houses of habitacion wythin the walles, and libertyes, of the cityes, boroughes, and townes, of Yorke, Lyncolne, Canturbury, Couentre, Bathe, Chichester, Salesburye, Winchester, Brystowe, Scarburgh. Hereforde, Colchester, Rochester, Portesmouth, Poole, Linne, Feuersham, Worcester, Stafford, Buckingham, Pontfret Grantham, Ereeter, Ipswych, Southhampton, great Yermouth, Orenford, great Wikecombe, Guilford, Estretford, kingston vpon hull, Newcastel vpon Tine, Beuerley, Bedford, Leycester, and Barwycke, and nowe are fallen downe, decayed, and at this day remaine vnreedified, and do lye as desolate and vacant groundes, many of the nigh adioyning to the bygh stretes, replenished with much vncleannes and fylthe, wyth pittes, sellers, and vaultes, lyng open and vncouered, to the great perill and daunger of the inhabitantes and other the kinges subiectes passing by the same, and sume houses be feble and very lyke to fall downe, daungerous to passe by whiche decayes are to the greate impouerishynge and hinderaunce of the same citye, boroughes, and townes. It may therfore please the kyng our soueraigne lorde, by the assente of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, that it maye be enacted by auctority of the same, that if any persone or personnes, or bodyes politike, beinge owners or possessioners of anye suche desolate or voyde groundes, that haue bene at any time within fiue and twentye yeares

res immediatly past before the, xii. day of Aprill, in the .xxii. yere of his maiesties reigne, builded for houses of habitacion, or of any other house or houses of habitacion, nowe or hereafter beyng in decaye, and not fullye fallen downe, within the liberties or precinctes of any of the said cities, boroughes or townes, do not sufficiently reedifye buylde and repayre or cause to be reedified, buylded, and repayred the sayd desolate, voyd grounde, or decayed houses, conuenient for habitacion and Dwellyng, within three yeares nexte after proclamation therof to be made in or vpon the same voyd grounde or grounde, decayed house or houses, by the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or other head officers of euery of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, euery of them within the precincte of theyr owne auctoryte: that then it shall be lawfull to the lorde or lordes, of whom such desolate voyde grounde, or decayed or ruinous houses ben holden, after the sayd three yeares expyred to entre into the same, & to haue the same grounde or houses to them and to theyr heyres or successours, to theyr owne proper vse for euer, so that the sayde lorde or lordes so entring by auctority of this acte, do sufficiently reedefye, build, and repayre, the same voyd grounde or decayed houses within two yeres nexte and immediately folowyng the determination of the sayd three yeres. And in case such lorde or lordes as maye entre by this acte, do not entre, and well and sufficiently reedefye, buylde, or repayre the same voyd grounde, or decayed houses, within the said .ii. yeares to them limitted by thys acte, that than it shall be lawful to all such persone or personnes, or bodyes politike as shall thē haue any rent, charge, seuerallye out of any of the saide voyde grounde or grōdes, or decayed house or houses, in any of the sayd cities, boroughes or townes, immediatly after the sayd two yeres expyred, to entre into the same, and to haue the same void grounde or decayed houses to thē, theyr heyres or successours for euer, to theyr owne proper vse, so that the sayde persone or personnes, or bodies politike, hauing the saide rent, charge, entring by auctority of this acte, do sufficiently build, reedify, and repayre the same desolate and voyde grounde or grounde, decayed house or houses, within one yere nexte and immediatly folowing the determinacion of the sayd two yeares to the sayd lord or lordes appoynted by this acte. And in case such person or persons or bodies politike hauynge the sayde rentes, charges as maye entre by this acte, do not entre and wel and sufficientlye reedifye, buyld, & repayre the same voide grounde or decayed houses, within the sayd one yere to them appointed by vertue of this acte: that than it shal be lawfull to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or comminaltye or other head officers of the sayd citye, boroughes, and townes, by what name or names so euer they be incorporate, or theyr successours, euery of thē within the limites of their auctorityes, immediately after the sayd yere expyred into euery such desolate or voyde grounde, decayed or ruinous houses to entre, and the same grounde, and houses and euery of them to holde and enioy to thē and theyr successours for euer clerely discharged of al rent, goynge

ynge out of the said groundes or houses as well agaynst the sayde lorde or lordes as all person or persones or bodies politike haueynge any suche rente or rentes, as before is sayde. so that the same Maires. sheriffes, Bayliffes, and comminaltye, or other head officers, as is aforesayde or theyr successours, for the tyme beyng do reedifie, buylde, or repayre, or cause to be reedifyed, buylded, or repayred, the same grounde or groundes, house or houses, within thre yeres next and immediatly folowing the determinacion of the sayd yere, to such person or persons, bodies politike, that shall haue anye such rent as is aforesayd. And in case the sayd mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, comminaltye, or other head officers as is aforesayd, or their successours do not entre and reedifye, buyld, & repayre the same void ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in fourme beforesayde, within the sayde terme of iii. yeares, after their sayd entre, that thā it shalbe lawfull to the first owner or owners, possessioner or possessioners of such voyd ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, theyr heyres or successours immediatelye after the sayd. iii. yeares to the sayd mayres, sheriffes, bayliffes, comminaltye, or other head officers, as is before sayd limitted, expired, into the same grounde or groundes, house, or houses, to reentre, and the same to reteyne to them theyr heyres, or successours, as in their fyrst estate, anye thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alwayes. that this present act, nor anye thing therin conteyned be in any wyse prejudicial or hurtfull to any persone or personnes beyng at the time of the sayd proclamacion made vnder the age of. xxi. yeares to any woman being maried, or to any persone or personnes beynge in prison, or beyond the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other lawful affayres duringe such time as suche persone or personnes shal be within age, maried, in prison or beyond the sea, so that the same person or personnes, after he or they shall come to the age of. xxi. yeres, or being not maried, out of prison, or come agayne within this realme, within thres yeres nexte ensuing, do reedify the same desolate or voyde grounde, or repayre the decayed houses.

An other acte for reedifying of decayed houses in sundry townes of the Westpartes. Cap. xxv.

Forasmuche as in time past diuers and manye beautifull houses of habitacion haue beene within the walles and liberties of the boroughes and townes of Shaston, Shirebourne, Birtport, Dorcester, and Weimouth, within the county of Dorset, & the boroughes & townes of Plimmouth, Plinton, Barstable, Tauistocke, & Dartmouth within ꝑ county of Deuonshire, & the boroughes and townes of Lestefton Lysherde, Lestuthiel, Bodman, Truru, and Helston within the countye of Cornwal, and the boroughes and townes of Bridgewater, Taunton, Somerton, and Ilcester, within the county of Somerset, and the boroughe of Maldon in the county of Essex, and also the borough and hyde townes of

noar. in the county of noar. whych nowe are fallen downe, decayed, and at this tyme remayne vnreedified, lyynge as desolate and voyd groundes and many of them adioyning nigh vnto ꝑ high streetes, replenished with muche ordure, fylthe and vncleannesse with pittes, sellers, and vautes, lyynge open and vncouered to the greate peryll and daunger of all the inhabitauntes and other the kinges subiectes passinge by the same: and sume houses be very weake and feable redy to fal down, and therfore dangerous to passe by, to the great decay and hinderaunce of the sayde boroughes and townes. Be it may be therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall. and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that if anye person or persones or bodies politike, beynge owners and possessioners of anye suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at anye time within fyue and twenty yeares next before the making of this acte, haue beene buylded for houses of habitacion, or of anye other house or houses of habitacion, nowe or hereafter being in decaye, and not fully fallen downe within the lybertyes or precinctes of any of the sayd boroughes and townes, do not sufficientlie reedifye, buylde, and repayre, or cause to be reedified, buylded, and repayred the sayd desolate, voyde groundes, and decayed houses conuenient for habitacion and dwellyng within three yeares nexte after proclamation to be made in or vpon the same voyde ground or groundes, decayed house, or houses, by the Maiores, Baylifes, or other head officers of euerye of the sayd boroughes and townes, by what name or names soeuer they be incorporated euery of them within the precinct of theyr owne auctorityes, that than it shalbe lawful to the high lord or lordes, of whom such desolate, and voyde groundes, decayed or ruinous houses, be holden, after the sayde three yeares be expyred to entre into the same and to haue the same groundes or houses to them and to theyr heyres or successours to theyr owne proper vse for euer, so that the sayd Lord or Lords entring by the auctority of this act, do sufficiently reedify, buylde, or repayre the same voide groundes or decayed houses wythin two yeares nexte and immediatlye followinge the determynacion of the foresayde three yeares. And in case such lorde or lordes as may entre by this acte, do not entre and well and sufficientlye reedifye, buylde or repayre the same voyde groundes, or decayed houses, within the sayde twoo yeres to theym limitted by this acte: that than it shalbe lawefull to all suche person or personnes, bodies politike as shall than haue anye estate, charge, goyng seuerally out of the sayd voyd grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in anye of the sayde boroughes or townes, immediately after the sayd two yeares expyred, to entre into the same, and to haue the same voyde groundes, or decayed houses, to theym and to theyr heyres or successours for euer, to theyr owne proper vse, so that the sayd person or personnes, or bodies politike, hauyng the sayd rent charges, entring by auctority of this acte, doe sufficiently reedifye, buylde, and repayre the same desolate and voyde ground or groundes, or decayed

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house or houses within one yere next and immediatly folowyng the determination of the sayd .ii. yeres, to the sayde lorde or lordes appointed by thys acte, And in case suche persone or persones or bodies politike haunge the sayde rentes, charges, as may entre by this acte doe not entre and well and sufficientlye reedify buylde or repaire the same voyde grounde or houses decaide within one yere to them appointed by vertue of this acte that than it shall be lawfull to the maires, bailyffes or comunaltee, or other head officers of the sayde boroughes & townes, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated or theyr successours euerye of them within the symptes of their auctoritye immediatly after the sayd yere erpyred into euerye such desolate or voide grounde decayed or ruinous houses to entre, and the same grounde or houses and euery of them to holde and enioy to them and their successours, for euer clerelye discharged of all rentes goynge oute of the same grounde or houses as well agaynste the sayde lorde or lordes as all other person or persones or bodies politike, haunge any suche rente or rentes, as before is saide: that the same Mayre, Baylyffes, and comminaltye or other head officers as is aforesayde, or theyr successours for the time being, do reedify, builde, or repayre, or cause to be reedifyed builded or repayred the same grounde, or grounde, house or houses, wythin three yeres nexte and immediately folowing the determinacion of the saide yere to such persone or persones or bodies politike that shall haue anye rente as is aforesade. And in case the sayd mayres, baylyffes, comminaltye or other head officers as is aforesayde, their successours do not entre and reedifye, builde, or repayre the same voyde ground or grounde, or decayed, house or houses, in fourme aforesaide, wythin the saide terme of three yeers after their sayd entree: that than it shall bee lawefull to the fyrste owner or owners, possessioner or possessioners, of suche voyde grounde or grounde, or decaied house or houses their heires or successours immediatelye after the sayd three yeres to the saide Mayre, Bailyffes, comminaltie, or other head officers as is afore symitted, erpyred into the same grounde, or grounde, do entre and the same to reteine to them their heyres and successours as in their firste estate: Anything conteined in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte nor anye thynge therin conteined, bee not in any wyse hurtefull nor prejudiciall to anye persone or personnes beynge at any tyme of the sayd proclamacion made vnder the age of one and twenty yeares or to anye woman beyng maryed or to anye persone or persones beynge in prison or beyonde the sea in the kynges wares, or in hys other lawful affayres durynge suche tyme as suche person or persones shall be within age maried in prison or beyonde the sea so that the same persone or persones after that he or they come to their plaine age bee vnmaried out of prisone or come againe within thys realme within three yeares, neerte en suyng doe reedifie the same desolate or voide grounde or repaire the sayd decaied houses.

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¶ An acte concernyng priuileges and franchises. Cap. xx.

Where diuers and sundry scites, circuites & procinctes of late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitalles and other ecclesiasticall & religious houses & places, and diuers honours, castels, manours, messuages landes, tenemētes, liberties, priuileges, fraūchises & other hereditamentes, by diuers & sundry statutes heretofore made bene assigned limitted & appointed to ỳ order rule suruey & gouernance of the courte of our soueraigne lorde the kynge called the courte of Augmentations of the reuenues of hys crowne and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same, by the whiche statutes it is not fully plainely nor expressye declared or rehersed howe and in what wyse, and by what speciall officers and ministers the libertyes, priuileges and franchises, which the late owners of the same scites, circuites, procicts honours, castels, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, and other ỳ premisses, had vsed and exercised shoulde be ordred, vsed, exercised, and put in execution. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, wyth the assent of the lordes, spirituall, and temporall, and of the cōmons of thys present parlyament assembled, and by the auctority of the same that all and synguler the same libertyes, fraunchises, priuileges, and temporall iurisdyctions, which the said late owners had vsed and exercised lawfully by them selues, or by their officers or ministers, or mighte haue vsed or exercised, thē in .iii. monethes nexte before that the sayde scites, circuites, procinctes, honours, castelles, manors, messuages, landes, tenemētes, and other the premisses came to the possession of the kynges hyghnes, shall bee by vertue of this present acte reuiued and be realiye and actualiye in the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours and shall be in the rule order suruey and gouernance of the kynges sayd courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chauncellour, officers and ministers of ỳ same. And that the same lybertyes, fraunchises, priuileges, and temporall iurysdictions, and almaner fines, issues, amerciamentes and other profites and commodityes of what kyndes or natures so euer they be commyng, growyng, or rysyng by reason or occasion of theim or anye of them, shall be vsed exercysed and occupied to all intentes, purposes, condicions, and respectes, and shall be claimed, leuied collected, and take by such stewardes, bailiffes and other officers and ministres as shall please the kynges highnes to name & appoint in like maner fourme facion and condition as they or any of them wer lawfully vsed exercised, executed, claimed, leuied, collected, and taken before that they came to the handes and possession of our said soueraign lorde and that the same stewards, bayliffes, officers, and ministers, shall be accomptaunt for the issues, and reuenues, of their baily wikes, and offyces, & shall be compelled to accompte in the sayde courte of augmentacions, lyke as the kinges receyuers or other officers, accomptantes, in that court heretofore

tofore haue done or ought to do.

¶ And where also diuers and sundry syres, circuites, and procinctes of late monasteries, abbeis, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitalles and other ecclesiasticall and religious houses and places, and also diuers honours, castels, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises and other hereditamentes, which bene comen to the kinges handes by attaynder or attainders of high treason, bene assigned limitted and appoynted to the order, rule, suruey and gouernaunce of the kynges generall surueyours, And for as much as it is not fully, plainly nor expressly knowē or declared howe and in what wyse, and by what speciall officers or ministres the temporall liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, and temporall iurisdictions, which the late owners of the said seites, circuites, procinctes, honors, castelles, manours, messuages, landes, tenements, and other the premisses had, vsed & exercised, shoulde be ordered, vsed and put in execution. Be it therfore enacted by auctority aforesayd, that al and singuler the same liberties, franchises, priuileges, and temporal iurisdictions, which the late owners of the said seites, circuites, procinctes, honours, castels, manours, and other the premisses, which beene comen to the kings handes by attainders, as is aforesayd, lawfullye had, vsed and exercised by themselues or by theyr officers or ministers, or which they mighte haue vsed or exercised wythin iii. monethes nexte before that the same seites, circuites, procinctes, honours, castels, manours, and other the premisses came to the possession of the kinges highnes, shal be by vertue of this acte, reuiued, and be really and actually in the kinges highnes his heyres and successours, and shalbe in the rule order, surney and gouernance of the kinges sayd generall surueyours, and of the officers and ministers of the same. And that the same liberties, fraunchesies, priuileges, and temporall iurisdictions, and all manner fines issues, and mercimentes, and other profites and commodities, of what kindes or natures so euer they be, comming, growyng, or rysing by reason or occasion of them or anye of them, shalbe vsed exercised and executed to all intentes purposes, conditions and respectes, and shalbe claymed, leuied, collected and take̅ by such stewards, bayliffes and other officers and ministers, as shall please the kinges highnes to name and appointe for the same, in like maner, fourme, facion and condicion as they or any of them were vsed exercised, executed, claymed, leuied, collected and taken before they came to the handes and possession of our sayde sourraigne lorde by attainder, as is aforesayd. And that the sayde stewarde, bayliffes, officers and ministers, therof shalbe accoumptant for the issues and reuenues of theyr bayliwikes and offices, and shalbe compelled to accoumpte before the sayd generall surueyours as other officers accoumptauntes in that courte heretofors haue done or owe to do.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorityе aforesayd, that the saide stewardes bayliffes, and other officers and ministers shallbe attendāt and obedient to all other the kinges courtes, as well for all executions and retournes of writ-

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fes, warrantes and preceptes, as for theyr personall apparances and other duties of their offices, like as the officers and ministers of the said late owners dyd and ought to do, or shoulde haue done by reason of theyr sayde seuerall offices, before that the same libertyes, priuileges, and temporall iurisdictions dydde come to the possession of our sayde soueraigne lorde, and that to be done and obserued vpon all peynes and penaltyes by the lawes of this realme limitted and ordayned for any offence or default in the same. And that no shyrysse vnder shyrysse nor other officer or minister of anye shyrysse or other forein officer or minister shall in any wyse intrompt or medell in with, or vpon anye of ỹ premisses, otherwyse in any other maner nor for any other cause than they or any of them lawfully myght haue done before the same premisses did come to the possession of our soueraigne lord.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that al and singuler persons and bodies politike and the heyres successours and assignes of euerye of theym, shal haue holde vse execute and exercise al well by thē selues theyr officers, seruauntes and ministers, as by and for their tenantes, fermours & resiantes, all and singuler libertyes, priuileges and fraunchises which they or any of them now haue by or from the kynges maiestye by any letters, patentes Indentures, writynges, vnder any hys highnes seale, or by auctoritye of parlyament or other wyse, or by the lawful graunt or leasse of any person or persons, or by any other meanes or lawfull title. In as large ample and beneficial maner to al intentes, respectes, and purposes as thei or any of them now haue, or of right ought to haue the said liberties, franchises and priuyleges or any of them, and as though this acte had neuer been had ne made any thing aboue writtē not withstandyng. The priuileges of sanctuaries, churche, churchepardes, or cemitoryes, for tuicion of transgressours, and offendours onely excepted. Sauinge to al and singuler persons and bodyes politike and the heyres, successours and assignes of euery of theym, all suche office and offices, fees, annuities, profyttes, and commodityes, whyche they or any of them now haue, or of ryght ought to haue, in or vppon or by reason of the sayd sites, circuites, procinctes, castels, honoures, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, libertyes, franchises, priuileges, and other the premisses, or in any parte or parcell of them in as large and ample maner fourme faction and condicion to all respectes and purposes, as if thys acte had neuer bene had nor made anye thinge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withstandyng.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parlyament that the Chauncellour of the sayd courte of augmentacions nowe beynge and euery of his successours beyng Chauncellour of the same courte and the kynges general attourney & his graces attourney of the said court of Augmentacion for the tyme beyng, and euerye of them, and their successours and the successours of euerye them, shall haue full power and auctoritye by vertue of this acte, to take to the vse of the kynge our soueraigne lorde, hys heires and successours knowlages of al maner of concordes for

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fines therevpon to be had and recoꝛded in the court of our sayd soueraigne loꝛde the king, & of his heyꝛes, and succeſſours commonly called the cõmon place, of and vppon all and ſinguler manours, loꝛdſhips, landes, tenements, and other hereditamentes, being & which by reaſon of thoſe fines oꝛ other wiſe ſhalbe vnder the oꝛdꝛe, rule, oꝛ ſurvey of the ſaide court of augmentacions, without any fine oꝛ fee to be payed foꝛ the ſame. And that the iudges & iuſtices foꝛ the time being, of the ſaid court called the common place, and their ſucceſſours, ſhall accepte, receiue and allowe, all the ſayd knowlages of concoꝛde by the ſayde chauncelloꝛ, and attourneys, oꝛ any of theym, to be certified oꝛ deliuered into the ſayd court called the common place.

¶ And the ſame to be as effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purpoſes, as if the ſame knowlages of concoꝛdes had bene made, taken, oꝛ knowe-ledged befoꝛe the cheiſe iudge of the ſayde common place out of the ſame court oꝛ openly in that court. And alſo that the ſayde chauncellour and attourneys foꝛ the time beynge, and euery of theym, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhall haue full powꝛer and auctoꝛitye to take knowledge foꝛ enrolmentes of all deedes made oꝛ to bee made to the vſe of the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛd, his heyꝛes and ſucceſſours, of anye manours, landes, and tenementes, and of al obligacions to be made to the kinge, his heyꝛes and ſucceſſours, oꝛ to other perſon oꝛ perſons to the vſe of the kynge, his heyꝛes, and ſucceſſours, foꝛ any matter oꝛ cauſe, concerning the ſaid court of augmentacions, oꝛ concerninge the ſayde manoures, landes, and tenementes, wythout any fee, gift, oꝛ reward by them oꝛ any of theym to be taken theꝛfoꝛe. And the ſame dede ſo knowlaged to be inrolled oꝛ regeſtred in the ſaid court of augmentacion, and ſo beinge there inrolled oꝛ regeſtred amonges other recoꝛdes there remayninge, and the inrollmentes, and regeſtringes, of the ſame, to ſtand and be of recoꝛde, and of as good ſtrength and effecte, as if the ſame were oꝛ had beene knowledged befoꝛe any other iudge oꝛ officer of recoꝛd, and inrolled in any other court of recoꝛd.

¶ Pꝛouided alway & be it enacted by thauctoꝛity aforeſaid, that in all ſuch of the ſayd liberties, franchiſes, and places pꝛiuileged, and in euery of theim limitted to the ſayd court of augmentacions, and to the ſurueyours courte where ſo euer the kinges highnes in his owne moſt roiall perſon ſhall come to reſt, tary, abide, oꝛ make his repoſe within this his realme, oꝛ any of hys dominions, within liberties oꝛ without, then & within the bꝛeꝛge limitted & accuſtomed to hys graces court, during the time of his abode, the ſteꝛwarde oꝛ great maiſter of his graces houſeholde, the marſhall, coꝛoner, clerke of the market, and al other his miniſters, ſhall and maye keepe theiꝛ courtes, foꝛ iuſtice, and exerciſe their office and offices, as ſhall appertaine to theym accoꝛding to the lawes, cuſtomes, and ſtatutes, of this realme as well within liberties and fraunchiſes as without. And that his graces clerkes of the market and none other, during the ſame time as wel within the ſayd liberties and franchiſes as without ſhal exercyſe the office of clerkes of the market within the ſayd bꝛeꝛge, any pꝛiuilege, graunt, allowaunce, oꝛ other thing

to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this article next aboue rehearsed, or any thynge therin conteined be not in any wise prejudiciall to the citye of London, but that the same citie shal haue and vse such liberties as they mought, yf that article had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ And where also the sites, circuites, and procinctes, of the late monasterye of Furnes, and of the late monasteries and Priories of Tartemele, Conyngeshed, Burlough, and Holland, and also diuers honours, castelles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, and other hereditamentes, late parcel and appertayninge to the sayde late monasteries & priories, or to any of thē, which ben commen into the kings handes, ben assigned, limitted, and appointed, to the order, rule, survey and gouernaunce of the chauncellour, officers and ministers, of the countye palantine and duchy of Lancaster. And for as much as it is not fully, plainly, nor expresly knowen or declared, howe and in what wise, and by what especiall officers and ministers, the temporal liberties, priuileges, fraūchises, and temporal iurisdictions, which the late owners of the sayde sites, circuites, procinctes, honours, casteis, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses had vsed or exercised, should be ordered, vsed, and put in execution. Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all and singuler the same liberties, fraunchises, priuileges, and temporall iurisdictions, which the sayd late owners of the sayde sites, circuites, procinctes, honours, castelles, manours, and other the premisses, lawfully had vsed & exercised by them seuales, or by theyr officers or ministers, or which they might haue vsed or exercised within iii monethes, nexte before the same sites, circuites, procinctes, honours, casteis, manours, & other the premysses came to the possession of the kinges highnes, shall be by vertue of thys acte reuiued, and be really and actually in the kinges highnes his heyres and successours, and shalbe for euer in the rule, order, survey and gouernaunce of the sayd chauncellour officers & ministers of the sayde countye palantine and Duchy of Lancaster. And that the same liberties, fraunchises, priuileges, and temporall iurisdictions, and al maner of fines issues, amerciamentes, and other profites and commodities, of what kindes or nature so euer they be cominge, growing, or rising, by reason or occasion of them or of any of them, shalbe vsed, exercised, and executed to al purposes, ententes, conditions, respectes, and shall be claymed, leuyed, collected and taken by such stewardes, bailiffes, and other officers and ministers, as shall please the kinges highnes to name and appoynt for the same, in like maner forme & condition as they or any of thē were vsed, exercised, executed, claymed, leuyed, collected, and taken before they came to the handes & possession of oure said soueraygn lord. And that the said steward, bailiffes, officers & ministers shalbe compelled to accoumpte for the same before the said chauncellour officers and ministers of the said county palantine and Duchy of Lancaster as other officers and accomptantes in the court of the said Duchy hereto-

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fore haue done or oughte to do.

And be it enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that the said stewardes bayliffes and other officers and ministers, shall be attendaunt and obedient to al other the kinges courtes, as well for all executions and returnes of writtes warrantes, and preceptes, as for personal apparāces and othert duties of theyr offices, like as the officers, and ministers of the sayde late owners did or ought to do, or should haue done, by reason of theyr sayde sruerall offices, before that the same liberties, priuileges, and tempozall iurisdictions, did come to the possession of our sayd soueraygne lorde, and that to be done and obserued vppon all peines and penalties by the lawes of this realme limitted and ordeyned for anye offence or default in the same, and that no sheriffe, vndersheryf or other officer or minister of any sheryffe, or other foreyn officer or minister, shal in any wise intromit or medle in, with, or vpon, any of ỳ premisses, otherwise, or in any other maner, or for anye other cause than they or any of them lawfully might haue done before the same premisses did come to the possession of our sayd soueraigne lord.

Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thinge therein conteined shall in any wise extende to abrogate, adnul, diminishe, nor to take anye liberties, fraunchises, priuileges, iurisdictions, realties, or any other profites commodityes and aduantages what so euer they be, belonging or in any wyse apperteining to any the kinges castels, honours, manours, landes, tenemētes or other his possessions of his sayde county palantine of Lancaster and Duchy of Lancaster, or of either of them, but that al such liberties, fraunchises, priuileges, iurisdictions, roialties, and al other such profites and commodities and aduantages, what so euer they be, shall be receiued taken, & answered to the kinges highnes hys heyres and successours, by the chauncellour officer and ministers of the sayde county palantine of Lancaster, & Duchy of Lancaster, and either of them, as heretofore hath beene vsed and done at anye tyme before the .4. daye of February in the .xxvii. yeare of hys most noble reigne, Any thing, matter, or clause, in this acte conteined to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this acte, or any thyng therein contayned, doo not extend to dysanul or be hurtful to any of the liberties, or priuileges of the .5. portes, or the members of the same, but that they and euery of theym shal enioy, possesse, and haue, all and singuler liberties, customes, & graunttes to them graunted heretofore by the moste famous prince of memorye kynge Edward the fourth, and other hys noble progenytours, confyrmed by our soueraygne lorde the kynges maiestye, that nowe is, in like maner and fourme as though this act had neuer ben had ne made.

The abreuiacion and limitacion of Trinity Terme. Cap. xxi.

Where the Terme called Trynitye terme of longe time hath ben and yet is yearely vsed to be holden and kepte in suche tyme and season of the yere that by occasion therof not only great perill and daūger

of infectiō of the plage, and sundry other sickenesses, haue happened to the kinges louing subiectes, as wel nobles as other, but also hath ben and yet is a great impedimente and lette to a greate multitude of the kynges poore subiectes for prouision and gathering in of harueſt, and other their necessary busines, & liuings, in that season of the yere most expediēt to be exercised. The kinges most roial maiesty hauing especial respecte as wel to the health as to the wealth of his people, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tēporal and the comons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, ordeyneth, enacteth, and establisheth. that in the sayde Trinitie terme shalbe foure common dayes of retourne onely & not aboue, that is to say, the first day of retourne shal be and be called, In crastino sancte Trinitatis, the second daye of retorne of the same terme shalbe and bee called In octabis sancte Trinitatis, the thyrd daye of retourne of the same terme shall be and be called In quindena sancte trinitatis, and the fourthe daye of retourne of the same terme shalbe and be called, A die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas.

¶ And that the same dayes of retorne shalbe obserued and kepte in all our soueraigne lorde the kinges high courtes of recorde hereafter to be holden at Westminster, or other place or places at the assignement, appoynctment, or agreemēt of our soueraign lord his heyres or successours: And that from or after the feast of sainct Michaell the archa ngell nert cōming there shal not bee nor bee called anye dayes of retourne. In crastino sancti Iohannis Baptiste. Octabis sancti Iohannis Baptiste. nor Quindena sancti Iohannis Baptiste nor ny of them.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aboue sayd, that the sayde terme of the holy trinitye shal yerely for euer, frome the feaste of sainct Michael tharchangell next cōming, begin the monday next after Trinitye Sonday when so euer it shall happen to fall, for the keping of thessoignes, profers, retornes, and other ceremonies heretofore vsed & kept, in like maner, and fourm as in times past hath bene vsed to be done in the day of retorne comunonlye called. in octabis sancte Trinitatis. And that the full terme of the sayd Trinity Terme shal yerely for euer, begin & take his commencemente the fryday nert after Corpus Christi day, in such and lyke maner & fourme to al purposes, intentes & respectes, as heretofore hath bene vsed the wednesday nert after Corpus Christi day. And that frō and after the sayd feast of sainct Michael tharchangel nert comming, the sayd second & third daies of retourn called Octabis sancte trinitatis. and Quindena sancte trinitatis. shal take theyr commencement and begin as in times past hath beene vsed

¶ And that ỳ sayd fourth day called A die sancte trinitatis in tres septimanas shall take his cōmencement and begin, from the sayde Trinytye sondaye in to three weekes then nert folowing, and shall haue his retourne wyth the fourth day, as is accustomed in other like dayes of retourne.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritye abouesayde, that if after the sayd feast of sainct Michael tharchangel nert comming, any writte in any real action come in or be retornable into any of our said soueraign lord the kinges

kinges courtes. In octabis ſancti Hillarii. than daye ſhalbee geuen In craſtino ſancte trinitatis, If In quindena ſancti Hillarii, in octabis ſancte trinitatis. If in craſtino purificationis beate marie, In quindena ſancte trinitatis, If in octabis purificationis beate marie, than A die ſancte trinitatis in tres ſeptimanas.

And if after the ſame feaſte of ſaincte Michael, tharchangel any writte in any real action come into any of our ſayd ſoueraygne lord the kinges courtes returnable In craſtino ſancte trinitatis, then daye ſhalbe geuen in craſtino animarum, If in octabis ſancte trinitatis, in cranſtino ſancti martini, If in quindena ſancte trinitatis, in octabis ſancti martini, If A die ſancte trinitatis in tres ſeptimanas. in quindena ſancti martini.

And be it further enacted by thauctority abouesayde, that if after the sayde feast of sainct Michael tharchãgel nert cõming any writ of dower come into any of our soueraigne lord the kinges courtes to be returnable, in quindena paſche, than day ſhalbe geuen in craſtino ſancte trinitatis, If A die paſche in tres ſeptimanas, in octabis ſancte trinitatis, If a die paſche in vnum menſem. In quindena ſancte trinitatis, If a die paſche in quinq; ſeptimanas or in craſtino aſcenſionis domini. than day ſhalbe geuen into the daye of a die ſancte trinitatis in tres ſeptimanas.

And if after the feast of Saynct Mychaell the archaungell nert cõming any writ of dower come into any of our sayde soueraigne lord the kynges courtes of recorde. or in craſtino ſancte trinitatis, than day ſhalbe geuẽ. in octabis ſancti michaelis, If in octabis ſancte trinitatis in quindena ſancti michaelis, If in quindena ſancte trinitatis, a die ſancti michaelis in tres ſeptimanas, If a die ſancte trinitatis in tres ſeptimanas. a die ſancte Michaelis in vnum mẽſem or otherwise as is appoincted, lymitted, and declared by the statute of Marlebridge in Capi. the. xii. thereof made and prouided.

And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that al common writtes and processes as wel personall as mixt, which shal fortune to be retournable in the sayd Trinitie terme shal haue and kepe the sayde retournes of Craſtino ſancte trinitatis, octabis ſancte trinitatis, quindena ſancte trinitatis, and A die ſancte trinitatis in tres ſeptimanas, or any one of them.

Prouided alway and it is further enacted by the auctority abouesayde, that in ſuch and like caſes and proceſſes as ſpeciall dayes haue beene vſed to be appoyncted, aſſigned and geuen for the returning of writtes and proceſſes, it ſhalbe lawful to the iuſtices of euerye of the kinges sayde courtes of recorde for the time being, in al the proceſſes by thẽ awarded, to aſſygne and appoynete ſpecial dayes of retournes, as by their diſcrecions ſhall bee thought conuenient.

Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted by thauctoritye abouesayd, that the dayes in aſſyſe of darrayne preſentmente, and in plea of Quare impedit, limitted and appoynected by the ſtatute of Marlebridge, and alſo the dayes to be geuen in attaincte limitted in the ſtatute made in the fifte yeare of the reygne of the noble king Edward the third, beinge not contrariaunt to the tenour of this acte, ſhalbe holden firme and ſtable, and ſhall ſtande in theyr full force and effecte.

¶ In acte concerning thaccomptes of bysshops and other for the tenth graunted to ỳ kinges maiestye. Cap. xxii.

IN moste humble wyse beseechynge youre moste royall maiestye, your humble subiects, the archbishops and bishops of this your realme, that wher in the parliamēt begon at London, the third day of Nouember the .xxi yere of your moste gracious reigne & frō thense adiorned to Westm. and there holden & cōtynued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the third day of nouembre, in ỳ .xxvi yere of your moste noble reign, it was enacted by thauctorite of the same parliamēt amōg other thinges, that your maiestie, your heyres, and successours, kynges of this realme, for more augmentacion and maintenaunce of the royall estate of your imperial crowne and dignitye of supreme heade of the Churche of England, should yearely haue take, possesse and enioye, vnited and knytte to your imperiall crowne for euer, one yearely rent or pension, amountyng to the value of the tenth part of al the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offeringes, emolumētes, & of al other profites as wel called spirituall, as temporall, than apperteyning or belongyng, or that hereafter shoulde belonge to any archbishoprich, bishoprich, abbacy, monastery, priorye, archedeconrye, deanry, hospital, college, house collegiate, prebend. cathedrall church, collegiate church, continuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, free chapell, and other benefice or promocion spirituall, of what name, nature, or quality soeuer they than were, within any dioceese of thys youre realme, or in Wales, the sayd pension or annuall rent to be yerely payed for euer to your maiestye, your heyres and successours kinges of this realme, at the feast of the natiuity of our lord God, as in the sayd acte more playnly appereth.

¶ And furthermore it was enacted by the sayde auctorite in the same parliament, that after a certificate made into your Eschequer, and tax sett in such maner and forme as by the sayde acte is limitted euerye archbishop and bishop than being, and after that to be, should be charged and chargeable to leuy, collecte, & receyue within their propre dioceese, as well in place exempt, as not exempt, all such summes of money, wherwith the dignities benefices, and other promocions spiritual afore named within their dioces chargeable by the saide acte, should be set, taxed and charged towardes the payment of the said yerely pension, and should pay and content the said summes of money before the first day of April to the Treasourer of your chamber for the time being, or to any other person or personnes whom it shoulde please your highnesse to appoincte to receyue the same: and that the Treasourer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of youre Eschequer, should cause yerely processe to be made by their discrecions for non paimēt of the said pension and yerely rent, as by the said acte among other thinges more at large appereth. And forasmuch as since the makinge of the sayde acte, all and singuler abbacies, priories, monasteries, and other religious

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houſes, which were than conuentuall, beinge clearely diſſolued and comen to your hyghnes by auctority of parliament, and otherwiſe by your lawes, wherby the ſayd yerely rentes and penſions, which before that time were of theim ſeuerallye to be payed be nowe not paieable or leuiable: And alſo that the ſayde archebyſhops and byſhoppes, vpon certificat made into the ſayd eſchequer, by reaſon of the ſayde acte made in the ſayde .xxvi. yeare of your regne, bene charged and chargeable with the ſayde yearely rentes or penſions of the tenth of diuers and many perſons, which were certified in to your ſaid eſchequer by the commiſſioners aſſigned to take and aſſeſſe the ſayd ſpiritual dignities and promocions, to haue perpetuities and chaũteries, and other ſalaries, where neuer any ſuch chaũtery or perpetual ſalary was founded or ordeined, & many chaũteries, and other perpetuities ſpiritual than being in eſſe, ben ſince ỹ time vtterly diſſolued and extincted: And alſo many prebendes, perſonages, and vicarages, bene double certified by ỹ ſayd commiſſioners, and ſome certified to bee in places where none ſuch bee. In rerum natura. and ſome by wronge names or otherwyſe miſcertified, and alſo ſome partes of the profites and emolumentes, which did than belonge to ſome dignities, perſonages, vicarages, cathedrall churches, and collegiat churches, as in proxies, ſinodalles, oblacions, & indulgences pardons and other profites be nowe decayed and diminiſhed by ſundry meanes and many chaũteries and other ſmall promocions ſpirituall, bene ſince that time decaied and extinguiſhed, and no preſtes theron abiding. And alſo ſith the making of the ſayd acte, made in the ſayd xxvi. yere, there haue beene aſſurances made to your maieſty by ſome of the ſayd archbyſhopes and byſhops, of parcelles of theyr poſſeſſions, charged with the ſayde rent or penſion and parcell of the ſayde poſſeſſions charged with the paymente of the ſayd yearely rent or penſion, ben comẽ to your handes by other lawful meanes. By reaſon wherof, and of many other cauſes, doubtes, and ambyguities, which do dayly ryſe concerninge the premiſſes, the ſayde collectoures can not leuy the ſayd yerely rentes or penſions, concerninge manye promocions or profites ſpirituall, certifyed in youre ſayde Eſchequer by the ſayde Commiſſioners, and yet that not withſtandyng the ſayde archbiſhopes and Byſhops, for lacke of ſufficient warraunt and auctoritye to the barons of your ſayde Eſchequer, for theyr diſcharge in that behalfe, bene greatly prolonged and letted in yelding of theyr accomptes in your ſayde eſchequer of the ſayde annuall rente or penſion, and put to greate coſtes and charges to their greate inquietnes, charges, loſſes and troubles, where they haue nothing allowed them, or to any of their officers, for the collectinge, leuyinge, gatheringe or payinge of the ſayd annuall rentes, or penſions to the vſe of your highnes. It maye therfore pleaſe youre hyghnes by the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctority of the ſame, that it may be enacted by thauctoritye aforeſayd that if the ſaid archbiſhops and byſhoppes or any of them their deputies or other accomptauntes or any of them: that nowe be

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or hereafter shall be chargeable with the collection of the sayde annuall rent or pencion, or of any parte or porcion therof, sue and allege by the othe of any of the sayd archebishops, bishoppes, or other accoumptantes, or any other person or persons auctorised to accompte for any of them, before the Treasourer, Chauncellour, and barrons of youre eschequer, or before the more parte of them, or before such other persons, as it shal please the kinges highnes to appoynct to heare the same accoumpt, that they or any of them for any of the causes aboue sayde or for any other sufficient cause or matter, by any of them to be alleged, can not or maye not in anye wyse lawefullye leuie such particular summe or summes of money of the sayd annual rente, or pencion, as they or any of them, nowe be, or hereafter shalbe chargeable and charged with, and no matter apparāt ther shewed to the contrarye for youre highnesse by any of youre sergeantes at the lawe, or by youre attourney generall for the time beynge, or by any other for your maiestye: that thē your sayd Treasurer, Chauncellour, and barons, or the more part of them, or such other personnes as shalbe appoyncted by the kynges highnes shall by vertue and auctoritye of this acte, haue full power and auctoritye by theyr discressions to accepte and allowe that allegacion, and thereupon therof to discharge the accomptaunte, or ells by theyr discressions to directe the kynges writte vnto any of the kinges courtes, for to certifye vnto theym the treuth therof. And thereupon the sayd Treasourer, Chauncellour, and Barons or the more part of them, or such persons as shall be thereunto appoyncted by the kynges highnes, further to heare and examyne the same matter and cause by witnesse and depositions of such as can enfourme the court or the sayde other personnes as shall be thereunto appoyncted by the kinges highnesse of the treuth therof, or by any other wayes and meanes that they canne best deuise: And if neade require to awarde commissions by theyr discressions to certayne indifferente personnes in euerey such dyocesse, where any such matter or cause shalbe alleged without anye charge askyng or takyng for the makynge of the same commissions so to be awarded, Whyche sayde Commyssioners shall and maye by vertue of theyr Commyssions, haue full power and auctoritye to examyne the same matter and cause so alleged by any of the sayde Bysshoppes or other accoumptauntes for theym, and in theyr discharge by the othes of suche personnes as shall haue perfecte notice therof, or otherwyse, and thereupon to make certificat therof to the sayd Treasourer, Chauncellour, and Barons, or to the more parte of them in the sayde eschequer, or to such other personnes as thereunto shall be appoyncted by the kynges highnesse. And vppon certificat so made of the sayd matter, or if by anye other matter or certyficate it shall appeare to the sayde Treasourer, Chauncellour, and Barons, or to the more part of them, or to such other personnes as thereunto shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, that the sayd matter and the allegacions therof, be good and true: than the sayd treasourer, chauncellour, and Barons or the more part of them, or the sayd such other personnes as there-

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vnto shalbe appoynted by the kinges highnes, thereupon to make a cleare and sufficient deduction, allowance, determinacō and discharge to any of the sayd archbishops, bishops, and other accoumptantes, and to euerye of them, of and for the same, without further suyt or delay, and the same allowance and discharge, to cause to be entred in that court, there to remayne of recorde, as by their discretions shall be thought requisyte frome tyme to time without further suit, charge, or other inquietinge of anye of the sayde archebyshops, bishops, or other accomptantes, or any of them, or any of the successours or executours of any of them in that behalfe.

And that it may be further enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that in case be hereafter certified by commission or otherwise, by sufficient and probable witnesses, had and found before the sayde treasourer, chauncellour, and barons, or before the more part of them, or before such other personnes as therunto shall be apoynted by the kinges highnes, that any benefyce, chantery, hospital, or other ecclesiasticall promocion is omitted and not specified or not certyfied by or in the sayde originall or former certificat: That than vpon due profe, informacion, knowledge, or certificat therof by anye of the sayde archbyshopes or byshopes, or otherwise made or declared before the sayd treasourer, chauncellour, or barrons or before the more parte of them, or before suche other persons, as therunto shal be appoynted by the kynges highnes, of any summe or summes of money concerninge the premisses so omitted, & not charged for lacke of knowledge or certificat thereof, wherof the king of right ought to be answered. The sayde treasorer, chauncellour, and barons or the more parte of theym, or such other personnes as therevnto shall be appoynted by the kynges highnesse, shall make a sufficiente entre thereof, to bee annexed to and with the sayde originall of the same tenth, and thereupon to charge the sayd accomptantes, to make leup and aunswere thereof yerely from henseforthe, so that the kinges highnes may be truly answered thereof, from time to tyme, according to his lawfull title in that behalfe.

The subsidy of the clergy of the prouince of Canterbury. Cap. xxiii.

WHere the prelates and clergye of the prouince of Canterbury, haue louingly and liberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the kinges maiesty a subsydye of foure shillinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuyed of all and singuler theyr spyrytuall promocions wythin the same prouince, durynge the terme of two yeares, nowe nexte ensuynge, in certayne manner and fourme, wyth dyuers exceptions and prouysions specified and contayned in a certaine instrument by theim thereof made and deliuered vnto the kinges highnesse vnder the seale of the archebyshoppe of Canterbury, as in the same instrument exhibited in this present parliamēt more playnly doth appeare. The tenoure whereof ensueth in these wordes.

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¶ The Prelates and clergye of the prouince of Canterburye, callynge to remembraunce not onelye the greate libertye and freedome that they haue by theyr deliuerance from the yooke and bondage of the vsurped power of the byshop of rome, which by the most gracious goodnes, and deuine wysdome of our most dread and natural soueraigne lord the kinges maiesty, is moste lawfullye and righteouslye clerely vanished and extinguished out of this realme. And that therefore the byshop of Rome ceasseth not daply most maliciously to Imagin how to prouoke forreine princes to take parte with him to reuenge his sayd most vnlawful and wrongfull quarelles: but also the greate excessiue & inestimable charges whiche the kinges highnes hath by reason thereof bene at, and is daply, and most contynuallye be hereafter in making of hauens, blockehouses, and other diuers fortresses, for the defence, and tuicion of this his realme, and his moste louinge subiectes in the same: Haue of theyr owne mere louing tender minde and good will, geauen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt vnto the kynges maiesty a subsidy towardes his said charges in maner and fourme following, that is to say: That euery Archebishop, bishop, deane, archdeacon, prebendary, prouost, maister of college, master of hospitall, person, vicar, chãtery priest, and other gouernours and euery of them, and euery other person, and persons, of what so euer name or degree he or they be, enioying any spirituall promocion, or other temporall possessions to the same spirituall promocions annexed, nowe not deuided or seperate by acte of parliamente or otherwyse, from the possession of the clergy, shal pay to the kinges highnes for euery pound that he may yerelye spende by reason of the said spirituall promocion, the summe of 4. shillings sterling. And for the true and certaine knowledge of the yerely values of the said promocions and euery of them wherof the payment should be made, the rate, taracion, valuacion and estimacion al redy made and certifyed in the eschequer, for the payment of the perpetual dysme, concerninge all such promocions as yet remayne in possession of the clergye, or anye other not yet deuided by acte of parlyamente or otherwyse as is aforesayd, shal be followed and obserued without makinge any newe valuacion, rate, taracion, or estimacion, other than in the said certificat is comprehended.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayd valuacion and tare, certified in the eschequer, is yerely payd to the kinges highnes for the perpetual dysme, so as there remayneth onely nine partes to the incumbent clere: this subsidye of foure shillynges of the pound shall be vnderstand of the sayd ix. partes and no more.

¶ Prouided also, that no person payeng firste fruictes, shalbe charged with any parte of this subsidye during the yere of that his promocion.

¶ The sayd prelates and clergy also graunten, that this subsidye of foure shillinges of the pound of the yerelye clere value of euerye promocion taxed as afore, shal be payed to the kinges maiesty within two yeres nexte ensuyng the date hereof, at the receipt of his eschequer, or within any other pla-

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ces where it shall please the kinges highnes to appoint, that is to saye, two shillinges of euery pounde at such dayes and time of the yeare as the perpetual dysme is nowe by tenour of the acte of parliament ordered to be contented and payed.

¶ The sayd prelates and clergye also graunt, that euery preest having a pension by reason of the dissolutiō of any of the late monasteries, colleges, or hospitalles, or any other incorporation within the sayd prouince of Canterburye, shal likewise pay to the kinges highnes foure shillinges of euerye pounde of theyr sayd pensyons, within the sayd two yeres. And that for the sure payemente therof, a deduction and retencion of the sayde .iiii. s. be made in the handes of the payers of the sayd pencion after the proporcion of .ii. s. of the pounde, eche of the sayde .ii. yeares to be deliuered and payed to the kynges vse at such tyme and to such person as the subsidie of .iiii. s. shall be payed vnto.

The sayd prelates and clergy further graunt, that euery preest receiuing annuall stipende, being no perpetuitie within the sayd prouince, shall paye to the kinges vse .vi. s. viii. d. in euerye of the sayd two yeares, at the same dayes and vnder the same penalties, as the rest of the clergye do pay for theyr promocions.

The sayd prelates and clergye also graunt, that euerye archbyshop and bishop, and the sea being vacant euery dean and chapiter of that sea voyde shalbe collectors of this subsidie within their propre dioceses, & shall haue full power and auctoritye by the kinges maiestie & the parliamente to vse all such wayes, meanes, and proces as be prescribed in the acte of perpetual dysme for the collecting and leuying of the same, and shall accompte therof before the barrons in the kynges eschequer, or in such other place as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoynte, in suche wise and after such fourme only as the sayde archbishop and bishoys be now charged for the collectiō of the perpetuall dysme: whereby is ment, how the lacke and default of payment of and for any particuler promotion, shal onely charge the incumbent and such as be bound to pay the same, and that vpon, such paynes as be prouided in that acte of perpetuall dysme, againste them that make defaulte in that behalfe. And that the archbishop bishop, or deane and chapiter gathering that they can receiue, and makinge payment therof, shall for the rest not by thē recepued, be discharged by the certificat made in such fourme and facion as in the acte of perpetual dysme is limitted & prescribed. And vi. d. of euery pound, wherwith the collector shalbe charged in his accompt clerely to be payed into the sayd receipt, or in such other place as shall please the kinges highnes to appoynte, shalbe allowed to the same collectoure in his sayde accompte of the same, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying and payeng of the sayd subsidye.

Prouided alwayes that this subsidie shal not be demaunded nor leuied out of any benefice or college, situat & set within the vniuersitye of Cambridg or Oxford, or of any benefice or other reuennes vnto any colledge of

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Cambridg or Oxenford vnited and appropried, nor of the colleges of Eton-nye, wyndsor nor of the college of Winchester founded by William wyk-ham somtime bysshop of Winchester nor of any churche or benefice or other reuenues to the sayde colleges or to any of theim annexed appropried or o-therwyse appertenyng.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that no spirituall promocion, or any landes, or reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt or acte of the prouince of Canturburye, shall be charged or made contribu tour to any fifteene or other subsidye graunted to the kynges highnesse of the laye fee in the session of this present parlyament, or hereafter to be made duryng the terme of the sayd two yeres.

¶ For certaine causes and consideracions concerning the trew and speady collection and paiment of the same subsidye to be had. Be it enacted by the kinges highnes by the assente of the lordes spyrituall and temporall and of the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same that the saide gyfte and graunt and euery matter sum of money clause and sentence in the sayde instrumente conteined be ratified, establi-shed and confyrmed by auctoritie aforesaid.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parlya-ment that euery person that shall be appointed to the collection and gathe-ryng of the said subsidye, shall haue full power and auctoritye to leuy, take, and perceiue the same subsidy by auctoritie of censures of the churche or by distres vpon the possession of fermers or owners of the landes, and tene-mentes chargeable by this acte to the paiment of any summe or summes of money or otherwise by the distreccõ of the collectours therof. And that no replevy prohibicion or supersedeas shall be allowed or obeyed for anye per-son or persons makyng defaulte of peiment of the sayde subsidie, contrarye to the tenour of the graunt therof vntyll such tyme as they haue truelye sa-tisfied and contented al suche parte and porcion, as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And in euerye suche fermour or fermours, that shall here after fortune to be charged to and with the paiemente for any parte of the sayde subsidy, shall by the auctoritye aforesayd, bee allowed and retaine in his handes as muche in his yerely ferme and rente, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his lorde or lessor shall extende and amounte vn-to any writinge couenaunte bonde or other thynge had or made to the con-trary in any wyse not withstandyng. And for the leuyng of the sayd sub-sidye of .iiij.s. of the pounde, and for the yereye pensions which any preste or other persone or persones, which heretofore haue beene relygious or ta-ken for religious persons, doe or shall receiue at the courte of the Augmen-tacions the chaunncellour of the same courte, for the time beinge, shall yere-ly durynge the sayde twoe yeres, deteyne or reteyne in hys handes or cause to be deteined or reteyned in the handes of other y officers and ministers, of the same courte, to the kynges vse, for euerye pound of the same pensy-ons twoo shyllinges, and it shall well and truly paye or cause to bee payed

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in the sayde Eschequer or elles where the kynges hyghnes shall appoincte, without any delay or charge to be made or susteyned in that behalf.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that euery other person or persons which paye or be chargeable to paye any yerely rent pension or pensions, to any preest, or other person or persons, which heretofore haue beene religious or taken for religious persons chargeable to the payement of the saide subsidie, that euerye such person and persons, which do so pay, or hereafter shall pay any of the sayd yerely rentes, pension or pensiõs, shall not onely duryng the said two yeres, retein in his handes yerely to the kynges vse for euery pounde of the same yerely rentes, pension or pensions, two shillynges, and the same wel and truely pay or cause to be payed yerely duryng the same two yeres, vnto the ordinarye of the same dioces, or to the collectour of the sayde subsidy there to the kynges vse, but also shall yerelye duryng the same two yeres, before the feast of the Purificacion of our blessed lady, certifye vnder hys or their seale or seales into the sayd Eschequer, or els where it shall please the kyngs maiestie to appoynct, the names and surnames of all and singuler suche preestes or other persons religious, or heretofore taken for religious persons as is aforesayd and the true yearely rentes or pensions whiche they or any of thē be intitled to haue or receyue yerely as is aforesayd. And that the chauncellour for the time beinge of the kynges court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of the kyngs crowne shall lykewyse yerely duryng the said two yeres before the saide feast of the Purificacion of our ladye, certifie vnder the seale of the same courte, not onely the names and surnames of all and singuler preestes, and other persons chargeable for their sayde seuerall rentes and yerelye pensions to the payment of the sayd subsidy in the said Eschekier or els where it shall please the kynges maiestye to appoinct, but also the true and iust yerely summe and summes of the same yerely rentes and pensions with the names & surnames of the persons chargeable to the paiemente therof. And that the archbyshop and byshoppe of euery dioceese wythin the said prouince of Canterbury shal yerely during the said two yeres before the said feast of the Puryficacion of our lady the virgin certifie vnder his seale into the sayde Eschequer, or els where it shall please the kynge to appoynct, the names and surnames of all and singuler stipendarie preestes beynge within anye of theyr dioceses chargeable to the payment of the saide subsidye, as is aforesayde: And also the names and surnames of euery such person and persons, with whom he or they do dwell and take any stipend or wages.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that euery suche person or persons which wythin the sayde twoo yeares shall geue and paie any stipende or wages, to any such preestes, as is aforesayde shall for the insufficiency or default of euery the same preest or preestes beynge in seruyce and wages with hym, at the feast of the natiuity of our Lorde be charged and chargeable to & with the paiment of. vi. s. and viii. d. for the same yere.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd that the saide arch-

byſhop, byſhops and al other perſons chargeable to and with ỹ collectyon of the ſaide ſubſidye of .4. ſhyllynges the pounde within the ſayde prouince of Canterbury, ſhall haue vpon euery paimente therof made in the kynges Eſchequer, or els where the kyngs maieſty ſhall appointe a ſufficiente acquitance in writynge of ſuch perſon or perſons as the kinges maieſty ſhall appoynct for the receipt therof: The ſame acquitaunce witneſſinge the receipt of as much of the ſame ſumme of the ſame ſubſidy, as ſhalbe by any of them ſo receiued, and euery ſuch acquitaunce in writynge ſealed and ſubſcribed with the name or names of euery ſuche perſon or perſons that ſo by the kynges appoynctment, ſhall receiue any of the ſayd ſummes of money ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the law, and alſo a ſufficient diſcharg to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, as if it wer made by acte of parliament. And that euery perſon and perſons, which ſhal haue and receiue any ſuch acquitaũce, ſhal pay but only .vi.d. for euery of the ſame acquitaunces. ¶ Be it alſo enacted by the auctority abouеſayd, that all and euerye graũt and graũtes of al and euery ſumme and ſummes of money which hereafter ſhalbe graunted to the kynges highnes by the clergy of the prouince of Yorke, ſhalbe of the ſame ſtrength force and effect in all thinges as the aforeſaide graunte made by the ſaide prouince of Canterbury and ſhall bee tared, certified, collected, gathered and leuied, accordyng to ỹ tenour, forme and effecte of this preſent acte of parlyament to al intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, and in ſuch maner as thoughe it were ſperially, plainlye and particularly expreſſed and reherſed, in this preſent acte by expreſſe wordes termes, and ſentenſes in their ſeuerall natures, and kyndes.

An acte concerning the landes and goods of the hoſpitals of ſaincte Johnes of Jeruſalem in England and Ireland to be hereafter in the kynges handes and diſpoſicion. Cap. xxiiii.

THe lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, hauing credible knowladge ỹ diuers and ſundry the kinges ſubiectes called the knights of the Rhodes other wiſe called knights of ſaincte Johns, other wiſe called friers of the religion of ſaincte John of Jeruſalem in England and of a like houſe being in Irelād abiding in the parties of beyond the ſea, and hauinge as well out of this realme as out of Ireland and other the kings dominions, yerely great ſūmes of money for maintenance of their liuinges: Haue vnnaturally and contrary to the duty of their allegiaunces ſuſteyned and mainteyned ỹ vſurped power and auctorite of the biſhop of Rome, lately vſed and practiſed within thys realme and other the kynges dominions, and haue not onelye adhered thẽ ſelues to the ſaid byſhop being common enemy to the king our ſouereigne lorde, and to this his realme vntruely vpholdyng, knowledgyng, and affirmyng maliciouſly and traiterouſly, the ſame byſhop to be ſupreme & chiefe heade of Chriſtes church by gods holy word entendyng therby to ſubuert and ouerthrowe the good and godly lawes & ſtatutes of this realme their

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naturall countrey, made and grounded by auctority of holy churche by the most excellent wisedome, pollicy, and goodnes of the kinges maiesty, with the whole assent and consent of the realme for ꝑ abolishing, expulsing, and vtter extincting of the said vsurped power and auctority, but also haue defamed and sclaundered as well the kynges maiesty, as the noble men, prelates and other the kinges true and louynge subiectes of this realme, for their good and godly procedyng in that behalfe, haue therfore deeply pondered and considered that lyke as it is and was a most godly acte of ꝑ kynges most roiall maiesty, and the saide noble men prelates and commons of this realme, vtterly to expulse and abolysh not onely from this realme, but also from other the kynges dominions the said vsurped power and auctoritie of the bysshop of Rome, and also the hipocritike and superstitious relygions in this realme, and other the kynges domintons being his membres and adherentes hauing their original erection and foundacion by the saide vsurped auctoritye, by expulsyng wherof goddes holy worde necessary for increase of vertue and saluacion of chriſten soules, is not onely purely and sincerely aduaunced and set forth, but also the extorte exactions of innumerable summes of money, craftely exhausted out of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions by ꝑ colour of the sayd vsurped auctoritye is remoued and taken away, to the inestimable benefit and commoditie of ꝑ kynges louing subiects, so inlikemaner of wise it should be most daungerous to be suffered or permitted within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions any relygion being sparkes, leaues and impes of the sayd roote of iniquitie, consideryng also that the yle of Rhodes, wherby the sayde relygion toke their olde name and foundacion is surprised by the Turke. And that it were and is much better that the possessions in this realme and in other the kynges dominions apperteyning to the said religion, shoulde rather be employed and spent within this realme, and in other the kynges dominions for the defence and suertye of ꝑ same than conuerted to ꝯ amonge such vnnaturall subiectes which haue declined not onely from their naturall duty of obedience, that thei ought to beare vnto the king their soueraign lorde, but also from the goode lawes and statutes of this realme their naturall countrey daily doing and attemptinge priuily, and craftely al that thei can, to subuert the good and godly policy, in the which thankes be to god and to our most drad soueraigne lord this realme and other the kyngs dominions now stand in. In consideracion whereof the saide lordes spyrytuall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled most humbly beseechen the kyngs most royall maiesty that it may be enacted by his highnes and by thassente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled that ꝑ corporacion of the saide religion, as well within this realme, as within the kynges dominions & land of Ireland by what so euer name or names they be founded, encorporated or knowen, shalbe vtterly dissolued and voyd to all entētes and purposes. And that sir William Weston knight nowe beynge pry-

our of the ſaid religion within this realme of England ſhall not be named or called from henſefoorth priour of ſaincte Johnes of Jeruſalem in England, but ſhalbe called by his proper name of William weſtō knight without farther addicion touchyng the ſaide religion. And that lykewyſe John Rauſon knight, now beyng priour of Kilmainam in Irelande, ſhal not be called or named from henſefoorthe priour of Kilmainam in Irelande, but onely by his propre name of John Rauſon knight without farther addycion touching the ſaid religion, nor that any of the brethern or confreres of the ſaide religion in this realme of Englande, and lande of Ireland ſhall be called knightes of the Rhodes nor knights of ſaincte Johns but ſhalbe callad by their owne propre chriſten names and ſurnames of their parentes, without any other addicions touchyng the ſayd religion.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by auctority of this preſent parlyament that if the ſaid william weſton, or any of his brethern or confreres of the hoſpitall or houſe of ſainct John of Jeruſalem in England now abidynge and dwellyng within this realme of England or any other perſon or perſons beyng members profeſſed of or in the ſaide hoſpitall nowe dwellynge within the ſayd realme at any tyme after the firſt daie of July nexte commynge, do vſe or weare within this realme or els where, in or vpon anye apparell of their bodies any ſygne, marke or token heretofore vſed and accuſtomed or hereafter to be deuiſed for the knowledg of the ſaid religion or make any congregacions, chapiters or aſſembles, touching the ſame religion or mainteine, ſuppoꝛte; vſe or defend any lyberties, fraunchiſes or priuileges heretofore graunted to the ſaid religion by auctority of the Biſhop of Rome, or of the ſea of the ſame, that than euery of them ſo offendynge, ſhall incurre and renne into the peines, forfeitures and penalties, ordeyned and prouyded by the ſtatute of prouiſion and premunire, made in the xvi. yeare of kynge Rychard the ſecond. And if the ſayde John Rauſon knighte or anye his brethren or confriers of the ſaide hoſpitall or houſe of Kylmaynam in Ireland or any other perſon or perſons, beynge membres profeſſed of or in the ſaid hoſpitall of Kylmainam, now abidyng and dwellyng within the ſaid lande of Irelande at any tyme after the laſte daye of September nexte cōming doe vſe or weare within this realme, or within the ſaide lande of Irelande or els where, in or vpon any apparell of their bodies anye ſigne marke or token heretofore vſed and accuſtomed or hereafter to be deuiſed for the knowiage of the ſame religion or make any congregacions chapters or aſſembles touchinge the ſame relygion, or maynteine ſuppoꝛt, vſe or defende any maner of libertyes, fraunchiſes or priuileges heretofore graunted to the ſame by auctority of the biſhop of Rome, or of the ſea of the ſame: That than euery of them ſo offendynge, ſhall incurre and renne into the peynes, forfeitures and penalties, ordeyned and prouided by the ſaid ſtatute of prouiſion and premunire, made in the ſayde xvi. yeare of kinge Rychard the ſeconde.

¶ And be it likewiſe enacted by thauctority aforeſayd, that if any the knightes

or confreres of the said religion beyng the kinges naturall subiectes, whiche nowe enhabite, abyde and dwell oute of any the kynges dompnions, at any tyme after the fyrste daye of Februarie nexte commynge do offende in any of the articles or offences next aboue rehersed that than euery of theim so offendyng shal incurre and renne into the paynes, forfaitures and penalityes nexte aboue remembred.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that the kynges maiesty his heires and successours, shall haue and enioye all that hospital, mansion house, church, & al other houses, edificions, buildynges and gardēs to the same belongyng being nexte to the citye of London in the countye of Midd. called the house of saincte Johnes of Jerusalem in England. And also all that hospitall churche and house of Kylmainam in the land of Ireland and all and synguler castels, honours, manours, meeles, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, woodes, medowes, pastures, parks, warrens, liberties, fraunchises, priuileges, personages, tithes, pensyons, porcions, knightes fees, aduousons, commanderies, preceptories, contributions, responsions, rentes, titles, entrees, conditions, couenantes, and all other possessions and hereditamentes, of what natures, names or qualities, so euer they be, and where soeuer they be or lye within this realme of England or within the land of Ireland, or els where within anye the kynges dominions, whiche appertained or belonged to the saide religion or to the priours, maisters or gouernours, knights or other ministers professed of or in the same by the pretence or in the syght of the saide religion: And all and singuler goodes, cattelles, dettes, arrerages of rentes and fermes, and all other thinges real and personal, what so euer they be, whereof or whereunto any of the sayde priours, brethren or confreres, or persons professed in the said religion, can haue nor clayme any particular propriete to their owne proper vse by the rules and statutes of the saide religion: To haue and to holde the premisses and euery of them to our saide soueraigne lorde, and to his heires and successours for euer, to vse and employe by his moste excellent wisedome and discretion, at his owne free wyll and pleasure. And that his highnesse shall be deemed and adiudged in the real and actual possession of the premisses, by vertue and auctoritie of this present acte, sauing to al persons and bodies politike their heires and successours, and the heirs and successors of euery of them, other than ỳ said Priour of saincte Johnes of Jerusalem in England, and the sayde Priour of Kylmaynam, in the Land of Ireland, and the brethers or Confreres of euery of them and the Successours of euery of them, and all and euery other persone or persones of the sayde religion, and theyr successours, and euery of theym, and the successours of euery of theim, all such ryghte, tytle, interesse, possession, leasses, grauntes, annuitees, fees, offices, corrodies, reuertions, rentes, and seruices, rente, charges, commons, ryghtes, titles, entrees, action, peticions pensions, porcions, and all other hereditamentes, of what names, natures or qualities so euer they be, whiche they haue shoulde or oughte to haue

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had, if this acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctority of this present parlyament, by the agreement and assent of the kynges moste excellent goodnes, that the sayde William Weston, durynge his naturall lyfe, shall haue and enioye to his owne vse out of the premisses yerely one annuall rent or pension of one thowsande poundes to bee payed to him, or his assignes at the feast of sayncte Michael tharchaungell, and the Annunciacion of oure ladye by euen portions, and also shall haue to his owne vse suche reasonable portion of the goodes and catteles appertaynynge to the same religion as it shall please the kinges maiestye of his moste excellente goodnes, to ymitte and appoynte of the same. And that the sayde John Rauson knyght shall haue and enioy to his owne vse, out of suche possessions as he nowe hath in England and Ireland, one annuall pension of fyue hundreth markes, to be payed to him or to his assygnes at the feastes aforesayde by euen portions, and likewyse shall haue to his owne proper vse such reasonable portion of the goodes of the sayd religion, as shall please the kynges maiestye of hys mooste excellente goodnes to limite and appoynte for the same. And that Clement West, being one of the confreres of the sayde religion, shall haue and enioye durynge his naturall lyfe, one annuitye or pension of. CC. pounde. And that Thomas Pemberton, an other of the confreres of the sayd relygion, shal haue and enioy yearely durynge his naturall life, one yearely pension of foure score pounde. And that Giles Russel, an other of the sayd confreres shal haue and enioye yerelye durynge his naturall life, one yerely pension of one C. pounde. And that George aylmer another of the sayd confreres, shal haue and enioy yerelye duryng his naturall life one yerely pension of one C. pound. And that Jhon Sutton another of the confreres of the sayd relygion shall haue and enioye yearelye durynge his naturall life, one yerely pension of CC.li. And that Edwarde Belingham, an other of the confreres of the sayde religion shall haue and enioy yerely during his naturall life, one yearely pension of one C. pounde. And that Edward Browne, an other of the confreres of the sayde religion shall haue and enioy yearely durynge his naturall life, one yearelye pension of fiftye pound. And that Edmunde Huse, an other of the confreres of the sayde religion, shall haue and enioye yearelye durynge his lyfe naturall, one yearelye pension of one hundred markes. And that Ambrose Caue an other of the confreres of the sayd relygion shal haue and enioy yearelye durynge his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of one C. markes. And that Thomas Copledyke an other of the confreres of ỳ said religion shall haue and enioye duryng his naturall lyfe one yerely pension of fyftye pounde. And that Cuthbert Leighton an other of the confreres of the sayd relygyon, shall haue and enioye yerely duryng his naturall lyfe one yerely pensyon of ix pounde. And that Rychard Broke, an other of the confreres of ỳ saide religion, shall haue and enioye yerely duryng hys naturall lyfe, one

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res of the ſayde religion ſhall haue and enioye yearely duryng his naturall
lyfe one yerely penſyon of CC. markes. And that William Tyrrel another
of the confreres of the ſaide religion ſhall haue and enioye yearely durynge
his naturall lyfe one yearely penſion of.rrr.pounds. And that Iohn Rau-
ſon, another of the confreres of the ſayde relygion ſhall haue and enioye
yearely duryng his natural lyfe one yearely penſion of.CC. markes. And
that Anthony Rogers, Oſwalde Wallyngberde, James Hule, Thomas
Thornell, Nicolas Hupton, Philyp Babinton, Henry Jerad, Dunſtan
Nudegate, Nycolas Lambert, and Daud Gonſon, beyng confreres pro-
feſſed in the ſayde relygion and hauinge at this preſente tyme no maner of
certaintie towardes their lyuyng, ſhall haue and enioye euery of them yere-
ly, one yearely penſion of tenne pounides. The ſaide ſeuerall yearely pen-
ſyons to be paied at the feaſtes of ſainct Michaell the archaungell and the
Innunciacion of our Lady by euen porcions, as is aforeſayde. And ouer
this, euery of the ſayde confreres aboue named and menſioned, ſhall haue
to their owne proper vſes ſuche reaſonable porcions of the goodes and
cattalles beyng in their handes and poſſeſſions, appertaynyng to the ſayde
relygyon as it ſhal pleaſe the kynges maieſtye to lymyte & appoincte to
euery of them of the ſame.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by thauctoritye aforeſayd, that if any the kynges
ſubiectes beynge profeſſed in the ſaide relygion, be negligentlye forgotten
or omitted oute of this preſente acte for lacke of knowlage of theyr names,
that yet neuer the leſſe euery of them ſo forgotten, and not nowe preſentlye
named or remembred, ſhall haue and enioye ſuch honeſt, conuenient and re-
ſonable yearely penſion and porcion of gooddes as ſhall pleaſe the kynges
maieſty to lymitte and appoincte in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided always that none of the ſayd priours or confreres of the ſayd
religion, ſhall haue and enioye anye of the penſions aforeſpecified exceptte
ſuch of them as be the kynges trewe and faithfull ſubiectes: Any thynge in
this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritye aforeſayde that Iohn
Mapleſden otherwiſe called Iohn Mableſton clerke, ſubprior of the ſayde
religion of the ſaid hoſpital of ſainct Iohn of Jeruſalem in England, Wil-
lyam Ermeſted clerke maiſter of the temple of London, Walter Lym-
ſey and Iohn Winter, chappleynes there and euerye of them ſhall haue
perceiue and enioye durynge their naturall lyues all ſuch manſyon hou-
ſes, ſtipendes and wages, and all other profites of money in as large
and ample maner as they or any of them now lawfully haue the ſame with-
out let or interruption of the kyng our ſoueraygne lorde, his heyres or ſuc-
ceſſours or any other hys officers or miniſters the ſayde mayſter and twoe
chapleins of the temple doing their duties and ſeruices there as they haue
accuſtomed to do.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd that the ſaid William

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weston, and John Rauson and euery of the saide brethern or confreres afore named, and the sayd subprioure and the sayd maister of the temple, and two chaplens, and euery of them being the kynges trew and faithfull subiectes vpon their reasonable suites and petitions, shall haue sufficiente letters patentes of the sayde seueral yerely annuities, pensions, mansions, stipendes and wages, and other profittes of money to them limitted by auctorytye of this acte, vnder the kynges great seale without any fyne or fee to be payed to the kynges vse for the same.

And be it further enacted by thauctority aforesaid that the said brethren or confreres of the sayd religion, and all other obedienciers being membres of the sayd religion shalbe acquited and discharged of their obedience, that they haue vsed to bear and geue vnto the sayd William weston, or to the sayd John Rauson, or to any other of the sayde relygion by the ordinances vsages, rules, or statutes of the sayd religion. And that as well the same William weston and John Rauson as the saide brethren or Confreres of the sayd religion, called knightes, as is aforesaide and euery of them beeynge the kinges subiectes borne in this realme of Englande or in the Land of Irelande or els where within any the kynges dominions shall be enhable to sewe and be sewed by their owne sayde proper names and surnames and haue such capacitye, and other freedome, lybertyes, and priuileges to all intentes and purposes in as large and ample maner fourme, facion and condicion as in the fyrste Session of this presente parliament was ordeyned and enacted for religious persons: Any statutes, ordinances, lawes, customes, vsages, or any other thynge or thyngs to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorytye aforesaide that all priuileges of sanctuaries heretofore vsed or claimed in mansion howses and other places commonly called saincte Johnes holde and all other Sanctuaries heretofore vsed in any place within this realme, or in Irelande, whiche heretofore hath ben belongyng to any of the sayd hospitalls shall stande and be vtterly voyde and of none effecte, for or concernynge any Sanctuary, priuileges of Sayncturye, there to be had or vsed.

The priuileges of comunne Churches and Churcheyardes, applyed and vsed to goddes seruyce, and buryalles of christen people, onely excepted.

And be it also enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that al the sayde manors, meeses, lands, tenemētes, and al and singuler other possessions, priuileges, liberties, franchises and other hereditamentes, granted to the kyngs maiesty by thys acte, shalbe in survey, rule, ordre and gouernance of the chauncellour and other ministers and officers of the court of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kyngs crown in lyke maner forme facion and condicion, as the possessions of the landes of the abbeis monasteries or priorys suppressed or surrendred bene.

And beit also enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd that al and euery such person

persone and persones as bee nowe confreres of the sayde hospitall or hospitalles, and at this presente tyme out of this realme shall before the feaste of Penthecoste which shall bee in the yere of oure lorde god, a Thowsande fyue hundreth fortie and one retourne into the same and here personallye presente theim selues to the kynges maiestie or to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande the lorde Treasorer the lorde Presidente of the kynges counsayle, and the lorde Priuye seale or two of them for the tyme beynge at the leaste, both knowledgynge theim selues to be his highnes true and loyall subiectes and declaryng them selues to be content wyllyngly to obserue kepe and mayntaine all the lawes and statutes of this realme, as to good and true subiectes apperteinethe: Or ells the same confrere or confreres, makynge defaulte of such his repayre and presentmente as is beefore sayde, shall in no wyse claime and enioye any pension by vertue of this acte: any thynge in the same conteyned notwithstandynge: Oneles the person or personnes so makynge defaulte of repayre and appairaunce, can shewe and declare them selues to haue bene detayned or by a necessary meane empeached and letted of their wyll purpose and desyre to haue come hyther, and to haue accõplished the whole contentes of this statute accordyngly.

An Acte declaryng the dissolucion of the kynges pretensed maryage with the lady Anne of Cleue. Cap. xxv.

The Lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys presente parlyamente assembled callynge to theyr remembraunce the manifolde detestable conflictes intestine battayles, mortalityes of people and dispersions, whych heretofore haue sprongen and growen in thys realme, by occasion of diuersitie of tytles to the Crowne of the same whyche moste chiefely grewe and insurged by doubtes of mariages, and of the incertaintye of the succession of the same: Consyderyng also that (thankes be to God) all maner tytles ben nowe conioyned, consolydate, vnyted, and vested, all onely in the kynges moste royall persone, so that hys maiesty is and standeth presently a iuste and vndoubted, pure and perfecte kynge of this his Realme agaynst whom none impedymente or obiection can or maye be by any maner of meanes alledged: and that it appertayneth to the office and polycye of all Cyuyle bodyes of Realmes and countreies moste chiefely nexte to their duties to God to foresee and prouide for the suretye and certaintie of ỳ succession of their kyngs and chiefe gouernours, for as muche as vpon the certayntie thereof dependeth theyr hole common welthe rest, peace and tranquillity: And lately vnderstandyng that greate ambiguytyes doubtes and questions haue bene moued in the mariage solemnized betwene the kynges maiesty and the lady Anne of Cleue whereby greate trouble and inconueniences myghte hereafter spryng and growe in thys realme to the imminent daunger of the destruc-

ſtruction of the ſubiectes therof, if remedy ſhoulde not be ſpeedily prouided for the ſame. The temporal lordes and commons haue therfore made their moſt humble interceſſion and petition to the kynges mooſte royall maieſtye, that it mighte pleaſe his highneſſe of his accuſtomable goodnes, to committe the eſtate of his ſaide mariage, with all the circumſtaunces and dependaunce therof vnto the prelates and clergie of this realme, to be ſerched, examined, diffined, and determined, by them, accordyng to the trueth iuſtice and equity, in ſuch wiſe as ſhould ſtande with goddes pleaſure, the kinges honour and the wealth and tranquillitie of this realme, To whoſe moſte humble ſuite and petition, hys maieſtye condyſcended, and agreed, and therupon by his commiſſion vnder his highnes greate ſeale commytted the examinacion of hys ſayde mariage to the archebyſhoppes of bothe the prouinces of Canterburye and Yorke, and to the prelates and clergye of the ſame by auctoritye whereof the ſayde Archbiſhoppes, Prelates and clergy haue aſſembled them ſelues together in their ſinode and after longe examinacion and conſultacion in and vppon the validitie and inualidity of the ſaid mariage, haue reſolued, declared, and diffined by great aduyſe and deliberacion, and by their whole cõmon aſſent as by an inſtrument by thẽ made and exhibited vnto the kynges maieſty, vnder the ſeales of the ſaide archebyſhoppes, and with the approbacions and teſtimonies of ſowre ſundrye notares autentique therunto ſubſcribed wyth theyr ſundrye ſygnes more plainely appereth: The tenoure of which inſtrument hereafter fully enſueth in theſe wordes.

¶ To the moſt excellent moſt high and mighty prince, and our ſoueraigne lorde Henry the eighte kynge of Englande and Fraunce defendour of the faith, lorde of Ireland and ſupreme head in earth vnder Chriſte of ẏ churche of Englande Thomas & Edward by the ſufferance of god Archbyſhoppes of the prouinces of Canterbury and Yorke, with all reuerence honoure & due ſubiection, health and felicitie. Where as your moſt excellente maieſtye at the inſtances and requeſt of the nobles and commons of your noble realme, hathe by your graces letters commiſſionalles, dated the fyrſte daye of July, the xxxii. yere of your reigne, committed vnto vs and other our brethren, Biſhopes of both prouinces together with the deanes, Archdeacons and clergy of the ſame conjunctly and apart that we ſhould by mature deliberacion, diſcuſſe the caſe of matrimonie which between your moſte excellent maieſtye & the noble ladie Anne of Cleue, is many wayes doubtefull and perplexed: And ſhould furthermore determine what we thought true and iuſte and what your maieſty might do in the ſame and that we ſhould ſignifie vnto your highneſſe in a writtyng autentique what we had doone therin, as in the ſayde letters is conteined more euidently and at large. We therfore both in our owne name and in the name of our ſayde brethren the byſhops and the clergy haue thought good to ſignyfie to your moſte excellent maieſtye, and do ſignifye by theſe preſentes that we and our ſayde brethren Biſhopes of both prouinces together with ẏ deanes, archdeacõs

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and clergy assembled by vertue and strength of youre graces sayde letters, cõmissionals, and congregate to make a Synode vniuersal of this realme after we had hearde, examined, wayed and discussed such thynges as haue ben proponed, alledged, affirmed and proued, vnto vs haue with a common and seuerall assent and consent of al and singulet, declared and determined youre maiesty not to be bounde by the saide pretensed mariage which is of it selfe naught and of no force: so as youre maiesty without tarying for any other iudgement may with the auctority of your church at youre pleasure and arbitre contracte and consummate matrimonie wyth any woman, not prohibited by goddes lawe to contract with your highnes the foresayd pretensed mariage with the lady Anne not withstandyng. And that likewyse the sayd lady Anne, not withstandyng the pretended mariage with youre highnes which we determine to be no obstacle, may at hir pleasure cõtract matrimonie with any other person not forbydden to contract with hir by goddes lawes. Which determinacion made by vs and the whole clergy we wytnes, protestẽ affirme, like as also they with vs haue witnessed, professed and wyth subscription of their names confirmed to be trew, iuste, pure and honest procedyng from the sincere iudgement of oure conscyence. To the execucion of which determinacion, the sayd clergy, hath with vs moste perfectly, wholly, and effectually assented & consented, like as we estsones, consent, and assent by these presentes.

¶ And the saide ladye Anne, beinge aduertised by certayne noble men, of the request of the nobilitie and commons made to the kynges highnes, to committe ẏ examinacion, diffinicion, and determinaciõ, of his graces mariage with the same lady Anne to the archebyshoppes, byshops and clergye dyd then of hir owne free wyll, assent and consent therunto and moreouer sithens that tyme hauing knowledge and clere vnderstandyng of the resolucion, diffinicion and determinacion with the particularitis therof made by the saide archebyshops, byshops and clergye hath in presence of certayne noble men, as the same noble men haue openlye in thys courte of parlyamen testified and declared not onely truely confessed and knowledged amonge other circumstaunces that she remaineth not carnally knowen of the kynges highnesse bodie but also hath agreed and fullye submitted hir selfe to the same determinacion, as to a thynge purelye, truelye, iustelye, indifferently, and honorably done, diffined and determined by the sayde archbyshops, byshops and clergye. And hir saide confession and agreemente she hath also signified by a letter subscribed with hir owne hande whych letter and instrument hath ben openly red, declared and published to the sayd lordes and commons in this presente parliamente assẽbled, in both houses of the sayd parlyament. In consideracion whereof the sayde lordes spyrytuall and temporal and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled moste humbly beseechen the kynges moste royall maiesty that it maye be assented, declared and enacted by auctority of this present parliament as well for the surety and certainty of his highnes posterity and succession as

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for the welth, quietnes, rest, and trãquillitye of this realme, that ỹ mariage betwene his highnes and the said Lady Anne of Cleue, is clerelye voyde & of no force, value, ne effecte. And that his maiesty is at his liberty and pleasure to contract matrimony and mary wyth any other woman, not prohibited by the law of God to mary wyth his highnes. And that the sayd lady Anne, notwithstanding the sayd pretensed mariage betweene the kinges maiesty and the same lady Anne, at her liberty and pleasure may contracte matrimony and mary with any other person, not prohibited by the lawe of god to mary wyth her. And that such mariage which ỹ kinges maiestye hereafter shal solemnize and consũmate with any womã not prohibited by the lawes of god to mary with his hyghnes, & the posterity and succession procreated of such mariage shalbe good, pure, perfect and lawfull, the sayde pretensed mariage, betweene his highnes and the said lady Anne, or anye other thing or things to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding. And that the sayd lady Anne, shal not be named and called within this realme, nor in any other the kinges dominions nor els where, the kings wife nor queene of this realme. And that al letters patentes made by his hyghnes vnto the said lady Anne, in consideracion of the sayde pretensed maryage for her dower and ioyntour, or otherwyse, be voyd and of none effecte.

¶ And be it also enacted by thauctoritye aboue sayde, that if any person or persons of what estate, degree, dignitye or condicion soeuer he or they be after the fyrst day of September next comming, by writing or imprinting or by any other exterior act, word, or deede, directly or indirectly, accept or take iudge or beleue the sayd pretensed mariage, had betweene his maiesty and the sayd lady Anne of Cleue, to be good, lawfull, or of any effecte: Or by wordes, writing, printing, deede or acte procure or do, or cause to be procured or done, any thing or things, to or for the interruption, repeale or adnullacion of this acte, or of any thing therin contained: That then euery suche person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they bee, and their aidours, consailours, mainteinors and abbettours: and euery of them, for euery such offence before specified, shalbe adiudged high traitours, and euery suche offence shalbe adiudged highe treason, and the offendours therin, their aidours, councellours, mainteinours and abettours, and euery of them, being lawfully conuict of any such offence by presentment, verdict confession or proces, according to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffer paines of death, as in cases of high treason. And that also euerye such offendour, being conuict as is aforesayde, shall lose and forfayte to his highnes, and his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, all suche manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, annuities and hereditamẽtes, whych they had in possession as owners, or were sole seased of by or in any right, title, or meanes or any other person or persõs had to their vse of any estate of inheritaunce at the day of such treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shall also lose and forfaite to his hyghnes, and to his said heyres, as wel al maner such estate of freeholdes and interest for

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yeres of landes and tenementes as all other goodes, cattalles and debtes whiche they had at the tyme of their conuiction or attainder of any such offence. Sauyng alwaies to euery such person and persones and bodies politike and their heires, assignes and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, other than such persons as shall be so conuicted and attainted and their heires and successours & all other claiming to their vses, al such right, title, vse, interest, possession, condicion, rentes, fees, offices, annuityes and commons, which they or any of them shall haue in or vpon any such manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuityes, or hereditamēts that shall so happen to be lost and forfaited by reasō of any conuiction or attainder for any the treasons and offences aboue reherced at the time of the saide treasons and offences committed, or at any tyme after.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritye of this present parlyament, that all and singuler the kynges louinge subiectes, which haue spoken, done, practised, committed, attempted or procured, to be doone or attempted directly or indirectly, by wordes, writinges, printinges or any exterior acte or actes, thing or thinges what soeuer it be, against the mariage solempnised betwē the kings maiesty and the sayd lady Anne, or for the setting forth or preferment of the dissolucion therof, or against the person of the sayde lady Anne, or hir estate or dignity which she pretendeth by reason of the sayd mariage or haue done any thing or things, acte or actes, or spoken written or imprinted any words, or procured to be done any thing or things, acte or actes or any wordes to be spoken writtē or imprinted contrary or against the sayde mariage, or any dependences therof which mought be taken, deemed or interpreted for treason or misprision of treason by anye construction, by vertue of any estatutes of this realme heretofore made, shalbe freely and clerely pardoned, discharged, and released by auctoritye of this acte of al those and such treasons & misprisions of treasons aboue mēcioned. And that none of his sayd louing subiectes for any of the said treasōs or misprision of treason aboue mēcioned & specified, shal hereafter at any time by any maner of meanes be impeched, vexed, or troubled, but vtterly discharged thereof for euer.

(¾) An acte concernyng true opinions and declaracion of Christes Religion. Cap. xxv.

Where the kynges royall maiesty of hys blessed and gracious disposicion, lyke as hys hyghnes is oure soueraygne liege lorde and supreme head of the church of England, so hys grace taketh the care and sollicitude therof, moste dylygentlye foreseeynge and prouidynge all that canne be to the quiet vnion, concorde, prosperitie, welth & furtheraūce of the same, considering also that no thinge so much troubleth the common wealth and hindereth quiet and concorde as diuersitye in opynyons and beleefe, specially in thynges that concerne almightye god and hys religyon. And of hys prudence and wysedome well waiynge that oute of sundry outwarde partes and places there haue sprong, ben sowen and set forth diuerse hereticall, erroneous, and daungerous opinions and doctrynes in

the religion of Chriſte wherby ſome of his graces liege people might be not only diſquieted and moued to bariances. ſtrifes, commocions, or ſedicions among theim ſelfes to the vtter deſtruction and vndoynge of them ſelfes, and of their whole poſterity for euer, but alſo enduced & allured to vnfaithfulneſſe, miſbeleefe, miſcreaunce and contempt of god to the vtter confuſion and damnacion of their ſoules vnleſſe by hys maieſtyes prouidence ſome good remedy ſhou!de be ordeined for the ſame: hath of his bountifull royall clemencie therfore appoincted, eſtabliſhed and ordeyned, tharchbiſhopes & ſundry biſhops of both prouinces of Canturburye & Yorke within this hys realme, and alſo a greate number of the beſte learned, honeſteſt and moſte vertuouſe ſorte of doctours of diuinitye, men of diſcrecion, iudgement and good diſpoſicion of this ſayd realme to thentent that according to the very goſpell and lawe of god, without any partyall reſpecte or affection to the papiſticall ſorte or any other ſecte or ſects what ſo euer they be, they ſhoulde declare by writynge and publiſhe as well the principall articles & poinctes of oure faith and belife with the declaracion true vnderſtandynge and obſeruacion of ſuch other expedient poinctes as by them with his graces aduiſe, counſaile and conſent ſhalbe thought nedefull and expedient: And alſo for the lawful rites, ceremonies and obſeruacion of goddes ſeruice within this his graces realme and for as much as the true diffinicion, determinacion and declaracion therof requireth ripe and matur deliberacion and aduiſe, & that ſo high and godly thinges may not raſhely be defined, determined and ſet forth nor be aſtrycte or reſtreined to this preſent ſeſſion or any other ſeſſion of this parliament but from tyme to time be diffined, determined, concluded and publiſhed, as the caſe ſhall requyre and as his maieſtye wyth the aduyſe of his moſt honourable counſaile and ſuch as his highnes hath appoincted, or ſhal from tyme to time appoinct to the ſame ſhal think moſt cõuenient. Be it therfore enacted, ordeined and eſtabliſhed by ỹ kings maieſty with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled & by auctority of the ſame, that al and euery determinacions, declaracions, decrees, diffinicions, reſoluciõs and ordinances as accordyng to goddes worde and Chriſtes goſpel by his maieſties aduiſe and confirmaciõ by his letters patentes vnder his graces great Seale ſhal at any tyme hereafter be made ſet forth, declared, decreed diffined, reſolued and ordeyned, by the ſayde archebiſhoppes, byſhops and doctours nowe appoincted or other perſons hereafter to be appoincted by his royall maieſtye or els by the whole clergy of England in and vppon the matter of Chriſtes relygion and the Chriſten faith and lawful Rites, Ceremonies, and Obſeruacions of the ſame, ſhal be in all and euery poinct, lymitacion and circumſtaunce therof by all his graces Subiectes and other Reſiantes and Inhabitantes within this his Graces Realme and other his Graces Dominiõs fully beleued, obeied, obſerued and performed to al purpoſes, ententes, conſtructions and interpretacions vpon the peynes & penalties therin to be compriſed, as if the ſame Determinaciõs, declaraci-

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ons decrees, diffinicions, resolutions and ordinaunces and euery of theim with the peynes and penalties compriſed, had bene, were or ſhould be by expreſſe woords, termes, and ſentences, playnly and fullye made, ſetforth, declared, reherſed and conteyned in this preſent acte: any vſe, custome or statute heretofore had, vſed, obſerued, or accuſtomed to the contrary therof in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that nothing ſhal be done, ordeined, diffined or prouided by auctority of this acte, which ſhalbee repugnant or contrariant to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithſtanding.

¶ The reſumption of extraordinary grauntes and licences of abſence and reuertions in ỹ town of Caleis, & the marches of the ſame, and in Barwik and of the ſherifwikes for life in wales. Cap. xxvi.

WHere dyuers of the kinges ſubiectes by their ſiniſter and ſubtill informacion and meanes haue heretofore had and obtayned of the kinges maieſtye as well by letters patentes as by bylles and warrantes aſſigned by his graces hande, dyuers grauntes for terme of life, and liues, of diuers offices, fees, wages, and other profites being extraordinary, and not the ordinary offices, fees wages, or profites, of the garriſõs within the townes of Caleys, Guines, Hammes, Ruyſbanke, and the marches of the ſame, and in the towne of Barwyke. And haue likewiſe obteynyd of the kinges highnes diuers eſpecial warrauntes and licences for to be abſent and non reſident in and vpon the ordinary offices, within the ſayd townes and marches. And, where alſo diuers the kinges ſubiectes of theyr ſiniſter and ſubtill meanes haue likewyſe obtayned of the kinges maieſty for terme of lyfe and liues diuers grauntes vnto them made by the kynges graces letters patentes, of dyuers offices of ſherifwikes within the kyngs dominion of wales, contrary to the commõ welth of the countrey there, not only to the greate vnſuretie of the ſayd townes and places aboue reherſed, but alſo to the great diſquietyng, veracion, and trouble of the kynges louinge and obedient ſubiectes. For reformacion whereof be it enacted, ordeined and eſtabliſhed by the auctority of this preſent parlyament, that all and ſinguler ſuch letters patentes warrantes, and lycences, heretofore graunted or made by the kynges maieſty to any perſon or perſons, as is aforeſayde, and euery of them, ſhal by the auctority aforeſayde from and after the fyrſt day of Septembre next commyng, be clearely voyd, fruſtrate, and of none effecte to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes. And alſo that al and ſingular grauntes of the reuerſion or reuertions of anye office or offyces of the townes aboue reherſed and marches of the ſame, ſhall by the auctoryty aforeſayd, be likewyſe voyd, fruſtrate and of none effect to all intentes and purpoſes.

An Acte that lessees shall enioye theyr fermes agaynst tenantes in tayle, or in the ryght of theyr wyues, or churches. &c. Cap. xxviii.

Where great numbre of the kynges subiectes haue heretofore taken leases of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes for terme of yeares, and diuers of theym for terme of lyues, and haue geuen and payed greate fines and greate summes for the same, & also haue bene at greate costes and charges as well in and about greate reparacions & buyldynges vpon theyr sayd fermes as otherwise, concerninge their saide fermes: Yet notwithstanding the sayd fermours, after theyr deathes or resygnacions of their leassours, haue bene and be dayly with greate cruelty expulsed, and put out of theyr sayde fermes and takinges, by the heyres or successours of their sayd lessours, or by such persons as haue interest therin, after the deathes or resignacions of theyr sayd lessours, by reason of priuy gyftes of entayle, or for that the lessours had nothinge in the landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so letten, at the time of the leasses therof made, but onelye in the ryght of their wiues, or such other like cause, to the great impouerishement and in maner vtter vndoing of the said fermours: For reformacion wherof, be it ordeined, established and enacted by ỳ kynge our souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that all leases hereafter to be made of any manors, landes, tenements, or other hereditamentes by wrytynge indented vnder seale for terme of yeares, or for terme of lyfe by any persone or persones, beyng of full age of one and twenty yeares, hauinge any estate of enheritaunce eyther in fee simple, or in fee tayle, in theyr owne ryght or in the ryghte of theyr churches or wyues, or iointly with their wiues, of any estate of inheritaunce made before the couerture or after, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe, againste the lessours, theyr wiues, heires and successours, and euery of them, accordyng to such estate as is comprised and specified in euery such indenture of lease in like maner and fourme as the same shoulde haue beene, if the leassours therof, and euery of them, at the time of the makyng of such leasses had ben lawfully seased of the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes comprysed in suche indenture, of a good perfecte and pure estate of fee symple therof to theyr owne only vses.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte nor any thinge therin contayned shall not extend to any leasses to be made of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, being in the handes of anye fermour, or fermours by vertue of any olde lease, oneles the same olde lease be expyred, surrendered, or ended within one yeare next after the making of the said new lease, nor shal extende to any graunte to be made of any reuersion of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, nor to any lease of any manours landes, tenements or hereditaments, which haue not most commonly bene

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letten to ferme or occupied by the fermours therof by the space of .xx. yeres next before such lease therof made, nor to any lease to be made, without impeachement of waste, nor to anye lease to made above the number of one and twentie yeres or thre lyues at the most from the daye of makinge therof. And that vppon euery such lease ther bee reserued yearely durynge the same lease dewe and payable to the leassours their heyres and successours to whome the same landes shoulde haue commen after the deathes of the leassours if no suche lease hadde bene therof made and to whome the reuersion therof shall appertaine accordyng to theyr estates and interestes so mutch yearely ferme or rente or more, as hath bene moste accustomably yelden or payed for the manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments so to be letten within .xx. yeres next before such leasse therof made: and that euery such person and persons, to whom the reuersion of such manoures, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes so to be letten, shall appertayne, as is aforesaid after the deathes of such lessours or their heires shall and maye haue suche lyke remedye and aduantage to all ententes and purposes, agaynste the leassees thereof theyr executours and assygnes as the same lessour shoulde or myght haue againste the same leassees. So that yf the leassour were seased of anye especial estate tayle of the same hereditamentes, at the tyme of such leasse that the issue or heire of that speciall estate, shall haue the reuersion, rentes, and seruices reserued vppon such leasse after the death of the said lessour, as the leassour hym selfe might or oughte to had, yf he had liued.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that the wife be made partye to euerye such leasse which hereafter shall be made to hir housbande of anye manoures, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes beyng the inheritaunce of the wyfe, and that euery such lease be made by Indenture in the name of the husbande & his wyfe and she to seale to the same: And that the ferme and rente bee reserued to the husebande and to the wyfe, and to the heires of the wyfe accordyng to hir estate of inheritaunce in the same. And that the housebande shall not in anye wyse alyen, discharge, graunte, or geue awaye the same rente reserued nor anye parte therof longer than durynge the couerture without it be by fyne leuied by the sayde husebande and wyfe: But that the same rent shall remaine, discend, reuerte, or come after the death of such housebande vnto such persone or persones, and their heyrs in suche maner and sorte, as the lands so leased shoulde haue done yf no such lease had therof bene made.

¶ Prouided also that this acte extend not to geue anye lybertye or power to any person or persons to take any mo fermes, leasses, or takynges of any manors, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, than he or thei shoulde or myght lawefully haue doone before the making of this acte: nor extende to geue any libertie or power to any person or vycar of any churche or vycarage for to make any lease or graunt of any their messuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, profites, or hereditaments, belongyng to theyr churches

or vicarag⁹s, otherwyse or in any maner, then they shoulde or might haue done before the making of this acte, Any thing contayned in this acte to ꝑ contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd that all leases at any time within the space of three yeares nexte before the xii. daye of Apryll and in the xxxj. yeare of our soueraigne lorde the kinges raigne, made by wrytinge endented vnder seale by anye person or persons of full age, & of whole memorie, not vnlawfully coarcted nor being couert baron for terme of yeares of any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof the lessour or lessours were seased of any estate of inheritaunce of and in the same to their owne onelye vse at the time of makinge any such lease therof, and whereof the lessees their executours or assignes be now in possession by vertue of the same lease, and no cause of reentre or forfaiture thereof had or made shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe against the lessours theyr heires and successours and the heyres and successours of euery of theym, accordinge to the couenauntes, articles, and agreementes specifyed in euery suche indenture of lease. So alwayes there be reserued and yearely payable duringe the same lease, to the sayde lessours theyr heyres or successours or to suche other as shoulde or oughte to haue hadde the same manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, so leased after the decesse of suche lessours in case no suche lease had therof beene made as much yerely rente for the same as was at any tyme therfore yelden or payed within .xx. yeares next before the makinge of any such lease or elles such leases to be of no other force ne effect than they were before the making of this acte.

And moreouer for certaine considerations be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no fine feoffement or other act or actes hereafter to be made suffered or done by the husband onely, of anye manors landes tenementes or hereditaments, being the inheritance or freehold of his wife, during the couerture betweene them shall in any wise be or make any discontinuaunce therof, or bee preiudicial or hurtful to the sayde wife or her heires or to such as shall haue right title or interest to the same by the death of suche wife or wiues: But that the same wife or her heyres and such other, to whome such right shall appertaine after her decease, shall and may then lawfullye entre into all such manours, landes, tenemētes, and hereditaments, according to their rightes and titles therin, any suche fine feoffemēt or other acte to the contrary notwithstandinge: fines leuied by the husbande and wyfe (whervnto the sayd wife is party and priuie) onely except.

Prouided furthermore, that this clause or acte extend not to geue anye libertie to any suche wife, or to her heyres, for to auoyde any lease hereafter to be made of any the inheritaunce of the wife by her husbande & her for terme of xxi. yeres, or vnder, or any her inheritāce for terme of three liues at the vttermoste, whervpon as muche yerely rent or more is or shall be reserued, and yerely payable during the same lease, as was at any time therfore yelden

den or payed, within.xx. yeares nexte before the makynge of any such leafe accordyng to the tenour of this present acte any thing therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that this acte extend not to make good any leafe or leafes heretofore made by anye ecclesiasticall persone or personer by theyr couent or common seale, whiche be made voyde or taken away by auctority of any acte of parlyamente heretofore made nor extende to make good any leafe or leafes heretofore made by any ecclesiasticall perſō or persons nowe being attainted of treason vnder their couent seale or otherwyse or by any other persone or persons now beyng attainted of treason by acte of parliament or otherwyse: But that all and singuler suche leafe and leafes and euery of them now made or hereafter to be made, shal be of suche like effecte and strength in the law and none other as they and euery of them were before the makyng of this acte: any thing before mencioned in this act to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

An acte concernyng customable landes in Oswoldebecke foke. Cap. xxix.

BE it enacted, ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by the kynge oure ſoueraigne lorde, and by the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commones in thys preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame, that all meeſes, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, beynge gyldable, ſette lyinge and beynge wythin the lordeſhyppe and foke of Oſwoldebecke otherwyſe Oſwaldebecke, within the countye of Notingham wherof any perſonne or perſonnes be now ſeyſed in poſſeſſion, reuerſion, or in remaynder in fee ſymple, or fee tayle whyche bee pretended, by a cuſtome there to bee partyble betweene and amongeſte heyres males ſhall from henſe forth be cleareſye chaunged from the ſayde cuſtome, and in no wyſe hereafter bee departed or departible by anye cuſtome there amonges and betweene heyres males, but ſhall remaine, reuert, abide, diſcende, come, and be after and accordyng as meaſes, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, do or may diſcende, remayn reuert, abide, come or be accordyng to the common law of this realme, and in like maner to diſcend, and be diſcendable, remain, auert, come, and be inheritable to the heire or heires after and accordyng to the ſayd common lawe of this realme of Englande: and that al and ſinguler the ſaid meaſes, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes ſhal from henſeforth be accepted, taken, inherited, deemed, and adiudged to be like as landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, at the cōmon lawe of this realme and in ſuche maner and fourme as if the ſame meaſes, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, had neuer bene departed or departible betweene and amongeſt heires males. Any law vſage or cuſtome within the ſaide lordſhyp or foke heretofore had, accepted or vſed to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

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¶ In acte concernyng mysplеadyng, ieofailes and attourneys, Cap. xxx.

FOr as much as the partie plaintiues and demaundantes in all maner of actions and suites as well reall as personall at the common law of this realme, before this tyme haue bene greatly delated and hindered in their suites and demaundes by reason of the craftye subtill and negligente pledynges of the playnetyfes, or demandantes, defendantes or tenauntes where any action or demaund hath bene sued had or made as well in ministringe of their declarations and barres, as also in their replycations, retoynders, rebutters, ioynyng of issues, and other pleadynges to the great hurt delaye and hynderance of the sayde playntyfes or demandantes or to the veration of the defendantes or tenantes.

¶ In so much that whan the issues ioyned in the same actyons betwene the parties to the same hath bene tried and founde by the verdyte of .xiii. or mo endifferent persons for the said playntifes or demandantes or for the tenantes or defendantes, and the Justices redy to geue iudgemente for the sayde parties, whom the sayd issue was founde: The same partyes haue ben compelled by the course and order of the common lawe of this realme afore this time, to repleade and the sayde verdites so geuen as is afore rehersed to be taken as voyd and of non effect somtime because ỹ issues haue bene misioyned and ioyfayle and sometyme by takyng aduantages of the parties owen mispleadynge or in the pursuynge, misconueiyng or discontynuing of proces of any of the parties and for diuers other causes the which is thought as well a great sclander to the sayde common lawe of thys Realme, and to the ministers of the same as also a plaine delate and hynderaunce vnto the said partyes in that they should not haue their iudgementes whan the issue hath bene found and tried as is afore said, to their greate costes and charges. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctorite of the same that from henseforth if any issue be tryed by the othe of twelue or mo indifferente men for the partie plaintyfe or demaundante, or for the partye of the tenaunte or defendaunte, in any maner of action or suite at the common lawe of thys Realme in any the kinges courtes of recorde that than the Justice and Justices by whome iudgement thereof ought to bee geuen, shall proceed and geue iudgemente in the same any mispleadynge, lacke of coloure, insufficiente pleadynge or ioyfayle, anye miscontinuaunce or discontinuaunce or misconueiynge of processe, misioynyng of the issue, lacke of warrante of attorney of the partye againste whome the same issue shall happen to bee tried or any other defaulte or negligence of any of the partyes their counsellours or attourneys, had or made to the contrarye not withstandynge ỹ the sayde iudgmentes thereof so to bee had and geuen shall stande in full strength and force to all intentes and purposes, according to the sayd verdicte, without any reuersell or vndooynge of the same by writte of errour or of faulse iudgemente in lyke fourme as thoughe no sutch defaulte or negly-

negligence had neuer bene had or committed.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd in auoyding of errours and other great inconueniences that dayly do fortune to ryse and growe in the kynges courtes of record at westm. through the negligence of attourneyes, because they deliuer not their warrauntes of attourney in such actions and suites wherin they be named attourney, according to the lawes of this realme, that all and euery such persone and persons, which shall fortune hereafter to be attourney to or for anye other person or persons, beyng demaundaunt or plainetife, tenaunt or defendaunt in any action or suite, at any time hereafter commensed or taken, in any of the kynges sayd courtes, and pleade to any issue in the same action or suyte: That then the same attourneyes, and everye of theym from time to tyme, shal deliuer or cause to be deliuered his or theyr sufficient and lawfull warraut of attourney, to be entred of record for euery of the sayd actions or suites, wherein they be named attourneyes, to the officer, or his deputy, ordeined for the receipt and entering thereof, in the same terme whan the sayde issue is entered of record in the sayde courte, or afore vpon peyne of forfayting vnto our sayde souerayne lorde tenne poundes sterl. for euery default for none deliueryng of the sayd warrant of attourney. And also further to suffer such imprisonment as by the discretion of the Iustices of the court for the time being, where any such default shall fortune, to be had or made, shalbe thought conuenient: This present acte wyth the prouiso to endure till the last day of the next parliament.

An Acte for the auoyding of recoueries by collusion by tenantes for terme of life. Cap. xxvi.

WHere diuers persons beinge seased of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes as tenantes by the courtesy of Englande, or otherwyse for terme of lyfe or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persones by agreement or couine betweene them had, to recouer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes agaynst the same particular tenauntes in the kynges courte, by reason wherof those persons, to whom the reuercyon or remaynder thereof hath belonged, haue after the deathes of the same particular tenauntes ben driuen to their actions for the recontinuance & obtayning of the sayd landes and tenementes so recouered, to their greate and importable charges, costes, and expenses, and sometime haue ben clerely disherited of the same, to their manifest iniury and wronge in that behalfe. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the king oure souerayne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all suche recoueries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties or by couin as is aforesayd, against any such particular tenaunt, of anye landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof the same particular tenaunt is

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or hereafter shal be seased as tenaunt by the curtesy of England, tenant in tayle after possibilitye of issue extincte, or otherwyse for terme of lyfe, shall from henssorth, as agaynst such person or persons, to whom the reuersion or remaynder therof shall then appertayne, and againste theyr heyres and successours be clearely and vtterlye voyd and of none effect, any lawe or vsage heretofore had to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte nor any thinge therin contayned shall extend or be prejudiciall to any person or persõs that shal hereafter by good title recouer any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, without fraud or coueine agaynste any such particular tenaunte, as is before mencioned by reason of any former right or title, nor to auoide any recouery hereafter to be had againste any such particular tenaunt by thassent and agreement of those in the reuersion or remainder, so that the same assent and agrement do appere of record in the kinges court, but that all and euerye suche recouery and recouerye, so to bee had or prosecuted vppon former ryghtes or titles, or by thassentes or agreementes of those in the reuersion or remaynder appearinge of recorde as is aforesayde, shall stande and be in like force strength and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thing herein contayned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

In acte concerning ioynctenantes for terme of life or peres. Cap. xxxii.

FOrasmuch as in the parlyament begonne at westm. the eyght and twenty daye of Aprill, and there continued till the. xxviii. daye of June the xxxi. yere of the kinges most noble and victorious raigne that nowe is. It was amonges other thinges there enacted and establysshed, that all ioynct tenantes and tenauntes in commen, that then were or hereafter should be of any estate or estates of inheritaunce in theyr owne rightes or in the right of their wifes of any manors, lãdes, tenemẽts or hereditamẽtes, within this realme of England, Wales or marches of the same, shal & may be coacted and cõpelled by vertue of the sayd acte, to make partition betwene thẽ of all such manours, landes tenementes & hereditamentes as they than helde or hereafter shoulde holde as iointenantes or tenants in cõmon, as more playnly at large appereth by the saide statute. And forasmuch as the said estatute doth not extend to ioynctenants & tenants in common for terme of life or peres nother to ioynctenants & tenantes in cõmon where one or some of them haue but a partycular estate for terme of lyfe or peres, & the other haue estate or estates of inheritaunce of & in anye manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and by thassente of ỹ lordes spyrituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same that al ioynete tenantes and tenantes in common & euery of them which nowe hold or hereafter shall holde ioynctely or in common for terme of lyfe, yere or peres, or ioynctenantes or tenantes in cõmon

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where one or some of them haue or shall haue estate or estates for terme of lyfe or yeres with the other that haue or shall haue estate or estates of inheritaūce or freehold in any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, shal and may be compellable from hēfforth by writ of partition to be pursued out of the kynges courte of Chancerye vpon his or their case or cases to make seueraunce and partition of al such manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, which they holde ioynctly or in common for terme of life or liues yere or yeres where one or some of them hold ioynctly or in common for terme of lyfe or yeres with other, or that haue an estate or estates of inheritaunce or freholde.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted that no such partycion, or seuerance hereafter to be made by force of this acte be nor shalbe preiudiciall or hurtefull to any person or persons their heires or successours or other than such which be parties vnto the sayd partition their executours or assignes.

That wrongfull disseyson is no dyssent in the lawe. Cap. xxviii.

Wher diuers persons of their insaciable mindes haue heretofore, by strength and without tytle entered into manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes & wrongfully disseised ỳ rightfull owners and possessours therof and so being seased by disseyn haue therof dyed seased by reason of which dying seased, ỳ disseysie or such other personnes as before such dyscent myghte haue lawefullye entred into the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes were and bee thereby clerelye excluded of theyr entre into the sayde manoures, landes, tenementes, and put to theyr action for theyr remedye and recouerye therein to their greate costes and charges. For reformacion whereof bee it enacted by the auctoritye of thys presente parlyamente, that the dying seased hereafter of any such dysseasour of or in any manoures, landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes, haupnge no ryghte or tytle therein shall not bee taken or deemed frome henceforth anye such dyscente in the lawe, for to tolle or take awaye the entre of any such personne or persons or their heyres which at the tyme of the same descent had goode and laweful title of entre into the sayd manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes. Except that such dysseasour hath hadde the peasible possession of such manors, landes, tenements, or hereditamentes, whereof he shal so die seased by the space of fyue yeres nert after the disseasin therin by hym committed without entre or continuall claime by or of such person or persons as haue lawfull title thereunto.

And acte concerning grauntes of reuersions to take auantage of the condicions to be performed by the leassee. Cap. xxviiii.

Where before this tyme dyuerse, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall and Religious personnes haue made sundrye leasses, demises and grauntes to diuerse other persons of sundry manours, lordshypes, fermes

fermes, meses, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures or other hereditamentes, for terme of lyfe or lyues or for terme of yeares by writting vnder theyr seale or seales concerning certaine condicions, couenantes, and agreementes, to be performed as well on the parte and behalfe of the said lessees and grauntees, their executours and assignes, as on the behalfe of the sayd lessours and grauntours their heyres and successours. And forasmuch as by ẏ cõmon lawe of this realme no stranger to any couenant action or condicion shall take any aduauntage or benefyte of the same by any meanes or wayes in the law, but only such as be parties or priuie therunto by ẏ reason wherof as well all grauntes of reuersions as also all grauntes and patentes of the kynge our soueraigne lord of sundry manors, lordships, granges, fermes, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, or other hereditaments, late belonging to monasteries and other religious and ecclesiastical houses dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen by or by other meanes come to the handes and possession of the kings maiestie, since the fourth day of Februarye, the xxvii. yere of his most noble reign be excluded to haue any entree or action against the said lessees and grauntees their executoures or assignes which ẏ lessors before that time mought by the lawe haue hade againste ẏ same lessees for the breach of any cõdicion couenante or agreement comprysed in the Indentures of their said leases, dimises and grauntes. Be it further enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same that as well all and euery person and persons and bodyes politike, their heires successoures and assignes, which haue or shall haue any gift or grant of our saide soueraigne lord by his letters patentes of any lordshippes, manors, landes, tenemẽtes, rentes, personages, tithes porcions, or any other hereditamentes, or of any reuersion or reuersions of the same which did belong and appertaine to any of the sayd monasteries and other religious and ecclesiastical houses, dissolued, suppressed, relinquished, forfeited, or by any other meanes come to the kynges handes synce the sayd fourth day of Februarye the xxvii yere of his most noble reigne or which at any time heretofore did belong or appertain to any other person or persons, and after came to the handes of our said soueraigne lorde as also al other persons being grauntees or assygnees to or by our sayd soueraygne lord the king, or to or by any other person or persõs than the kynges hyghnes, and the heires, executours, successours and assignes and euery of them, shall and may haue and enioy like aduantage against the lessees their executours administratours, and assignes, by entre for none payment of the rent, or for doing of wast, or other forfayture: and also shall and may haue and enioy all and euery such like and the same aduauntage benefite and remedies by action onelye for not performyng other condicions, couenauntes, or agreementes, conteyned and expressed in the indentures of their sayd leasses, dimises or grauntes, agaynste all and euery the said leassees and fermours, & grauntees, their executours, admy-

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nistratours and assignes as the sayd lessours or graunt ours them selues or their heires or successours ought shoulde or myght haue had and enioyed at any tyme or tymes in like maner and fourme as if the reuercion of such landes, tenementes or hereditamentes had not come to the handes of oure sayd soueraign lord, or as our sayd soueraign lord his heyres and successors, should or might haue had and enioyed in certayn cases by vertue of the acte made at the first session of this present parliament, if no such graunt by letters patentes had bene made by his highnes.

¶ Moreouer be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that all fermours lessees and grantyes of lordships manours, lands, tenements, rentes, personages, tythes porcions or any other hereditamentes for terme of yeres, lyfe or liues their executours, administratours and assignes shal and maye haue lyke action, aduantage and remedy against all and euery person and persones and bodies politike, their heyres successours & assignes which haue or shall haue any gifte or graunt of the kyng our soueraign lord or of any other person or persones of the reuercion of the same manours, landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes so letten or any parcel therof for any condicion couenaunte or agreement conteined or expressed in the Indenturs of their lease and leasses, as the same leassees or any of them might and should haue had against the sayde lessours and grauntours their heires or successours, all benefytes and aduauntages of recoueries in value by reason of any warranty in deede or lawe by voucher or otherwyse onely excepted.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thing or things therin conteyned shal extend to hinder or charge any person or persons for the breach of any couenant or condicion comprised in any such writing as is aforesaid but for such couenantes and condicions as shalbe broken or not performed after the first day of September next comming and not before: any thing before in this acte contayned to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

¶ An Acte that iustices of the forestes maye make deputies. Cap. xxv.

FOrasmuch as it is much doubted, whether the kinges Iustices of his forestes parkes and chases within this realme may lawfully make or depute any deputy or deputies for the exercisinge of their said rouinthes or office of Iustices of the forrests: For the auoiding of which ambiguitye and doubte and to the entent that the lawes of the forrest may be more truely and spedily executed it maye be enacted by the king our soueraign lord by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal and ỳ commons in this presẽt parliamẽt assembled, and by auctority of ỳ same, that frõ hẽceforth al and euery the Iustice & Iustices of the kings forrests parkes & chases within this realme, which now be or hereafter shall be by their writing sealed with the seale of their office, shal make, assigne, depute & appoint as many deputy or deputies for ỳ exercisinge of the same office

of Justice or Justices of the forests as to such Justice or Justices frō time to tyme shalbe thought conuenīēt which deputy and deputies so apointed shall haue lyke power and auctoritye to do and execute all thinges concernyng the kynges forestes, parkes and chases, and all other thynge concernyng the office and offices of the Justice of the forrestes, to al intentes and purposes and in as large and ample maner and forme, as the same Justice or Justices myght or may lawfully do or execute by ẏ lawes of this realme and as though the same Justice or Justices were there personally presente in his or theyr owne person or persons.

¶ An Acte for the exposicion of the statute of fines. Cap. xxxvi.

FOr as much as in the fourth yere of the raigne of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the seuenth, father of our moost dread soueraign lord the kynge that nowe is it was amonge many good and sundrye statutes and ordinances than made for the common wealth enacted, ordeyned and establyshed, the fourm and maner howe fines shoulde be leuied with proclamacions in the kynges courte before his Justices of his common place, and that such fynes with proclamacions so had and made, to the intent to voyd all strifes, and debates should be a fynal ende and conclude aswell pryuies as strangers to the same, certayne persons excepted and saued as in the same estatute more playnly appereth. Sythen whyche tyme by diuersitye of interpretacion and expoundyng of the same estatute, it hath bene and yet is by some maner of persons doubted and called in question, whether fynes with proclamacions leuied or to be leuied before the sayd Justices by any person or persons haunyng or claymyng to haue in any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes comprised in the same fyne in possession, reuersion, remainder, or in vse, anye maner of estate taile, should immediately after the sayd fine leuied engrossed, and proclamacion made binde the right heire and heires of such tenant in taile and euerye other person and persons seised or claymynge to theyr vse or vses by occasion whereof diuers debates, controuersyes, suytes and troubles haue bene begon moued & had within this realme and mo be lyke to ensue if remedy for the same be not prouided: For the establishment and reformacion whereof and for the sure and sincere interpretacion of ẏ sayde estatute, in auoydynge all daungers, contencions, controuersies, ambyguities and doubtes that hereafter maye ensurge, growe and happen.

Our soueraign lord the king with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same hath enacted and ordeined, that all and singular fynes as well heretofore leuied as hereafter to be leuied before the saide Justices with proclamacions, according to the sayde estatute by any person or persons of full age of xxi. yeeres of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, before the time of the same fyne leuyed in anye wise entailed to the person or persons so leuyinge the same fine or to any the auncestoure or aun-

auncestours of the same person or persons, in possession, reuersion, remaynder or in vse shall be immediately after the same fyne leuied, engrosed and proclamacions made adiudged, accepted, deemed, and taken to al intentes and purposes a sufficiente barre and discharge for euer agaynste the sayde person and persons and their heires claiming the same lands, tenementes and hereditamentes or any parcell thereof oneiye by force of any such entayll, and against all other persons claiming the same, or any parcell thereof oneiy to their vse, or to ẏ vse of any maner of heire of the bodyes of them any ambiguitye doubte or contraritye of opinion rysen or growen vpon the sayd estatute to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned shal extende to barre or exclude the lawfull entre, title or interest of anye heyre or heires person or persons heretofore geuen or hereafter to be geuen growen or accrewed to them or any of thē in or to any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditaments by reason of any fine or fines heretofore, leuied or hereafter to be leuied by any woman after the death of hir husband contrary to ẏ fourm, intent and effect of the estatute made in the vi. yere of the saide late kyng Henrye the viii. of anye manours, landes, tenementes and heredytamentes of the inheritaunce or purchase of the said husband, or of any of hys auncestours, geuen or assigned to any such woman in dower for terme of life or in tayle in vse or in possession but that the same acte made in the saide vi. yeare of the sayde late kynge Henrye the viii. shall stand remeine and bee in full strength and vertue in euery article, sentence and clause therein conteigned in lyke maner and fourme as though this present acte had neuer beene had ne made.

¶ Prouided also that this acte ne any thyng therin conteigned do extend to any fyne or fynes at any tyme heretofore leuied or hereafter to be leuied, of any lordships, manors, landes, tenementes or other hereditamēts what so euer they be the possessiōers and owners wherof by reasō of any expresse wordes conteined in any speciall acte or actes of parliament made or ordeined sithen the sayd iiii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the viii. stande be bounden or restrained from makyng any alienacions, discontinuances or other alteracions of any of the same lordships, manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, conteigned in the sayde fine or fines but that al and euery such fyne and fines at any time heretofore leuied or hereafter to bee leuied by any suche person or persons or their heire of any suche lordshyps, manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes shalde of suche lyke force and strength in the lawe, and of none other effecte then the same fyne so leuied or to be leuied, should haue bene if this present acte had neuer bene had nor made any thing therin conteyned to ẏ contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that this acte nor any thinge therin conteigned, shall extend to any fine or fines heretofore leuied of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes nowe in suite demaund or varyaunce in any of

the kyngs courtes, or wherof any charters, euidences or mynimentes concernyng the same, be now in demaunde in the kynges high court of chauncery nor to any fyne or fynes heretofore leuied of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes which before the fyrste day of this present parliament haue ben recouered, gotten or obteigned by reason of any iudgemēt entre decree arbytrement or other lawfull meanes, cōtrarye to ẏ purporte intent or effect of any such fyne or fynes therof heretofore leuied nor to any fine or fynes heretofore leuied or hereafter to be leuied by any persō or persons of any manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, before ẏ tyme of the leuyng of the same fyne geuen, graunted or assigned to the sayd person or persōs, so leuyng the same fine or to any of his or their auncestours in the tayle by vertue of any letters patentes of our sayd soueraygne lorde, or any of his progenitours or by vertue of any acte or actes of parliamente the reuersion wherof at the tyme of the same fyne or fynes so leuied bynge in our sayd soueraigne lorde his heires or successours: But that euery such fyne and fynes shalbe of lyke force, strength and effecte, as they were or shoulde haue beene if this had neuer bene had nor made.

An acte for recouery of arrerages of rentes by execucion of tenant in fee symple. Cap. xxxbii.

FOr as much as by the order of the cōmon law the executours or administratours of tenauntes in fee symple tenaūtes in fee tayle and tenauntes for termes of liues of rentes seruices, rent charges, rente seckes and fee fermes, haue no remedy to recouer such arrerages of the sayd rentes or fee ferms as were due vnto their testators in their lyfes nor yet the heires of such testatour nor any persons hauinge ẏ reuersion of his estate after his decease may destrayne or haue any lawful action to leuie any such arrerages of rentes or of fee fermes, due vnto him in his lyfe, as is afore sayd. By reason wherof the tenauntes of the demeans of such landes, tenementes or hereditamentes out of the whych suche rentes were due & payable who of ryght ought to pay their rentes and ferms, at such day and termes as thei were due, do many tymes keep hold and retayne such arrerages in their owne handes so that the executours and administratours of the persons to whom such rentes or fee fermes were due, cannot haue or come by the sayd arrerages of the same, towardes the paymente of the debtes, and perfourmaunce of the wyll of the sayde testatours. For remedye wherof be it enacted by auctorytye of this present parlyament that the executours and administratours of euerye such person or persons vnto whome anye suche rente or fee ferme is or shall bee dewe, and not payd at the tyme of his death, shall and may haue an accyone of debte for all suche arrerages, agaynst the tenaunt or tenauntes that ought to haue payd the sayde rente or fee fermes, so beinge behynde, in the lyfe of their testatour, or agaynst the executours and administratours

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of the sayde tenauntes. And also furthermore it shall be lawfull to euerye such executour and administratour of any such person or personnes vnto whom such rente or fee ferme shall be dewe and not payde at the tyme of his death as is aforesaid to distrayne for the arrerages of al such rentes, and fee fermes vppon the landes, tenementes and other heredytamentes, which were charged with the payment of such rents or fee fermes and chargeable to the distresse of the sayd testatour so longe as the sayd landes tenementes, or hereditamentes continew, remayne and be in the season or possession of the sayd tenaunt in demaine, who ought immedyatly to haue payd the sayde rente or fee ferme so beyng behinde to the sayd testatore, in his lyfe, or in the season or possession of any other person or personnes claymyng the sayd landes, tenementes and heredytamentes onely by and from the same tenaunt by purchase gyft or discent in like maner and fourme as their sayd testatour mought or ought to haue done in his life time and the sayd executours and administratours shall for the same distresse lawfully make auowry vppon their matter aforesayd.

Prouided alway that this act nor any thing therin conteyned, shall not extende to anye suche manoure lordshippe or dompnion in Wales or in the marches of the same whereof the inhabitauntes haue vsed tyme out of the mynde of man to pay vnto euery lorde or owner of such lordshyp manoure or dominion at his or their fyrst entre into the same any summe or summs of money for the redemption and discharge of all duties forfaitures and penalties wherewith the sayde inhabitauntes were chargeale to any of their sayd lordes, auncestours or predecessours before his said entree.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide that yf any man which nowe hath or hereafter shall haue in the righte of hys wyfe, any estate in fee symple fee tayle or for terme of lyfe of or in any rentes or fee fermes, and the same rentes or fee fermes nowe be or hereafter shal be due behynde and vnpayde in the sayde wyues lyfe: than the sayde husbande after the death of hys sayd wyfe his executours and administratours shall haue an action of debte for the sayde arrerages against the tenant of ỳ demeane that ought to haue paide the same his executours or administratours. And also the sayd husbande after the death of his sayde wyfe, maye distrayne of the sayd arrerages in lyke manner and forme as he moughte haue done yf his sayd wyfe had ben than lyuing and make aduowry vppon hys matter as is aforesayde.

¶ And lykewyse it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that if any person or persons whych nowe hath or hereafter shall haue any rentes, or fee fermes for terme of lyfe or lyues of any other person or persons, and the sayd rent or fee ferme now be or hereafter shalbe due & behynde and vnpaide in the lyfe of such person or persons for whose life or liues the estate of the sayd rente or fee fermes dyd depende or contynue, and after the

ſayd perſone or perſonnes doth dye: Then he vnto whom the ſayde rente or fee ferme was due in fourme aforeſayd his executours and adminiſtratours, ſhal and may haue & action of debte agaynſt the tenaunt in demene that ought to haue payed the ſame whan it fyrſte was dew his executours and adminiſtratours, and alſo diſtraine for the ſame arrerages vpon ſuche lands, and tenementes out of the which the ſayd rentes or fee ferms were ſtuinge and paiable, in lyke manner and fourme as he ought or myght haue done if ſuch perſon or perſons by whoſe death the aforeſayde eſtate in the ſayde rentes, and fee fermes was determined and erpyred had bene in full lyfe and not dead: And the auowry for the takyng of the ſame diſtreſſe to be made in maner and forme aforeſayde.

¶ An acte concerning precontractes of mariages and touching degrees of conſanguinity. Cap. xxxviii.

Where as heretofore the vſurped power of the Byſhoppe of Rome, hath alwayes entangled & troubled the meere iuriſdiction and regall power of this realme of Englande, and alſo vnquieted much the ſubiectes of the ſame, by hys vſurped power in them, as by makynge that vnlawful whiche by goddes worde is lawfull both in mariages & other thinges as hereafter ſhall appeare at more length, and till nowe of late in our ſoueraigne lordes time, which is otherwyſe by learning taughte than his predeceſſours in times paſt longe time haue bene, hath ſo continued the ſame, wherof yet ſome ſparkes be lefte, which hereafter myght kyndle a greater fyre, and ſo remayning his power, not to ſeme vtterly extincte.
Therfore it is thought moſte conuenient to the kynges hyghnes hys lordes ſpirituall and temporall, that two things ſpecially for this time be with in this preſent parliament, withe the commons of his realme aſſembled diligence prouided for, wherby many inconueniences hath enſewed, and many mo els moughte enſewe and folowe, as where heretofore diuers and many perſonnes after long continuances togither in matrimonye without any allegation of eyther of the parties, or anye other at theyr maryage, why the ſame matrimony ſhould not be good iuſt and lawfull and after the ſame matrimonye ſolemniſed and conſūmate by carnall knowledge, and alſo ſometime fruite of childre enſued of the ſame mariage vpon pretence of a former contracte made and not conſummate by carnall copulacion for proſe wherof two witnes by that lawe were only required, bene diuorſed and ſeparate, contrary to goddes law, and ſo the true matrimony both ſolemniſed in the face of the church, and cōſūmate with bodyly knowledge, and confirmed alſo with the fruicte of children had betwene thē, clerely fruſtrate and diſſolued. Further alſo by reaſon of other prohibycions then goddes law admitteth, for their lucre by that court inuēted, the diſpenſacion wherof they always reſerued to them ſelues, as in kinred or affinity

affinitye betwene couſen germaines, and ſo to fourth and fourth degre, carnall knowledge of any of ỳ ſame kynne or affinitie before in ſuch outward degrees, which els were lawful and be not prohibited by goddes law and al becauſe they would get money by it and kepe a reputacion of their uſurped iuriſdiction wherby not only muche dyſorde betwene lawful maried perſons hath (contrary to goddes ordynance) ariſen, muche debate and ſute at the law with the wrongful veracion and great damage of the innocẽte party hath bene, procured and many iuſte mariages brought in doubte and daunger of vndoyng and alſo many tymes vndone, and lawfull heirs diſherited wherof there had neuer els, (but for his vaine glorious vſurpacion) ben moued any ſuch queſtion ſince freedom in them was geuen vs by goddes law which ought to be moſt ſure and certaine. But that notwithſtanding mariages haue beene brought into ſuch an incertainty therby that no mariage coulde be ſo ſurely knitt and bounden, but it ſhould lye in either of the parties power and arbitre, caſtyng awaye the feare of god by meanes and compaſſes to proue a precontracte, a kynred, and allyance or a carnall knowledge, to defeate the ſame and ſo vnder the pretence of theſe allegacyons afore reherſed, to lyue all the dayes of their lyfe in deteſtable adultery to the vtter deſtruction of their owne ſoules, and the prouocaciõ of the terrible wrath of god, vppon the places where ſuch abhominacions were vſed and ſuffered. Be it therefore enacted by the kynge our ſoueraigne lord, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall and the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled and by auctoritye of the ſame, that from the fyrſt daye of the moneth of July next comyng in the yeare of our lorde god a thouſande fyue hundreth and fourtye, all and euery ſuch mariages as wythin thys churche of Englande ſhall bee contracted betweene lawfull perſonnes, as by this acte we declare all perſonnes to be lawfull, that bee not prohibited by goddes law to marye, ſuch mariages beynge contracte and ſolemniſed in the face of the churche, and conſũmate with bodily knowledge or fruicte of chyldren, or chylde, beyng had therin betwene the parties ſo maried, ſhal be by auctority of this preſent parliamẽt aforeſayd, deemed, iudged and taken to be lawfull, good, iuſt and indiſſoluble not wythſtanding any precõtract or precontractes of matrimony not conſũmate, with bodilye knowledge which either of ỳ perſons ſo maried or both ſhal haue made with any other perſon or perſons before the tyme of contracting that mariage which is ſolemniſed and conſũmate or whereof ſuch fructe is enſued or may enſue as afore and not with ſtanding any diſpenſacion preſcripcion law or other thynge graunted or confirmed by acte or otherwiſe, And that no reſeruacion or prohibicion, goddes lawe excepte, ſhall trouble or impeache anye mariage without the leuiticall degrees. And that no perſon of what eſtate degree, or condicion ſoeuer he or ſhe be, ſhall after the ſayde fyrſte daye of the moneth of July aforeſayd be admitted in any of the ſpirituall courtes within this the kynges realme or anye hys graces other landes and dominions, to any proceſſe, plea or allegacion contrary to this foreſayd acte.

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¶ The Jurisdiction of the great maister of the householde. Cap. xxxii.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased the kynges moste royall maiestye to alter and change the name of the lorde steward of hys most honorable houshoulde into the name of the greate maister of his houlholde, or Grand maister dhostel du roy, and hathe graunted and geuen the sayd office vnto hys ryght trusty and ryght entierly beloued cousin and counsaillor Charles duke of Suffolk, lord president of his most honorable counsayle, and hath named ordeined and appoynted hym to be called lorde greate maister of his houlholde, or Grand maister dhostel du roy. Hys highnes of his excellent goodnes is contented and pleased that it be enacted by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal and the commons in thys present parliamente assembled and by auctoritye of the same that the saide Charles duke of Suffolke duryng the tyme that he shall haue the sayde office of greate maister of the kynges houshold, or Grand maister dhostel du roy. and all other who hereafter shall haue the said office by those names or any of them shall haue vse and enioy all such and singuler preeminences auctorities, priuileges and iurisdictions in as large & ample maner facion, forme and condicion, as the lorde steward of the kynges houshold by vertue of ỹ office and name of the lord steward had vsed or oughte to haue vsed or had by reason of any custome vsages, statutes or cõmon lawes of the realme, and as if the sayd duke, and such other as shall haue the said office and bene called and named lord stewarde of the kynges houshold.

¶ An Acte concerning the priuileges of Phisicions. Cap. xl.

MOST Humble wyse shewen vnto your maiesty your trewe and faithfull subiectes and lyege men the president of the corporacion of the comminaltye & felowshyp of ỹ science and faculte of Phisike in your city of London and the commons of the felowes of ỹ same that wher as dyuerse of theym manye tymes haupnge in cure as wel some of the lordes of youre moste honorable Counsayle, and dyuerse tymes many of the nobilitye of this realme, as manye other youre faythefull and lyege people, cannot geue their dewe attendaunce to theim and other their pacientes wyth such dyligence, as they? dutye were and is to do by reason they be many tymes compelled aswel within the city of London, and suburbes of the same, as in other townes and villages to keepe watche and warde, and be chosen to the office of constable and other offyces within the said city and suburbes of the same as other places within this your realme to their greate fatigacion and vnquietyng, and to the perill of their pacientes by reason they cannot bee conueniently attended. It may therfore please your most excellent maiesty wyth the assent of your lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritye of the same, to enacte, ordeine and establishe, that

that the president of the sayd comminaltye and felowshyp for the tyme beynge and the commons and felowes of the same, and euery felow therof ỳ now be or that any time hereafter shall bee their successours and the successours of euerye of them, at all tyms and tymes after the makynge of thys present acte shalbe discharged to keepe any watche or warde in your sayde citye of London, or the suburbes of the same or any part therof: And that they nor any of them shalbe chosen constable or any other officer in the sayd citye or suburbes. And that if any tyme hereafter the sayd president for the tyme beyng or any of the sayd commons or felowes for the time beinge, by any wayes or meanes be appoynted or elected to any watche or warde office of constable or any other office within the sayde citye or suburbes, the same appoyntement or election to be vtterly voyd and of none effecte, any order custome or lawe to the contrary before thys tyme vsed in ỳ sayd cyty notwithstandyng.

¶ And that it maye please your most royall maiestye by thauctoritye afore sayd that it may be further enacted, ordeyned and establyshed for the common welth and suretye of youre louinge subiectes of thys youre realme, in and for the administracion of medicyns to suche youre sayde subiectes as shall haue neede of the same that from henceforth the sayde presidente for the time beyng, commõs and felowes and their successours maye yerely at such tymes as they shall thinke moste meete and conuenient for the same, electe and chose foure persons of the sayd commons and felowes, of the best learned, wiseste and mooste discrete such as they shall thynke conuenient and haue experience in the sayde faculte of phisyke: And that the sayd foure persons, so elected and chosen after a corporall othe to them ministred by the sayd presidente or hys deputye, shall and maye by vertue of thys presẽt acte haue full auctority and power as often as they shal thinke meete and conuenient to entre into the house or houses of al and euery poticary now or any tyme hereafter vsyng ỳ misterye or craft of Apothecary within the sayd city only to search, vewe and see such poticare wares, drugges, and stuffes as the saide potycaryes or any of them haue or at any tyme hereafter shal haue in their houle or houses, And all such wares drugges & stuffes as the sayd, iiii. persons shall then finde defectiue, corrupted and not meet nor conuenient to be ministered in any medicines for ỳ helth of mans body the same foure persõs callyng to them the wardens of ỳ sayd misterye of apoticaries within the said city for that tyme being or one of them shal, cause to be brent or otherwyse distroied the same, as they shal thinke meete by their discrecion. And if the sayde poticaries or any of them at any tyme hereafter do obstinately or wyllingly refuse or denye the sayd foure persons yerely elected and chosen as is before sayde to entre into their sayde house or houses for the causes intente, and purpose before reherled: That then they or euery of them so offendyng contrary to thys acte, for euerye time that he or they do so offend to forfaite. C.s. the one halfe to youre maiestye and thother halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of debte, byll, plaint or infor-

informacion in any of the kinges courtes wherin no wager of law essoine or protection shalbe allowed. And if the sayde foure persons or any of theym so elected and chosen as before is sayde doo refuse to bee sworne or after hys sayd othe to him or them administred do obstinately refuse to make ẏ sayd serch, and bewe ones in the yere, at such time as they shal think most cõuenient by their discrecions hauyng no lawful impedimente by sickenes or otherwise to the contrary: That then for euery suche wylfull and obstynate default euery of the sayd foure persons makyng default to forfaite. xl. s.

¶ And for asmuche as the science of physike doth comprehend, include and conteigne the knowledge of surgery as a speciall membre and parte of the same therfore be it enacted, that any of the sayde company or felowshype of physicions, beynge able, chosen and admitted by the sayde presidente and felowship of physicions, may from time to time aswel within the city of London as elsewhere within this realme, practise and exercise the saide science of physike in all and euerye his membres and partes any acte statute or prouision made to the contrary notwithstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng bakynge of horse breade. Cap. xlii.

For as much as by occasion that at a parliamente holden at Westm. in the. xiii. yere of the raigne of kynge Richarde ẏ seconde amongest other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that no hostelier or inholder shoulde make any horsebreade wyth in his house nor elswhere but that the bakers should make such horsebread & that thassise therof should also be made of reasonable waight as by ẏ same acte it may more plainelye appere. And also sithens that at an other parlyamente holden at westm. in the fourth yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the fourthe, amongest other thynges it was also ordeyned and enacted that if anye hostelier or inholder did make any horsebreade contrarye to the fourme of the sayde statute & acte, of Richard the secõd & the same duly proued against hi ẏ same hostlier or inholder frõ time to time should forfait the treple value of all such horsebreade made by him in his house or elswhere as by ẏ sayde acte more plainly also it may appere: Diuerse and many incommodities & mischiefes, haue ensued therupon to the kinges subiectes ẏ haue traueled & iourneied with their horses within thys realme of England: Be it therfore nowe ordeined and enacted by ẏ auctorytye of thys present parlyament that from henseforthe it may and shalbe lawfull for euerye hostelier or inholder dwelling in any towne or billage beinge a throughfare or common passage within this realme, and being no citye towne corporate or market towne wherin any common baker exercisinge the occupacion of bakinge, and hath beene prentice at the saide occupacion by the space of, vii. yeares in dwellynge, to make within his house horsebreade sufficient lawfull & of due assise accordynge as the prise of the graynes of corne that nowe is and hereafter shall

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be from time to time any thinge or thinges mencioned in the sayd actes or statutes of kinge Richarde the seconde or Henry the fourth to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctority aforesayde that it the horsebreade whiche any of the saide hostelers or inholders hereafter shall make be not sufficient lawful and of due assise according to the price of graines of corne as is aboue sayd: Than the Justices of peace in euery shire libertye or frāches within this realme, shal haue full power & auctorite to enquire heare and determine the sayd defaultes and offences of ỳ sayde hostelers and inholders hereafter to be committed against the forme of this present statute and to cesse such fines and make lyke proces therevpon, as they commonly vse to dooe vppon presentmentes of trespasse agaynst peace. And that also likewyse the sheriffes in theyr turnes, and stewardes in ther leetes & lawdayes shal haue full power and auctority to enquire and determine euerye suche defaulte and offence of hostelers againste the fourme of this presente statute hereafter to be committed within the limit of theyr iurisdictions.

¶ An acte cōcernyng Barbours & Surgeons to be of one cōpany. Cap. xii.

THe kyng our soueraigne lord by the aduise of his lordes spirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled and by the auctority of the same by all their common assentes duly ponderyng among other thyngs necessary for the common weith of this realme, that it is very expedient and nedefull to prouide for men expert in the science of phisicke and surgery, for the health of mannes body, when infirmities and sickenes shall happen, for the due exercise and maintenaunce wherof good and necessary actes be alredy made and prouided. Yet neuertheles, for as muche as within the citie of London, where men of great experience aswell in speculation, as in practice of the science and faculty of surgery, be abiding & inhabityng, and haue more commonly the dayly exercise and experience of the same science of Surgery, then is had or vsed within any parties of this realme: And by occasion therof many expert personnes be brought vp vnder them, as their seruantes apprentices and others. who by theexercyse and diligent informacion of theyr sayd maysters, as wel now as hereafter shal exercise the sayd science within diuers other parties of this realme, to the great relefe, comfort and succour of much people, and to the sure safegarde of theyr bodily health, their limites and lyues. And forasmuche as within the sayd citie of London, there be nowe two seuerall and distincte companyes of Surgeons, occuppinge and exercisynge the sayde science and faculty of surgery, the one company beinge commonly called the Barbours of London, and the other companye called the Surgeons of London which company of barbours be incorporated to sew and to be sewed by ỳ name of maisters or gouernours of the mistery and commonalty of ỳ barbours of London, by vertue and auctorite of the letters patentes vnder

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the great ſeale of the late kynge of famous memory kynge Edwarde the fourth dated at weſtminſter the foure and twentye day of Februarye in ỳ fyrſt yeare of his reigne which afterwarde as well by oure moſte dradde ſoueraigne lorde as by the righte noble and vertuouſe prynce kynge Henry the ſeuenthe, father vnto the kynges mooſte excellente highneſſe nowe beyng, were and be confirmed, as by ſundry letters patentes thereof made amongeſt other thynges in the ſame conteygned more at large maye appere. And the other company called the ſurgeons bee not incorporate, nor haue any maner corporacion which twoo ſeuerall and diſtincte companies of ſurgeons were neceſſarie to bee vnyted and made one bodye incorporat, to the entent that by their vnyon and often aſſemble togythers to the good and dewe ordre exerciſe and knowledge of ỳ ſayd ſcience or faculty of ſurgerie, ſhould be as well in ſpeculacions as in practyſe, bothe to them ſelues and al other their ſayd ſeruauntes and apprentiſes, nowe and hereafter to be brought vp vnder them, and by their learning and diligent and rype informacions more perfect ſpedy and effectuall remedy ſhould be than it hath bene or ſhould be if the ſayd twoo companies of barbours and ſurgeons ſhoulde continew ſeuered a ſunder and not ioyned together as they before this tyme haue bene and vſed them ſelues not medlynge togyther. Wherefore in conſyderacyon of the premyſſes bee it enacted by the kynge oure ſoueraygne lorde, and by the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and by the commons in this preſent parlyamente aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame that the ſayde twoo ſeuerall and diſtyncte companyes of Surgeons, that is to ſaye, both the Barbours and the Surgeons, and euerye perſonne of theim beynge a freeman either of the ſayde companies after the cuſtome of the ſayd citye of London and theyr ſucceſſours, from henſe forthe immediatly be vnyted and made on entyer and hole body corporate and one cominaltie perpetuall which at all tymes hereafter ſhalbe called by the name of maiſters or gouernours of the miſtery and cominalte of Barbers and Chirurgians of London, for euermore and by none other name: And by the ſame name to impleade and be impleaded before all maner of Juſtices in al courtes in al maner of actiõs and ſuites. And alſo to purchaſe enioy, & take to thẽ and to theyr ſucceſſors al maner of landes tenementes, rentes, and other poſſeſſions what ſo euer they be, and alſo ſhall haue a common ſeale to ſerue for the buſines of the ſayd company and corporacion for euer. And by the ſame name peaſablye quietly and indifferently haue poſſeſſion and enioye to theym and to theyr ſucceſſours for euer, all ſuch landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes what ſoeuer, which the ſayd company or comminalty of barbours haue and enioye to thuſe of the ſaide miſtery and comminalty of barbours of London. And alſo ſhall peaſablye and quietlye haue and enioye all and ſingular benefittes, grauntes liberties, priuileges fraunchiſes, and free cuſtomes and alſo all maner of other thinges at any time geuen or graũted vnto the ſayde companies of barbours or ſurgeons, by what ſo euer name

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or names they or any of theim were called, and which they or any of them now haue, or any of their predecessours haue had by actes of parlyamente letters patentes of the kynges highnes, or other his moste noble progenytours or otherwyse by any lawfull meanes had at anye tyme afore thys present acte in as large and ample maner and forme, as they or any of the haue had myght or should enioy the same, this vnion or coniunction of the sayd companies together notwithstadyng. And as largly to haue and enioy the premisses, as if the same were and had ben specially and particularly expressed and declared with the best and moste clerest wordes & termes in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes: And that all persons of the sayde company nowe incorporate by thys present acte, and their successours, that shal be lawfully admitted and approued to occupy surgery after the forme of the statute in that case ordeyned and prouided, shalbe exempt for bearing of armure or to bee put in any watches or inquestes. And ẏ they and their successours shall haue the serche ouersight punishmente and correction as well of freemen as of forreins for such offences as they or any of them shal cõmit or do againste the good order of barbary or surgery as afore this time amonge the sayd mistery and company of barbours of London hath bene vsed and accustomed, accordyng to the good and politike rules and ordynances by them made and approued by the lorde Chauncellour, treasourer and two chiefe Justices of either bench or any three of them after the form of the statute in that case ordeyned and prouided.

¶ And further be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the sayde maysters or gouernours of the mistery and comminaltye of barbours and surgeons of Londõ, and their successors yerely for euer after their said discrecions at their free liberty and pleasure shall and may haue and take wythout cõtradiction foure persons condempned adiudged and put to deathe for felonye by the due order of the kynges lawe of thys realme for anatomies without any further suite or labour to be made to the kings highnes his heires or successours for the same. And to make incision of the same dead bodies or otherwyse to order the same after their saide discrecions at their pleasures for their further and better knowledge instruction, inlight, learnyng and experience in the sayde seyence or faculty of surgery. Sauing vnto al persons their heires and successours, al such right title entereste and demaunde, which they or any of them might lawfully clayme or haue in or to any of the landes and tenementes with the appurtenaunces, belonging vnto the sayd company of barbours and surgeons or any of theim, at anye tyme afore the makynge of this acte, in as ample maner & fourme as they or any of theym had or oughte to haue had heretofore: Any thynge in thys present acte comprised to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstãding.

¶ And for as much as such persons beynge of the mistery or faculty of surgery, oftentymes medle and take into their cure and houses such sycke and diseased persõs as bene infected with ẏ pestilence, greate pockes & such other contagious infirmityes, do vse or exercise barbary, as washynge, or

shauing, and other feates therbnto belongynge, whiche is verie perillous for infectyng the kynges liege people resortynge to their shoppes and houses ther beyng washed or shauen. wherefore it is nowe enacted, ordeyned and prouided by thauctority aforesayde that no maner person within the citye of London, suburbes of the same, and one mile compasse of the sayde citye of London, after the feast of the natiuity of our lord god next cõming vsyng any barbarye or shauing, or that hereafter shall vse anye barbary or shauyng within the sayd citye of London suburbes or one mile circuite of the same citye of London, he nor they nor none other for thẽ to his or theyr vse shall occuppye any surgery, letynge of bloude, or anye other thynge belongyng to surgery drawing of teeth onely excepte. And furthermore in lyke maner who so euer that vseth the misterye or crafte of surgerye within the circuite aforesayd, as longe as he shall fortune to vse the sayde mystery or crafte of surgerye shall in no wyse occuppye nor exercise the feate or crafte of barbarie or shauinge neither by hym selfe nor by none other for him to his or their vse: And moreouer that all maner of persons vsynge surgerye for the tyme beyng as well freemen as forens, aliens and straungers within the saide city of London, the suburbes therof, and on myle compasse of the same city of London before the feast of saincte Michaell tharchangell nexte commynge, shall haue an open signe on the streat syde where thei shall fortune to dwell, that all the kynges liege people there passing by may knowe at al times whyther to resorte for theyr remedies in time of necessitie.

And further be it enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that no maner of person after the sayd feast of saincte Michaell tharchaungell nexte commynge presume to keepe any shoppe of barbary or shauing within the city of London excepte he be a free man of the same corporacion and company.

¶ And further more at such times heretofore accustomed there shalbe chosen by the same company foure maisters or gouernours of the same corporacion or company, of the which, iiii. two of them shalbe expert in surgery and thother two in barbary, which, iiii. maysters and euery of theym shall haue full power and auctority from time to time, duryng their sayde office to haue the ouersight, search punishement and correction of al such defaultes and inconueniences as shalbe found among the sayde company vsinge barbary or surgery, as well of freemẽ as forens, aliens and straungers within the citye of London & the circuite aforesayd, after their saide discrecions. And if any persõ or persõs vsing any barbary or surgery at any time hereafter, offend in any of these articles aforesayde: then for euerye moneth the sayd persons so offending shal lose forfaite and pay x.li. the one moity therof to the king our soueraign lorde, and the other moitye to any person that will or shal sue therfore by action of debt byll playnte or information in anye the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of law essoin or protection shall bee admitted or allowed in the same.

Prouided that the sayde barbours and surgyons and euerye of theim shall beare and pay lot and scot and such other charges, as they and their predecessours

ceſſours haue bene accuſtomed to pay within the ſayd city of London this acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary hereof in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by ẏ auctority aforeſaid that it ſhalbe lawfull to any of the kyngs ſubiectes not beyng Barbour or Surgeon, to reteine, haue and keepe in his houſe as his ſeruaunte any perſon beynge a barbour or ſurgeon whiche ſhall and maye vſe and exercyſe thoſe actes and faculties of Barbary and ſurgery or either of thē in his maiſters houſe, or elſwhere by his maiſters licence or commaundement any thynge in thys acte aboue wꝛitten to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ An acte concerning ſhyꝛe dayes in the county Palantine of Cheſter. Cap. xliii.

Where it is enacted and eſtabliſhed in the .xxvii. yeare of our ſoueraign lorꝺ the kyng that now is as wel for the increaſe and augmentatiō of good rule and orꝺer to be had and don in the countie palantine of Cheſter and other ſhyꝛes as for adminyſtracion of iuſtice amongꝛes the kyngs ſubiectes there that the lorꝺe chauncellour of England or the lorꝺe keeper of the great ſeale for the tyme beynge ſhal haue auctoꝛitye from tyme to tyme to nominate and appoinct Juſtices of peace, Juſtices of Quoꝛum, and Juſtices of Gaole deliuery as well within ẏ ſayde county palantyne of Cheſter and other ſhires and parties of Wales by commiſſion vnder the kynges greate ſeale which perſon named ſhall haue full poꝛwer and auctoꝛitye to enquyꝛe, heare and determine all maner thinge and things enquirable, preſentable or determinable beforе Juſtices of peace Juſtices of Quoꝛum, & Juſtices of Gaole delyuery in other ſhyꝛes of this realme of Englād, & to do vſe & exercute euery thinge and things as other Juſtices of peace, Quoꝛū, & Gaole deliuery do in other ſhires of Englande and that they ſhal keepe their ſeſſions there as they do in other ſhyꝛes of England vpō like penalty as hath bene oꝛdeined for ſuch abuſes in ſuch Juſtices in other ſhires of Englād, any law, act, ſtatute, vſage, cuſtome, priuilege, preſcripcion or libertye to ẏ contrary therof in any wyſe not withſtanding, as in the ſayd ſtatute made in the ſaide, xxvii. yere amongeſt other things moꝛe plainly apereth. By reaſon of which act it is now vſed to kepe ſeſſions in the ſayd coūtye palantine of Cheſter as it is vſed in other ſhires of England, Alſo it is vſed in the ſayd county palantine of Cheſter that the iuſticer of the ſame for the tyme being hath, yerely, tyme out of mynde, vſed to keepe the ſhyꝛes or countie dayes in maner and fourm folowyng (that is to ſaye) one yeare .viii. ſhyꝛes or countye dayes, and another yeare .ix. ſhyꝛes or countye dayes, to the which the gentylmen free holders and ſuters of the ſaide coūty are bounden of auncīēt cuſtome and dutye to appere, and geue their attendaunce to ſerue the kinge which ſhires and countye daies come very oftentimes in the yere. And nowe by reaſon of the ſaide newe ſtatute of Juſticers of the peace had in the ſayde countye, the ſayde gentylmen, free holders and ſuyters of the

sayd countye beyng bounden of their sayde olde custome and lawe to geue their attendaunce and apparaunce to the sayde shyres and countye dayes, are nowe bounde also to geue their apparaunce and attendaunce at lower quarter sessions, and other priuy sessions in the sayde countye: By meane wherof the sayde apparaunce & attendaunce commeth so often and thicke together, that at many tymes they cannot departe from the one court and attende their businesse scarcely one day or somtyme lesse, but they must again ryde to serue the other court which is to peinfull, chargeable, intollerable and importune, for any man to sustaine and abyde: Inconsideracion wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, that from henseforthe the lawe and administracion of Justice, and all other thinges in the sayde countye in tyme past vsed to be had at the sayd shyre dayes shall be holden, had, made, done and executed by the Justice of the sayde countye for the tyme beynge at twoo tymes in the yere onely, that is to witte at the sessions next after the feaste of saincte Mychaell the archaungell, and at the sessions nexte after Easter yerely for euer duryng so many dayes at euery of the sayde tymes as neede shall require, in like maner and fourme as it is now vsed and executed in the county palantine of Lancaster: And that no actions, suite, or processe now or hereafter to be dependyng in the saide counties, shall be therby discontynued, hurte or impayred nor any aduauntage therin to be taken by errour, discontinuaunce of processe, ne other wyse, but the same to proceede after the same newe order: And that from henseforth the sayde olde order, rule and custome in holdyng of the sayd counties or shyre days, shall vtterly ceasse and determyne for euer: Any acte, statute, prescripcion, graunte, vsage, custome, priuiledge, law, libertye, constitucyon or conspyracion, heretofore had, made, accustomed, or vsed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

An Acte that the towne of Royston is reduced to one newe parish. Cap. xliiii.

FOr As muche as the towne of Royston is a market towne situate and builded together and extendeth it selfe into fyue seuerall Parishes whereof neuer a Paryshe Churche of theym is within twoo myles, of the sayde towne, and some of them be three myles distant from the same by reason wherof the poore inhabitãtes and townsmen ther being parishioners of the saide fiue Parish Churches diuers and sundry tymes through the absence of their persons & curates, in such cases of necessitie whan their presence to ẏ cõfort and consolacion of their paryshioners is most requisit & behoueful, cannot haue the sacraments & sacramentals to be ministred according to the laudable custome of holy churche to their greate perils & ieoperdies.

And also for asmuch as ẏ said town of Roystõ is a great & cõmõ throughfare for the kinges subiectes and liege people trauailyng from many & sũdry

dyꝛe parties of this realme, and in the said town is also thinhabitants of ỹ market wherunto great and frequent resort is of all thinhabitantes of the countrey therunto adioyning and yet the sayd subiectes so trauaillinge nor any of the inhabitauntes so resortynge can haue any masse or other diuyne seruice in the sayd towne, if their deuocion should that require: And ouer this the saide great distaunce of the towne from the parish churches aforesayde is verye discommodious and perilfull to all and singular the inhabytantes there and moste specially to the impotent sicke and aged people, which be not able to trauaile to the sayd churches ne any of them, to heare their diuine seruice. All which discommodities and inconueniences were litle preiudiciall to the said towne, at such time as the late priory ther stode, The church of which priory the poore inhabitantes of the said towne haue bought to their great charges to the intent to haue the same their parishe churche and therin to haue daiely masse and other diuine seruices to bee celebrated and doen: In consideration of which premisses it maye please the kinges most royall maiesty of his moste excellent goodnes that it maye bee enacted by his highnes with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamẽt assembled, and by auctority of the same, that the sayde church late being parcell of the sayde priory of Royston, shalbe the paryshe church for all and singular the inhabitauntes of the sayd towne of Royston, And that the sayd church shalbe named and called from henceforth the parysh church of saincte Jhon the Baptist, in the towne of Royston, and that on parcell of ground nigh or by the sayd bee Churche prouided and enclosed at the charges and costes of the sayd inhabitantes for a cemitorie or churchyarde for burialles of christen people in the same, and that thinhabitantes of the same towne shall be paryshioners onely to the same church, and be discharged of any further resort or repayre to any of the sayd .v. parish churches distant from the sayd towne as is aforesayd and that the persons and curates of the sayde .v. parishe churches, and euery of them and the successour of euery of them: shall be discharged of the cure of the said inhabitantes.

¶ And bee it also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that one sufficiente and lawful person to be named and appointed by the kyngs highnes, shal bee vicar perpetuall in the saide paryshe church of Royston, and haue perpetuall succession in the same. And that he and his successours shall be named and called vicars of the parishe churche of saincte Jhon the Baptist in Royston, and shall be enabled by auctorite of this acte to sue and be sued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme, and also to purchas landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to him and his successours vicars of the same churche: And that the aduouson, donacion and presentacion of the sayde vicarage shall appertayne and belonge to the kynges highnesse his heires and successours, as appendant to his graces manour of Royston and that as well the said now first vicar to be named as is aforesayd as all other vicars hereafter of the sayd church, shalbe presẽted, instituted and in-

ducted to and by the ordenarye or ordinaries of the place, where the sayde church is situate, as other persons and vicars of this realme bene accustomed: And that the sayde paryshe church and towne of Royston shall from henseforth be taken and accepted to bee in the dioces of London onely and not in any other dioces, any vsage, custome, or matter to the contrary therof not withstandyng: And that also the sayde vicar that shall be fyrste named and presented: shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to take and receiue to him and his successours, one mesuage with a garden therto adioynyng situate in the sayde town of Royston to be geuen to him by any of the inhabitauntes in the sayd town, which mesuage and garden shall be named and called the vicarage of the same towne.

And that also the same vicar and his successours shall haue and perceiue all the tythes, offeringes, oblacions, obuencions, and other ecclesiastycall duties and rightes that shall growe and be due by the customes of thys realme and ecclesiasticall lawes of the same, to bee payed had or made by the inhabitauntes of the sayd towne except onely the tythes, of corne, hay, wolle, lambe and calfe, whych tythes, of corne, hay, wolle, lambe and calfe, shall from henseforthe bee payed and satisfied by auctoritye of thys acte to the persons and curates of the sayd .v. parish churches, in like maner forme and condicion, as heretofore it hath bene accustomed, the erection of ỳ sayd vicarage of Royston, or any other thyng or thynges conteyned or specified in this acte in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayd that the persons and curates of the sayd .v. paryshe churches and euery of theim and ỳ successours of euerye of them, shall haue their remedye and remedies by auctoritye of this acte, to sue, demaũd, aske and recouer in the kings court of chauncery the sayd tithes of corne, hay, woll, lambe and calfe subtracted or denied to be paied by any person or persons or els such remedy and remedies to sue, demaũde, aske or recouer the same tithes in like maner, forme, facion & cõdicion as they or any of thẽ should, ought or might haue done or had, if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ Prouided alway that this prẽsẽt acte shal take none effect nor be put in execution vntil such time as the kinges maiesty hath named and presented one hable persone to be vicar of the said parish church of Royston in maner and forme aforesayd.

¶ The erection of the court of the first fruictes and tenthes. Cap. xlv.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westm. the thirde day of Nouẽbre in the xxvi. yere of the reign of our most dread naturall and soueraigne lieg lord Henry theyght, by the grace of god kyng of Englande and of Fraunce Defendoure of the fayth Lorde of Ireland, and in earth supreme head of the church of England, it was enacted, ordeyned & established: that the kings highnes his heires & successors kings of this realme, should haue & enioy from time to time to endure

dure for euer of euery such person and persons, which at any time after the first day of January than next comming, should be nominated, elected, prefected, presẽted, collated or by any other meanes apointed to haue any archbishoprich, bishoprich, abbacy, monastery, priory, colledge, hospitall, archdecõry, deanry, prouostship, prebend, personage, vicarage, chãtery, freechapell, or other dignitie, benefice, office or promocion spirituall within this realme and els where within any the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualitye soeuer they were, or to whose foũdation, patronage or gift soeuer they dyd belong the fyrst fruictes, reuenues and profits for one yere of euery such archbyshoprich, bishoprich, abbacy, monastery, priory, college, hospitall, archdecõry, deanry, prouost, prebẽd, personage, vicarage, chãtery, frechapel, or other dignity, benefice, office, or promocion spirituall afore named, where vnto any such person or persons after the sayd fyrst day of January be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoyncted: And that euery such person and persons before any actual or real possession or medling with ỳ profites of any such archbishoprich, bishoprich abbacy, monastery, priory, hospital, deanry, puostship, pbend, psonage, vicarage, chantery, frechaple, priory or other dignity, benefite, office or promociõ spirituall should satisfie, content & paie, or compound or agree to paye to the kynges vse, at reasonable daies, vpon good sureties the sayd first fruictes & profites for one yere: And also by the same acte it was further enacted by thauctority aforesayde that the kynges maiesty his heires and successours kings of this realme, for more augmẽtacion and maintenance of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignity of supreame head of ỳ church of England should yerely haue, take, and enioy & receyue, vnited and knit to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pension amountyng to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offerings emolumentes and of all other profites as wel called spiritual as temporall than apperteinyng or belonigng or that after the makyng of the saide acte should belonge to any archbishoprich, bishoprich, abbacy, monastery, priory, archdeconry, deanry, hospitall, colledg, house collegiate, prebend, cathedrall church, collegiat church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chantery, frechapell or other benefice or promocion spirituall of what name nature or qualitye soeuer they were within any dioces of this realme or in wales the sayd pension or annual rent to be paied yerely for euer to our said soueraigne lord his heires and successours kings of this realme at the feast of the natiuity of our lord god, as by the same act amongest diuers other thinges therin conteyned more plainly is shewed and maye appeare.

¶ And for the more surety and establishement therof, and to thentent that the kinges maiesty his heires & successours shall be the better serued in obteininge the premisses, & also from henseforth be truely and iustly aunswered, contented and payd yerely of all that which to his highnes his heires, or successours appertayneth or belongeth, or hereafter shall appertayne or belong by vertue and according to the tenor of the sayd acte. Be it enacted

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ordeyned and establyshed by the kynges maiesty, by thassente of his lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by thauctority of the same in maner and forme as hereafter folowyth that is to saye.

First ỳ king our souereign lord, by thauctority aforesaid maketh erecteth and establisheth a certaine court commonly to be called for euer ỳ courte of the fyrst fruictes and tenths which court by thauctority aforesaed continually and for euer shalbe a courte of record, and shall haue one seale to be engrauen and made after such forme, fascion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges highnesse, and shall remayne and be ordred as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctority aforesayde that ther shall be one certayne person to bee named and assigned by the kynges highnesse his heires and successors, which shalbe chaūcellor of the same court and shall be chiefe and principall officer of the same court, and shall be called the chancellor of the first fruictes and tenthes, and shall haue the keeping of the sayd seale to be assigned of and for the said courte.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd that ther shall be one person to bee named and assyned by the kyngs highnes, whych shall be called the kynges treasorer of the first fruicts and tenths, and shal be the second officer of the same court. And that ther shalbe one person to be lerned in the lawe of this land to be named and assygned by the kynges highnes which shall be the kynges attourney of the first fruicts & tenthes and shalbe the third offycer of the same court. And that ther shall be .ii. persons to be named by the kynges hyghnes whiche shall bee named the kynges auditours of the first fruictes and tenthes, and shall be officers of the same courte. And that there shalbe one Clerke to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes to be clerke of the same court, which shall make all bondes, writtinges and other ordinary proces and entres out and from the same court.

¶ And that there shal be one other person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes which shall be called the messanger of the sayd court.

¶ And one other person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnesse which, shall be called the Husher of the same courte which messanger and Husher and euery of theim, shall haue such and lyke profites and aduantages, as the messanger and Husher of the kynges duchy chamber at Westm haue and perceyue: And the sayde Chauncellour which shall be appointed by the kynges highnes shall take a corporall othe afore the lorde Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng after the tenour ensuyng.

¶ Ye shal sweare, that ye well and truely shal serue the kyng in the offyce of ỳ Chauncellorshyp of the first fruicts and tenths and shal minister equall Justyce to ryche & pore to the best of your cōnyng, wyt and power, and ỳ ye shal diligently procure al thinges, which maye honestly & iustly be to the kinges aduauntage and profite, and to the augmentacion of the ryghtes, and prerogatiues of his Croune, and truely vse the kynges seale, appoyn-

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ted to your offyce: And also endeuoure your selfe to the vttermost of your power to see the kynge truely and iustly aunswered yearely of all such rentes, reuenues and profites which shall or maye aryse, growe or be due, to the kyng in your office: And from time to time deliuer with spede such as shall haue to dooe afore you: And that ye shall not take nor receyue of any person any gifte or reward in any case or matter dependinge before you or wherein the kynges highnes shall be party: whereby any preiudice, hinderaunce, losse or disherison shall growe or be to the kynges highnes. So help you god and all sainctes.

¶ Also the sayd treasorer shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chauncellour of the sayd court, accordyng to the tenour ensuing: Ye shall swear, that ye shall well and truely serue the kynge our souereign lorde and hys people in thoffice of the treasourer of this court, and ye shal reasonably and honestlye procure the kynges profyte and do ryghte to all maner of people poore and riche in those thinges which touche youre office and the kynges receipte of his money: Ye shall truely kepe dispend paie and deliuer a true declaracion and accoumpt thereof shall make from time to tyme without anye concelemente accordynge to this acte made for the stabylshemente of this court: And further shall doo euerye thinge that of right appertayneth to your office, so healp you god and all sainctes.

¶ Also the said attourney shal take a corporal, othe before the sayd chaūcellour, according to the tenour hereafter ensuyng: Ye shal swear that ye shal wel & truely serue the kynge as his attourney in all courtes for or concernyng any matter or cause that shall concerne or touch the rentes, reuenus, profyttes or hereditamentes limitted to the suruey and gouernance of this courte and procure the kynges profytte therof: And that ye shall trewelye counsaile the kynge and chauncellour of this courte in all thynges concernynge the same to the best of youre connyng wytte and power: And with all spede and dylygence from tyme to tyme at the callinge of the said chaūcellour ye shall endeuour your selfe for the hearyng and determinacion indifferently of such matters and causes as shall depende before the sayde chauncellour: And that ye shal not take any gyft or reward in any matter or cause dependynge in the same courte or elswhere wherin the king shall be party, wherby the kynges maiesty shal be hurte, hyndered or disherited. And further ye shal do to your power wit and conning al and euery thing that of right apperteineth to your office so help you god and al sainctes.

¶ Also the said auditours and euery of them shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chauncellour of the sayde court after the tenoure ensuing. Ye shal swear that ye truly shal serue the king in your office, & true allowāces make to euery person which shalbe accōptant before you: And you shal not take nor receiue of poore nor rich any gyft or reward in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same court, but such as shalbe ordynary apperteinyng to youre offyce, wherby the kynge shalbe hurte, hindered or disherited

disherited: And ye shall do euerye thynge whych shall be apperteinynge to your office, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

¶ Item that the sayde clerke of the saide courte shall take a corporall othe before the sayde chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge. Ye shall swear, that yee shall well and truely serue the kynge in youre office of clerke of the counsaile of this courte and truely do and execute all and euery thinge and thynges which ye oughte to do by reason of youre office, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte so helpe you god and all sainctes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde that the sayd first fruicts and tenth and all the reuenues and profite therof which nowe be or hereafter shal grow or be by any manour of meanes, shalbe from henceforth in the order, surueye & gouernaunce of the courte and ministers of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde chauncellour in all places and the sayde treasourer, attourney and auditours or two of them in the sayd court of the sayd chaūcellour beynge absent, and also such commissioners, deputies and substitutes, as the sayd chauncellour shall assigne appoinct and depute in any shyres or places of this realme shall haue power to compounde & to take obligacions to the kinges vse of anye person or persons, and of his sureties for the sure paiment of the sayd first fruites or for any other cause or mattier concernyng the premisses determinable within the same court. And that all such obligacions & writtinges obligatorie of what summe so euer they be shall be taken in maner and fourm abouesayd and none otherwyse: And shall be of the same strength force vertue qualitye & effecte to all ententes and purposes as writynges obligatority heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritie of the statute of the staple bene or ought to be: And that lyke proces and executions therupon shalbe made out of the sayd court for the leuyng of the debtes due or hereafter to be due by vertue of the sayd writinges obligatory against any person spirituall or temporall as hath bene accustomed to be made against any laie person vpon certificate of writinges obligatorie of the sayd statute of the staple: And that all oblygations hereafter to be taken concernynge the premisses contrary to the tenour of this acte shall be voide and of none effecte. And that no person shalbe compelled to pay for any writynge oblygatorie to be made for any cause touchyng the sayd court aboue, viii.d and for any acquitaunce aboue. iiii.d. And that the sayde chauncellour for the tyme beyng shal haue full power and auctoritie to awarde vnder the seale to be appoincted to the sayd court in the kynges name, such proces and preceptes with reasonable peins to be therin ymitted, as be nowe commonlye vsed in the court of the kynges Duchye chambre of Lancaster beynge at Westm. against euery person and persons what so euer they be for and cōcernyng the interest, right, and title of the kynges maiesty his heires and successours or for any tēthes, reuenues, profites, accoūpt, receipt or other cause in any wyse touching or concerning any thinge appointed to the order and surueye of the sayd court or any parte therof for & on the behalfe of

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sayd soueraygne lord the kyng or of or for any debte rysinge and growinge by occasion of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd that the sayde treasourer attourney and auditours shall diligentlye from tyme to tyme attende vppon the sayde chauncellour in the sayd courte for the hearyng and ordernge of mattiers and causes in the same courte for the tyme of the iii. termes of the yeare vsually kepte for the lawe at westm. and procure with all diligence that al debtes, duties, and other profites being in the surueye & gouernance of the sayd court, shalbe truly and iustly paid and answered to the said treasorer of the sayde court, to the vse of the kynges highnes without concealyng any parte therof: And shal also cause and procure processe to bee made agaynste such as shal be indebted to the kinges highnes and their sureties of and for any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shall require with out any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritye aforesayd that the sayd clerke particular messanger and husher and euery of them shall vppon reesonable warnyng at al times and places from time to time geue attendaunce vppon the sayd chauncellour for the tyme beinge, for the due execution and expedicion of the premisses without any delay vpon suche peines as shall be assessed by the kynges maiestye vppon informacion therof geuen by the sayd chauncellour to his highnes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid that if any of ỳ sayd officers appointed for the same courte do conceale or withdrawe willyngely any debtes, duetyes, tenthes, reuenues or other profytes falling, growing or cõmyng to the kyng by reason of the fyrst fruictes and tenthes or by reason of any other thing appoynted by this acte to bee within the surueye and order of the said courte that then the sayd officer and officers so offendynge shall lose to the kynge our sayd souerayne lord the double value of the thing so concealed or withdrawen.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritye abouesayde, that the sayde treasorer for the time being shall haue auctoritye by thys acte to geue his acquitaũce of and for such money and obligacion as he shall receiue of them to the kynges vse for and concernyng the first fruits and tenths and other thyngs appoynted to the order of the said courte: And that this sayd acquitaũce shal be from henseforth a sufficient acquitaũce and discharge aswell for the discharge of the parties agaynste the kynges hyghnesse his heires and successours for payment of so muche money, as also to the auditour for the tyme beyng and to euery of them for makynge due allowaunce of the same. And that any acquitaunce hereafter to bee made concernynge the premisses, by any person or persons contrary to the tenour, fourm and effecte of thys presente acte shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritye abouesayde that the sayd treasourer before the twenty day of March nert after ỳ feast of sainct Michael tharchangel shal yerely declare truely hys whole accompt to the saide chauncellour

lour and auditours or to the sayde chauncelours and one of the said auditours, which chauncellour and auditours or chauncelour and one of the sayd auditours shal by this acte haue auctorytye to take and determine the same accoumpte before the laste day of July nert ensuyng: vpon which determinacion of accõpt the sayd treasorer within one moneth nert ensuinge the determinacion of the sayde accompt, shall truely content and pay to the kynges vse all such summes of money by hym receiued as shall appeare to be due to the kynges highnes and vnpayed vpon the same accompte, after whych determination, the said auditours or one of them, shall engrosse the same into parchement, and the same so engrossed shall retourne into thoffice of the sayd court of the first fruytes & tenthes before ẏ last day of February nert after the determinacion of the same accompte, there for to remayne as the kynges recordes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorytye abouesayd that the sayde treasourer from time to time vpon this accompt shall be allowed as well of such fees as shall bee limitted vnto hym for the exercise of hys office as of and for all such summes of money as he shall pay to any patentye or patenties of any offyce, fee or annuity that shalbe graunted or geuẽ vnder the seale of ẏ said court and also of all such money as he shall pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or bill assigned and also of all summes of money as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any bill assigned or subscrybed by the hand of the sayd chauncellour for the time being, vpon such considerations, as shalbe thought conuenient by hys discretion, of or for anye cause tyme or matter concerning ẏ sayde courte whatsoeuer it shalbe and that the sayd auditours, or one of theim takynge accoumptes of the sayde treasorer shall haue auctority and power to allowe to the said treasorer the premisses and euery parte of them.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde that all maner of processe that shall be made out of the kynges exchequer or out of any other court other than ẏ court made by auctority of this present acte, to or against anye person or persons for anye debte tenthe issues and profytes concernynge the premisses or any parte therof, from henseforthe to bee due limitted in this acte to be in the suruey, order and gouernaunce of the saide court made by this acte and ministers therof shall be clearely voyd and of none effecte to all intentes and purposes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde that the saide chancellour and officers of the sayde courte shall take suche and lyke fees for the seales and wrytinges to be made & graunted out of the sayd court at the sute of the parties if any such happen to bee, and for apparances, as the chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster and officers ther conuenientlye vse to take for the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd that if any person or persons called by the kynges proces of the same courte to appeare at westm. in the same court within the terme at a certayn day to hym prefyred in the proces

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appeare and haue a day geuē in the sayd court to make answear to the maters against them obiected in the same courte on the kinges behalfe, depart the court before answear made, and attourney put into the court, with the assent of the court for prosecuting the matter with effect, shall forfait to the kinges grace his heires and successours suche fine as shall be vpon hym set for his cōtempt and offence in that behalfe, as the sayd chauncellour treasorer and atturney of the sayd court or two of them shal thinke conuenient by their discretions, to be leuied of his landes and tenementes, goods and cattels to the kinges vse. And in case the party, to whom any such proces shalbe directed, do make default at the firste daye of his apparaunce: that than attachement shal be awarded out of the said court, directed to the shiriffes of such countye, as it shal seme to the sayd chauncellour most expedient, to attach the body of the same person making default as is abouesaid, and to bring his body into the said court at such day, within any of the iiii termes, as vnto the sayd chauncellour for the time beinge shall be thoughte conuenient by his discretion.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that as many accomptes of the frist fruicts & tenthes, as ben clerely accompted and not returned into the kinges eschequer, & also as many other accōptes of the said first fruites and tenthes as be not fully accompted & engrossed, shall bee engrossed and retourned within two yeres next insuing, into the sayde court of the fyrst fruites and tenths, ther to remayne as the kinges recordes. And that the chauncellour and auditours of the sayd court for the time being, shal haue full auctority and power to heare examine, and determine al and al maner of accomptes heretofore made concerning the said first fruictes & tenthes.

¶ And forasmuche as diuers religious houses within this realme and other the kinges dominions be nowe dissolued, and the possessions thereof lawfully comen vnto the kynges handes, & others, by his graces gyfte, bargaine, graunt and assignement, by reason wherof, and reason of miscertificat of the seyd possessions, and of the tenth concerning as wel the same possessions, as other possessions of spirituall persones into the kinges eschequer, the archbyshops, byshopes, and other accomptantes vpon their accōptes be and of long time haue bene greatly charged, vexed, and troubled. For remedy whereof bee it enacted by thauctoritye aforsayde, that the originall of the certificate of the whole tenthe certified into the kinges eschequer, and al other recordes there concerning the same shalbe deliuered into the said court of the first fruits & tenthes, ther to remain as the kinges recordes: And that the said chauncellour shall haue ful power and auctoritye by vertue of this acte, from time to time, to write vnder the seale of office appointed to the sayde court, vnto the treasorer & barons of the saide eschequer, & also vnto all other officers & ministers of all the kinges courtes for to certify any matter of record or other sufficiēt cause remaining afore thē concerning the premisses for the true prefe and tryall thereof into the sayde court of first fruits & tenths. And the said chancellor, treasorer & auditor or

auditours, vpon a certificat therof, or elis vpon the examination of witnesses to be taken as well by commission as otherwise, or by other sufficiente proues or discharge, alledged, shewed and proued afore them by the sayd archebishops, bishops or other accomptantes, shal by thauctority afforesayde haue full power and auctority by their discretions to make allowance, defalcation, discharge, and full determination vnto them and euery of thē in his or theyr sayde accomptes concerning the premisses, accordinge as of ryght appertayneth.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that al summes of money hereafter to be payed by any archbyshop, byshop, or other person or persons chargeable to or with the collectiō, leuying, or receipt of the tenth graunted to the kinges hyghnes by auctority of the sayd acte thereof made in the sayd .xxvi. yere of his moste noble reigne, shall from henseforth for euer be payd to the Treasorer of the said court of the first fruits and tenths at such dayes and times as are limitted and appoynted in the said act, and to none other person nor persons. And that if any payments or paymentes therof, hereafter be otherwyse made without the kinges hyghnesse special assignement or warrant in writing therof made: That then the sayd payment or paymentes shall be voyd and of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that all certificates hereafter to be made, by any archbishop or bishop, or by any other psōn or psōns limitted and charged to the collectiō & payment of the said tenths by thauctority of the saide acte, of the graunt therof to our said soueraigne lord the kinges maiestye, shall from henseforth for euer be made and certifyed into the sayd court of first fruictes and tenths, as they should or ought before ỳ making of this acte, to haue bene made and certified into the kinges eschequer, by auctority of the sayd acte of the graunt of the said fyrst fruicts and tenths, and that the same certificates, and euery of them so hereafter to be made and certified into the sayd courte, shalbe & stand of such like strength and effecte to all ententes and purposes, as thei and euery of them should haue bene if they had ben certified and made into the kinges sayd court of Eschequer, before the making of this acte. And that vpon all certificates hereafter to be made into the sayd court of first fruits and tenths, processe shal be made out of the sayde court by the discretion of the chauncellour of the sayd court for the time being, for the leuyinge & true contentacion and payment of the kinges duties in that behalfe, in such wise as the kynges highnesse maye be truely satisfyed thereof, of those persones that shall bee chargeable therwith by the auctority of the sayd acte of the graūt of ỳ said first fruits and tenth and all certificates hereafter to be made concerninge any the premisses into the kinges Eschequer, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided That this acte or any article clause or sentence therein contayned, extende not to any rentes or tenthes now payeable or hereaf-

hereafter to be payd in the kinges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, by reason of any of the kings graces letters patentes, actes of parliament, or otherwise.

¶ The establishement of the court of the kinges wardes. Cap. xlvi.

Forasmuch as the kinges highnes hath bene heretofore & hereafter is like to be yearely answered of great rentes, reuenues, and profites, wherby to his maiesty hath or shall grow, aswel by reason of such persons as haue bene or hereafter shalbe in warde to hys highnes, as also by meane of ideottes and fooles naturall: now remaynyng or being or that hereafter shall remayne or be in his graces custodye, & also for licences to marry made and to be made to women being his graces wardowes, and fines made for them for marying without his graces lycence: All which the premisses of right appertayneth to his maiesty, in the right of the imperiall crowne of this realme: for the more suerty & establishemente wherof, & to the intent the kinges maiestye his heires & successours shalbe the better serued in obteyning or hauing of the custody of the bodies of his highnes wardes and their honours, maynours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes into his graces custody and gouernaunce, duringe the minority of such wardes, and also shalbe yerely aunswered, rendred and payed of for the sale of the bodies of the wardes, and the landes bargayned for them, during the sayd minoritye, and of other the premisses as of the rentes, fermes, issues and profites, rising, comming and growing of which hereafter shall arise and growe, of all and singular the castelles, maynours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, belonging & which hereafter shall rise and belong to the kynge his heires & successours, by reason of the sayd wardes and other the premisses, in such courte place maner, fourme and condicion as hereafter shalbe limitted, declared & appointed: Be it enacted, ordeined and established by the assente of the kynges maiesty, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter followeth in articles, that is to say.

¶ First the kinge our sayd soueraigne lorde, by the auctority aforesayd, ordeyneth, maketh, establisheth and erecteth a certaine courte, commonly to be called forever the court of the kynges wardes, which court by auctority aforesayde continually and for euer shalbe a courte of record, and shal haue one seale to be engraued and made after such fourme, facion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, and shal remaine and be ordred, as hereafter shalbe declared.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes his heyres and successours, which shalbe maister of the same court, & shalbe cheife, and principall officer of the same courte, and shalbe called maister of the

wardes, and shall haue the keping of the sayde seale, to be assigned for the sayd courte.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that there shall be one person to be learned in the lawes of this lande, to be named & assigned by the kynges highnes, which shall be called the kings attorney of the sayd court, and shalbe the second officer of the same court.

Also be it enacted by thauctoritye aforesayde, that there shall be one person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called the kinges receiuour generall of the landes of his wardes, and shalbe the third officer of the same courte.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that there shall be two persons to bee named by the kinges highnes, whiche shall be called the auditours of the landes of his graces wardes, and shalbe called the fourth officer of the same courte.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that there shalbe two clerkes to be named and assigned by the kinges highnesse, to be clarkes of the sayd court, whych shall make all indentours bargaines, and leases to bee made and graunted of the kinges wardes landes, record all apparaunces, and make all ordinary processe and entrees, out and from the sayd court.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that there shall be one other person to be named and assygned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe the messenger of the sayd court. And an other person to be named & assigned by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe called the vsher of the same courte, whych messanger and vsher and eyther of them, shall haue such and lyke profites and aduauntages as the messanger and vsher of the kinges duchy chamber at westm. haue and perceyue.

Also the sayd mayster of the kinges wardes, which shal be appoynted by the kinges hyghnes shal take accorporall othe afore the lord chaūcellor of England, for the time being, after the tenour ensuing.

Ye shall sweare, that ye well and truly shall serue the kinge in the office of the maister of the kinges wards, and shal minister equall Justice to rich and poore, to the best of your cunning, witte, and power, and that ye shall diligently procure all thinges, which may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profit, and to the augmentacion of the rightes & prerogatiues of his crowne, & truly vse the kings seale appointed to your office and also endeuour your selfe to thuttermost of your power, to se the kyng truly and iustly aunswered yerely of all suche rentes, reuenues, issues, and profites, which shal or may arise growe, or be due to the kinge in your office, and frō time to time deliuer with spede such as shall haue to do afore you: And that ye shall not take nor receiue of any person anye gyfte or reward in any case or matter depending before you, or wherein the kinges highnes shall be party, wherby any preiudice, losse, hinderance or disherison shall growe or be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all saincte.

Also the sayd attorney shall take a corporall oth before ỳ said maister of

the wardes, accoꝛding to the tenour enſuyng. Ye ſhall ſweare that ye well and truly ſhall ſerue the kinge as his atturney, in all courtes foꝛ and concerninge any matter oꝛ cauſe that ſhall cõcerne the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes limitted to the ſuruey and gouernaunce of this courte, and pꝛocure the kinges pꝛofytte thereof. And that ye ſhall truly counſayle the king and the mayſter of this court, in all thinges concernynge the ſame to the beſt of your connyng, wytte and power. And wyth all ſpeade and dyligence, from tyme to time at the callynge of the ſayde mayſter, ye ſhall endeuour your ſelfe foꝛ the hearing and determination indifferently of ſuche matters and cauſes, as ſhall depend befoꝛe the ſayde mayſter: And that ye ſhall not take any gift oꝛ reꝛwarde in any matter oꝛ cauſe dependinge in the ſame court oꝛ els where, wherein the king ſhalbe partye, wherby the kynges maieſty ſhall be hurte oꝛ hindered oꝛ diſherited: And further ye ſhal do to your power wit and conning al and euery thinge that ſhall appertaine to your office: ſo helpe you god and all ſayncte̅s.

¶ Alſo the ſayd receiuour generall ſhall take a coꝛpoꝛall othe beforꝛe the ſaid maiſter of the ſayd court, accoꝛding to the tenour enſuing: ye ſhall ſweare, that ye ſhall well and truly ſerue the kyng our ſouereign loꝛd, and his people in the office of the general receiuoꝛ of this court: And ye ſhal reaſonably and honeſtly pꝛocure the kinges pꝛofite, and do right to al maner of people pooꝛe and rych in thoſe thinges which touch youre office & the kynges receipt of his money, you ſhal truely kepe, diſpende, paye and deliuer and true declaracion and accompte thereof ſhall make from time to time withoute any concelement accoꝛdinge to this acte, made foꝛ the eſtabliſhemente of this court: And further ſhall do euery thing that of ryght appertayneth to your office, ſo helpe you god and all ſayncte̅s.

¶ Alſo the ſayd auditours ſhal take a coꝛpoꝛall othe beforꝛe the ſayd mayſter after the tenour enſuyng: ye ſhall ſwear that ye truly ſhall ſerue the kyng in your office, & true allowãce make to euery perſon, which ſhalbe accomptãt beforꝛe you, and you ſhall not take oꝛ receiue of pooꝛe noꝛ rich any gift oꝛ reꝛwarde in any matter oꝛ cauſe depẽding, oꝛ to be diſcuſſed in the ſame court but ſuch as ſhalbe oꝛdinary appertayning to your office, wherby the kinge ſhall be hurte, hindered oꝛ diſherited, and ye ſhal do all and euerye thynge, which ſhalbe appertaining to your office, ſo helpe you god and all ſainctes.

¶ Alſo al particular auditours, that ſhal belong and be appoyncted to the ſayd court, ſhal take a like coꝛpoꝛall othe beforꝛe the ſaid maiſter of the wardes: ye ſhall ſweare, as is beforꝛe in the nexꝛt article.

¶ Alſo all particular receyuoꝛs appoyncted by the ſayd maiſter, atturney, receyuour generall, and auditours oꝛ three oꝛ two of theym, whereof the mayſter to be one, to receyue any reuenues and pꝛofites within the ſuruey of the ſame court, ſhall take a coꝛpoꝛall othe beforꝛe the ſayde mayſter of the wardes after the tenoꝛ enſuing: ye ſhall ſweare, that ye truly ſhal ſerue the kyng in youre office and nothinge concele: but true accompte make of all ſuch reuenues, rẽtes, ſũmes of money & other pꝛofits, wherewith ye ſhalbe

lawfully charged by reason of your office, ye shall make no petition or aske allowance but such as shalbe good, iust, true and reasonable, and also truly content and paye to the kinge all suche summes of money as shall come to your handes: and ye shall do all and euery thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effect of this acte, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also the saide clerkes of the counsel of the sayd court and euery of them shall take a corporall othe before the sayd mayster, after the fourme ensuing Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge in your offices of clerkes of the counsel of this court, and truly do and execute all and euery thinge and thinges which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effect of this acte, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that all surueiors and feodaries, that shalbe appoyncted by the said maister, attourney, receiuour generall, and auditors of the said court or three or two of them. wherof the maister to be one, shal take a corporall othe before the sayd mayster. Ye shall sweare, &c. vt in proximo articulo precedente.

Also be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that al wardes which the kinges highnes now is or hereafter shall be entitled to haue wt their manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, remaynders, reuercions, seruices, and all other hereditamentes what so euer they be, as wel in possession as in reuercion, & all reuenues, issues and profites of the same, & euery parte therof for the time, the same shalbe or ought to be in the kinges possession, shalbe in thorder suruey and gouernaunce of the saide court and ꝑ ministers of the same in maner and fourme as by this acte is declared and limitted.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd that the sayd mayster of the wards, attourney, receyuour generall and auditours or three of them, wher of the sayd maister shalbe one for the time beinge, shall haue auctorite to make sale and graunt of the kinges wardes and euerye of them from time to time, and of such parte and porcion of the landes in possession and reuercion or any of them duringe the minority and nonage of the same warde, that shalbe so solde or graunted, and as longe as the same lands and reuercion shall remaine or be in the kinges handes, as they shal thinke most conuenient: The same sale and graunte to passe by the kinges byll assigned, which bill assigned shal be warrant sufficient to the chancellor of England for the time beinge, to make forth the kynges letters patentes vnder the great seale of Englande, accordinge to the tenour of the same byll, payinge for the same all and singular like fees for seales and writinges, as heretofore hath bene vsed & accustomed to be payed for the same in the chauncery and to the signet and priuy seale, and to euery of them.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the sayde mayster of the wardes for ꝑ time being, with thaduise of the sayd attourney & receiuor generall or one of them, shal haue auctority without the kinges byll assigned to make woodsales to ꝑ kinges vse of al vnderwoods vpō any of the kinges wardes landes, being lawfully in the kinges possession, & to take & appoynt-

poynt timber for the necessary reparacions of all the castells, manors, lands tenementes and parkes of the sayd wardes and shall also haue like power and auctority in the kinges name to make leases during the minority of the saide wardes: and further as is aboue written by their discretions of all & singular lordships, manors, landes, and tenementes remayning in the kinges handes and possession, belonginge to the sayde wardes and euery parcell therof, yelding to the kinges highnes his heires and successors such rentes, as by the sayd maister of the wardes attourney, receiuour generall and auditours or three of them, wherof the sayde maister to be one, shalbe thought conuenient by their discretions and suruey.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the sayd mayster of the wardes for the time beinge shall haue auctority by this acte to make and appoint all and singular particular receiuors, feodaries, and surueyours, in euery shyre, and also fees for the executing of the same vnder the seale of the same office, in such wise as the same officers may be alwayes remoueable at the discretion of the saide courte.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforsayde, that the sayd mayster of the wardes for the time being shal haue auctority by this act to make alowãce likewise of the costes of all commissioners, particular receiuors, surueiours auditours counsailours, and feodaries, and euery of theym, by his byll assygned, which bill shalbe warrant sufficient to the auditours belonging to the same office, to make due allowance of the same.

Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that the sayde mayster of the wardes in all places, and the sayd attourney, receiuour generall and auditours, or two of them in the sayd court, the sayd maister being absent shal haue power and auctority to take obligacions to the kinges vse of euery particular receyuour, which shalbe assigned for the sayd courte, and of hys suretie for sure payment of his receiptes: And also to take obligacions to the kinges vse, aswel of euery Farmour, Bailiffe, or other accomptauntes, for the true payment of their receiptes, and of euery person and persons which shalbe indebted to the kynges highnes for any arrerages of hys or their receiptes, fermes or charges as of any other person or persons for any other cause or matter concerning the premisses, determinable wtin ẏ same court. And that all suche obligacions and writinges obligatory, of what summe so euer they be, shall be of the same strength, vertue, force, qualytye and effecte to all ententes and purposes, as writynges obligatorye heretofore made by any laye person by auctority of the statute of the staple, bene or ought to be: And that vppon certificat hereafter to be made in the kynges Chauncerye of anye such writinges obligatorye, to be taken for suche payment es, lyke proces and executions shalbe thereupon had and made agaynst any person spirytuall and temporall as hath bene accustomed to be made agaynst any laye person, vpon certificat of writinges obligatorye, of the sayde statute of the staple.

✠ Also that the sayde mayster of the wardes, for the tyme being shall haue

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ful power and auctority to awarde vnder the seale to be appoynted to the sayde courte in the kynges name, suche processe and preceptes with reasonable peynes to be therin limitted, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kinges duchy chambre of Lancaster, being at westminster, agaynst euery person or persons what soeuer they bee, for and concerning the interest, ryght and title of the kinges maiestye his heyres and successours of in or for any wardes landes, tenementes, rentes, accompte, receypt, seruices, or other cause in any wyse touching or concernyng any thing appoynted to the order of the sayd court, or any part therof, for and on the behalfe of our sayd soueraigne lord the king, or to or for any debte rising and growynge by occasion of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd that the sayd attourney, receiuour generall and auditours, shall diligently from time to time attende vpon the said maister in the sayd court, for ẏ hearing and ordering of matters and causes in the same court, for the time of foure termes of the yeare vsually kept for the law at Westm. and procure with all diligence, that all rentes, fermes, profites, casualties, improuementes and other emoluments of the wardes, mariages, ideotes, and of al manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, beinge in the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde court, shall be truly and iustly payed and aunswered to the sayd receyuour generall of the sayd court, to the vse of the kinges highnes, without concelyng any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst such as shalbe indebted to the kinges highnes and their sureties of and for any part therof from time to time, as the time and case shall require without any delaye.

And be it enacted by thauctority aforesayde that the saide clerkes particular receiuours, auditours, surueiours, messanger, and vsher and euery of them, shall vpon reasonable warninge, geue at all times and places frome tyme to tyme attendance vpon the sayd mayster for the tyme beynge: for ẏ due execution and expedicion of the premisses without delaye: vpon suche peines as shalbe assessed by the kynges maiestie, vppon informacion therof geuen by the sayd maister to his highnes.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayde, that if any of the sayd officers appointed for the same court, do conceale or withdraw willingly any rentes, reuenues, casualtyes, or other profites: falling, growinge or comming to the king by the minority of any of his graces wardes, or by reason of anye other thing appointed by this acte of the said court: that thē the officers so offending shall lose to the king our saide soueraigne lord, the double value of the thing conceled or withdrawen.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, ẏ the auditors generall of ẏ wardes, landes & euery of thē for the time being, shal haue auctority to examine thaccomptes of al particular accomptants taken by any particular auditor or auditors, vpon any part of the wardes, lands, ideots lands and of other things appoynted by this act to thordre of ẏ saide court, and to al-

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lowe and diſalowe all that ſhall be reaſonable, within the ſaid accompts as largely as to the ſayd maiſter of ꝑ wardes, atturney, receiuor generall and auditors or iii of them; wherof the ſayd mayſter to be one, ſhall be thought expedient and neceſſary: And that euery of the ſayd particular accomptantes for the yere to be ended at the feaſt of ſainct Michael tharchãgel, yerely for euer, ſhal make and finiſhe his accompt, & certify the ſame into the ſayde court, before the firſt day of February next after the ſame feaſt enſuing, and to the receiuor generall of the ſayd court, of all ſuche ſummes of money as ſhal appeare to be due to the king by the ſame accompt.

¶ Alſo be it enacted by the auctority afore ſayde: that the ſayde receyuour generall for the time beinge, ſhall haue auctorite by this acte, to geue hys acquitaunce of and for ſuch money and obligacions as he ſhall receyue of them to the kinges hie for the wardes landes, ideottes landes, and other thinges appoynted to the ſayd court: And that his ſayde acquitaunce ſhall be from henſeforth ſufficiente acquitaunce and diſcharge, as well for the diſcharge of the partyes againſt the kynges hyghnes his heyres and ſucceſſours, for paiment of ſo much money as alſo to the auditour for the time beynge for makyng due allowance of the ſame.

¶ Alſo be it ordeyned by the auctorite afore ſayd, that the ſayde receyuour generall, before the xx. day of Marche, next after the feaſte of ſayncte Mychael tharchangell ſhall yerely declare truly his whole accompt to the ſaide maiſter of the wardes atturney, and to one or bothe of the ſayde auditours generall, of the wardes landes, which mayſter attourney, and one or both of the ſayd auditours, ſhall by this acte haue auctority to take & determine the ſame accompt before the laſt day of July next enſuynge. vppon which determinacion of accoumpt the ſayde receyuour generall wythin one moneth next enſuyng the determinacion of the ſame accompt, ſhal truly content and pay to the kinges vſe, all ſuch ſummes of money as ſhall appeare to be due to the kinges highnes and vnpayed vpon the ſayd accompt. After which determinacion, the ſayd auditour ſhall engroſſe the ſame into parchment, and the ſame ſo engroſſed ſhall returne into the office of ꝑ wardes before the laſt day of February next after the determinacion of ꝑ ſame accompt, there to remayne as the kinges recordes.

¶ Alſo be it enacted by thauctority afore ſayd, that the particular auditors, and other officers, counſellours, & miniſters of the ſame courte for the tyme being, ſhall yearely perceyue and take by the handes of the ſayde receyuour generall, partyculat receiuours & all other officers and miniſters accomptaunt all and ſingular ſuch debtes, rewardes, pofites and commodityes, as well for theyr attendaunce vpon the ſayd mayſter for the tyme beynge, and for making of bookes, declaracions and values as for other matters, counſelles and cauſes, of for and concerning the ſayde courte, and alſo for expẽces, coſtes and charges of the ſaide auditors and particular receyuors and euery of them, yearely riding theyr ſeuerall circuites and limitacion, in as

as ample and large maner & forme, as to the sayde maister of the wardes attourney, receyuer, general & auditours or ayther of them (whereof the sayde maister to be one) shalbe thoughte conuenient to be appointed by their discretions.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd that the sayd generall receyuour from time to tyme vppon his accompt, shall be allowed all suche fees as shall be limitted vnto him for the exercise of his office, as of and for all suche summes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patentees of any office, fee, or annuity, that shalbe grated or geuen vnder the seale of the sayd court, and also of all such money as he shall pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or byll assigned. And also of all suche summes of money as he shal be commaunded to pay by any byll assigned or subscribed by the hand of the sayd maister for the time being, vpon such consideracions as shalbe thought conuenient by his discretion, as well for the finding & exhibicion of the kings wardes in his graces custody, as of or for any other cause thing or matter concerning the sayde court of the wardes what so euer it shalbe: And that the sayd auditours taking accomptes of the said receyuour general, & of any of the sayd particular receyuours shall haue power & auctority to allowe to the said receiuor general the premisses and euery part of them. And also to allowe to euery particular receiuor, & other accomptantes al wel their fees, wages & al other such summes of money as they or any of them shal pay for in and about any buildings or reparacions of the wardes lands to be made vpon any warrant to be directed from the sayd court, as all other honest peticions and allowances, in as large and ample maner as the sayde maister of the wardes attourney and auditors, or two of them, whereof the sayd maister to be one, shal think most expedient.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that al maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kinges eschequer, to or against any person or persons for any ferme, rentes, issues or profytes, concerning y premisses or any part therof, or any other thing limitted in this act, to be in the surney, order and gouernaunce of the sayd court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely voyd and of none effecte to all intentes and purposes.

¶ Also be it ordeined and enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that the money and obligations taken for money by the said maister for the sale of the kynges wardes, and other things appointed by this act to thorder of the sayde courte, and also the money and obligations taken for money by the sayde receiuour generall for the kinges rentes, and for wardes, fynes for theyr licence to marry, and other casualties of the wardes, landes, medes, landes, issues, profites and debtes, yearely growynge to the kynges highnesse by reason of the premisses, shalbe yearely paied and deliuered to the handes of the treasourer of the kinges chambre for the tyme beynge or els where, to whome it shall please the kynges highnesse, his heires or successors to geue auctority by commission vnder his greate seale, to receyue the same: And that a byll subscribed with thand of the said tresorer or

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other commissioner, shalbe a sufficiente acquitance & discharge to the mayster and receiuor vpon al and euerye paiment by them to be made, and also to the auditors there for the allowance of the same. And that the same maister and receiuour generall, shall once in the yeare declare vnto the kinges maiesty the profites and estate of the sayd office.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayd, that the sayd maister and officers of the sayde court, shall take such & like fees for the seales and wrytynges to be made and graunted out of the sayd court, at the suyte of the parties, as they nowe vse to take, that is to say, For the fees of all processe at the suite of the partyes vnder the priuy seale of the sayd court ii.s. vi.d. And for the fees of all commissions directed out at the suite of the partyes ij.s. vj.d. And for recording of all apparaunces iiij.d. and no more.

Also be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that the sayde mayster by the aduise of the sayd atturney, receiuer generall and auditours and three of them, wherof the sayd mayster to be one of thē, shal haue auctority by this acte to survey all the kinges widowes, and to treate, cōmon and conclude as well with all and euery of the kings widows that now be or that hereafter shalbe, and that haue maried thē selues without the kinges licence, or that hereafter shall happen to mary them selues without the kinges licence, for their reasonable fines to bee made to the kinges vse, and to tare and assesse the same by theyr discretion, according to the statute of Prerogatiua regis: the same fynes to bee payed to the receiuor generall of the wardes landes, as the same may appere yerely in his accompte.

Also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the sayd maister by the aduise of the sayd attourney, receyuour generall and auditours, or three of them, shal haue auctority by this acte, to survey, goverue and order all and singular ideottes and naturall fooles, now being in the kinges handes or that hereafter shall come and be in the kinges handes: And also to survey and order all the manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer nowe beinge in the kinges handes, or in the handes of anye other person or persons, to their vses, or to the vse of any of them that hereafter shal come and bee in the kinges handes his heires and successours in the right of any of them, by reason of his graces prerogatiue royal: And also by thaduise of the sayd attourney, receyuour, generall and auditours, or three or two of them, to let and set the manours, landes and tenements to the kinges vse for the time of the kinges interesse, for suche rente and fine as by their discretion shall be thought conuenient: The finding and keepyng of the saide persons, their wiues and children and the reparacions of theyr houses & lands alway to be considered in the doinge therof, the same rentes & fines reserued to the kinges grace to be paied alwaies to thandes of the receiuor generall of ẏ wardes landes for the time being, as the same may appere in his accompt, and be recorded in the court of wardes.

Also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the maister of the kinges liueries shall passe no liuery with any person or persons: that bee or ẏ haue

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bene or hereafter shalbe the kings wardes, vnto such time they shal receiue knowledg from the court of the kinges wardes, what case thaccomptes, tenantes & fermours of the wardes landes, stand in with the kinges highnesse, and what suretie and ordre is taken therfore, and for the rates to the kinges vse. And that euery warde hauinge his liuery, shall within .vi. monethes next after the liuery had, bringe the same liuery to the auditours of the wardes for the time beinge, or to one of theym, to haue the same there enrolled for the discharge of the landes against the kinges highnes, according to the tenour of the sayd liuery, and shal pay for the inrollement therof such reasonable summe of money as shalbe appointed by the sayd mayster of the wardes: so that it excede not the summe of .x.s.

Also bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that al and euery person and personnes, to whom the kinges highnes shall graunt the custody and wardeship of any his graces wardes, shall vpon his bill assygned thereof, sue forth his patente within .iiii. monethes nexte after the assignemente of the sayd byll, or els the same bill and the effect therof to bee vtterlye voyde and of no force.

Also be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that the generall receyuer and cheife auditours of the said court for the time being, shall yearelye perceiue & take as wel by the handes of the generall receiuer, as by the handes of all and singular particular receiuours and all other officers and ministers accomptante within the surney of the sayd court for the time beinge, all and singular such summes of money for such like diettes, rewardes profites and commodities, as wel for theyr attendaunce vpon the sayd court, and for making and writting of bookes, declarations and values, as for theyr expenses costes, and charges of the same general receiuour and auditours and euery of them, for the time being, yearely rydynge theyr seuerall circuites and limites, in as large and ample maner and fourme as shall be appoynted by the sayd mayster of the wardes and attourney of the said court by their discretions: And that the sayd auditours for the time being shal haue power and auctority yerely from time to time to alow the same.

And also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that as many accõptes of the kinges wardes landes, ideottes landes, wardes for mariages of widowes, and licences for the same: as ben clerely accompted and not returned into the kinges eschequer, and also as manye other accomptes of the wardes landes, ideots lands, fines for maryng of widowes, and licences for the same, as ben not yet fully accompted and engrossed, shalbe engrossed and returned within thre yeres next cõming into the office of the wardes, there to remain as the kinges recordes: And that the kings highnes surueiors general of his graces landes, & auditors of his graces wardes landes and euery of them, shalbe therof discharged against the kinges maiesty, of and for the retorne of the same accõptes into his graces eschequer: Any acte, statute or ordinance heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not-

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¶ And it is further enacted and established by thauctority aforesayd, that the sayd mayster of the wardes for the time being shall haue auctorite by this acte, with the aduise of the attourney & receiuour generall of the same courte or one of them, to call at all times before theym into the office of the wardes by the proces of the same courte, all and every person and persons which is or hath bene the kinges warde, intrudinge or entringe into or vpon his or theyr landes, or vpon any parte thereof, after his or their full age of.xxi. yeares, and before that he or they haue sued and obtayned liuerye or ouster le maine, for the same, oute of ẏ kinges handes, vnder his greate seale aswell to make answer for his or their intrusion vpon the kinges possession, as to make paymente to the kinges receiuer generall of the same office of all suche rentes, issues and profites by him or theym taken at anye time after his or their sayd ful age of.xxi. yeres, and before liuery sued for ẏ same out of the kinges handes in fourme aforesayd.

¶ And be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that if any person or persons called by the kinges processe of the same courte to appere at westm. in the same court: within the terme at a certaine daye to him prefixed in the processe to appere, and haue day geuen in court, to make answere to the matters, agaynst him obiected in the same court, on the kinges behalfe departe the court before answere made, and attourney put into the court with assent of the courte for prosecutinge the matter with effecte, shall forfayte to the kinges grace his heires and successours such fine as shall be set vppon him for his contẽpt and offence in that behalfe, as the sayde maister attourney & receiuour general or two of thẽ shal thinke cõuenient by their discretions to be leuied of his landes & tenementes, goodes & cattals to the kinges vse.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that John Perin whiche by the kinges letters patentes hath beene heretofore and nowe is auditour of his graces wardes landes, shall continue and be one of the two auditours in this acte before mẽcioned during ẏ terme of his natural life: Any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte that the Bishop of Norwich shalbe charged with the collection of the kinges tenth in his dioces. Cap. xlvii.

Where in the parliament holden in the xxv and twentye yere of oure soueraigne lord ẏ kinge that nowe is, amonge other it was ordeined & enacted, that the kinges maiesty his heyres and successours kinges of this realme, for more augmentacion & maintenance of royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitye of supreme head of ẏ church of England, should yerely take haue, enioye and receyue vnited and knyt to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pension amounting to the value of the tenth part of al the reuenues, rents, fermes, tithes, offeringes, emolumentes, and of al other profites as wel called spirituall as temporall

then appertayning or belonging, or that after that time ſhould belonge to any archbyſhoprithe, biſhoprithe, abbey, monaſtery, priory, archedeaconry, deanry, hoſpital colledg houſe collegiate, prebend, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentuall church, perſonage, vicarage, chaunterye, free chappel or other benefyce or promocion ſpiritual, of what name nature or qualitie ſo euer they were with in any dioces of this realme or in wales.

The ſayd pēſion or annual rent to be yerely payed for euer to our ſayde ſouereaigne lord to his heires and ſucceſſours kinges of this realme at ẏ feaſt of the natiuity of our lorde god, whiche then ſhoulde be in the yeare of our lord god M.D.xxxvi. and to be payd yerely by ſuch as ſhould be appointed to haue the collection therof by the ſayde acte, in ſuche maner and fourme as hereafter ſhould be limitted by the ſayd acte before the firſt day of apryll yerely nexte enſuing after the ſayd feaſte of the natiuitye of our lorde God: And that euery archbiſhop and biſhop then being or that hereafter ſhoulde be charged and chargeable to leuy, collect, and receiue within their proper dioces, as well in places exempt as not exempt, all ſuche ſummes of money wherewith the dignities benefices and other promocions ſpirituall afore nayed within their dioces chargeable by the ſayd acte, ſhould be ſet tared, and charged towards the paiemēt of the ſayd yerely pēſion, and ſhould pay and content the ſayd ſummes of money yerely before the fyrſt day of Apryll to the treaſorer of the kynges chamber for the tyme being, or to any other perſon or perſons, whom it ſhould pleaſe the kinges highnes to appoynte to receyue the ſame: And that euery of the ſayde archbiſhops and byſhops their executors and adminiſtrators, and the poſſeſſions of their dignities, and churches, ſhould ſtand charged and chargeable for the ſure payment of ſuch ſummes of money as they ſhoulde collecte and receyue of the ſayde yerely rent and penſion as by the ſayd acte more playnly it doth appeare.

And by like acte of parliamēt holden in ẏ xxvii. yere of our ſayd ſouereaigne lordes reigne, the byſhoppe of Norwyche that nowe is and his ſucceſſors were clearely acquited and diſcharged of and for the collection of the ſayde yearely tenth, that was then or ſhould be due and leuiable to the kings highnes within his ſayd dioces of Norwich, of any perſon or perſons or bodys politike or corporate chargeable to the yerely paymēt of ẏ ſayd tenth, the acte made for the ſame collection of tenth to the contrary not withſtanding as by the ſame acte it will alſo appere. But for aſmuch as the kinges byghnes in recompence of diuers and ſundry lordſhyps and manours, parcell of the ſayd byſhoprithe geuen vnto his grace by acte of parliamente hath vnited and knit to the Sea of the ſayde biſhoprich of Norwich ẏ monaſtery of ſainct Benettes with diuers other poſſeſſiōs being of a greater yerely value thā the ſayde lordſhippes and manours ſo to his grace geuen were: It maye be by thauctority of this preſent parliamēt ordeined & enacted, that from henceforth the byſhoppe of Norwyche, that nowe is and his ſucceſſoures, Byſhoppes there, and in the time of vacacion of the ſayde Byſhoprithe,

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the deane and the chapiter of the cathedrall church of Norwich, shal collect & gather together the sayd annuall rent, or pension of all ỳ promocions spirituall within the said diocey, as wel in places exempt as not exempt: And all and singular such summes of money so by him or them to be collected & gathered to pay yerely to the handes of the treasorer of the firste fruictes & teuthes before the sayd first day of Aprill and thereof yearelye to accompte before the barons of the kinges Eschequer, and to haue like alowance and discharge vpon the same accompte by the acquitance of the sayd Treasourer, as other bishops and collectours of the sayde tenthes haue had or shall haue: the acte made in the sayd seuẽ and twenty yere of our said soueraign lordes raigne to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte concerning the Castell of Douer, Castell wardes and other municions thereabout. Capi. xlviii.

Where the castell of Douer, wherof the kinges maiesty is verye owner in the right of ỳ imperiall crown of this his realme, is not only a very honorable strong & defẽcible fortresse, set & standing next vnto the sea on the east partes & frõtours of this his realme, but also is so necessary a thing for the defence & sauegard of ỳ same that it may not in anye wise be lacked or forborne, wherfore ỳ king our soueraign lord hath hitherto to his great costes & charges repayred & susteined ỳ same, & also continually kepeth & mainteineth therin a great number of souldiers there alway keeping watch & ward, furnished sufficiently with harneis, artyllary & other municiõs of war for sauegard of this realme toward & for the cõtinual sustentacion of which said castel & furnitures of the same our sayd soueraign lord & his most noble progenitours kings of this realme, haue had time out of mind many sundry reuenues, & namely rents cõmonly called castel wardes, due and to be paied by reasõn of the same castel, of and for diuers other castels, manours, lordshipes, lands, tenementes & hereditamentes holden of the kynge and his sayd progenitours that is to say some of them holden of the constablery of the same castel & others holden seuerally of the honours of Creuecure, Hagenet Fobert, and other honours being mẽbres of ỳ saide castel of Douer, which said rentes called castel wardes, ben at this present time much decaied & diminished, by reasõs & causes vnder writtẽ that is to saye because ỳ diuers of the manors, landes & tenũtes which were holden of the sayd castell be come to the possessiõ of our said soueraign lord in estates of inheritaunce, & others haue be geuen by his grace or his saide progenitors to diuers theyr subiectes to be holden by other seruices, & diuers other be, & more hereafter shalbe in the possession of the kinges maiesty by reason of wardship, primer seasõ, purchase, exchãge or other wyse by gift of any estate of inheritance, wherby some of the said rentes called castell wardes by the lawes of this realme, be & shalbe vtterly extincted for euer, & many other of the same rentes by long times shalbe suspẽded and not due to be paied: by occasion wherof, the saide castel and ỳ officers and souldiers therof cannot be nor shalbe sustained, as heretofore honorably haue bene onles ỳ conue-

nable remedy therfore be prouided. In consideratiō wherof our sayd soue-raign lord the kinge is contented and pleased that it be ordeined and enac-ted by auctority of this parliamente, that where the tenaūtes and owners of the castelles, manors, landes and tenementes, which beene holden of the sayd castell of Douer, and lye in many shyres of this realme, farre distaunt from the same castell ben bounden by their tenures therof, to pay and yeld at the same castell of Douer the sayd rentes called castel wardes, at diuers and sundry dayes of the yeare, to their great costes and charges, and vpon great penalties & forfaitures, cōmonly called in the sayde castell of Douer surfises: All and singular those tenauntes, which nowe holde or hereafter shall holde any landes, tenementes and hereditamentes by the sayd seruice to pay the sayd rentes called castell wardes, shall yelde and paye the same rentes from and after the feast of sainct Michael tharchangel next cōming to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours at the kinges court of the eschequer yerely in the feast of sainct Simon & Jude, or within xv. dayes nert after that feast, and not at the sayde castell of Douer nor to the constable or other officer or minister of the same castell.

¶ And be it enacted, that if any tenaunte maketh default of paymente of such rente contrary to the fourme of this acte, then euery tenaunte so mak-ing default of payment, shall yelde and pay to our sayd soueraygne lorde the kynge his heires and successours, for euery such his defaulte, the dou-ble of his rente that is to say, twise his rente then beyng dewe to be payed without any other surfise, penalty, or forfayture for none payment thereof And that euery of the sayd tenauntes which holde any of their landes, te-nementes or hereditamentes by the seruice, to make, repayre and build any house or houses within the sayd castel shall do and perfourme the same ac-cording to their said duties and tenures.

Prouided alway & be it enacted by thauctority afore said, that during all such time as any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the said castel of Douer, by rent of castell warde, shal be in the handes or custodye of our sayd soueraigne lord the kinge, or of any of his heires or successours kynges of this realme, by reason of wardeship primer seasen or otherwyse that by and for all such time the same landes, tenementes & hereditaments and euery tenaunt and owner therof, & the heires and successours and as-signes of euery of them shalbe discharged of the said rent called castel ward against the kyng and his sayd heires and successours for euer without any payment therof, for any such tyme to bee made or yelden at any tyme after the same landes, tenementes or hereditamētes shalbe deuested, sued or had out or from the kinges handes or possession.

¶ And because that the more redy & vndelayed paymentes herafter shalbe had and made to all officers ministers and souldiers of the sayd castell of Douer for the time being without any defalcion, abridgement or restraint of any of their fees, stipendes, salaries or wages in any wise to be made: be it ordeined and enacted by thauctority of this present parliament that the

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constable of the sayd castel of Douer, and euery of his successours beinge constable of the same castel, shal haue as annexed vnited and appropriated to the same office from henceforth for euer, an annual or perely rent of one hundred and three score pounds of lawfull money, to be payd yerely to the same constable or his lawful deputy or assigne in the citye of Caunterbury at the dore of the common hall there, called the court hall of the kinges reuenues, of the augmentacions of his crowne, yerely growing and cõming within the cõty of Kent, by the handes of the kinges generall receiuor for the time being, of the sayd reuenues of that county, in the feastes of sayncte Michael tharchãgel, the natiuity of our lord god, the annũciatiõ of our lady sainct mary, & the natiuity of S. John Baptist, or within three dayes next ensuing euery of ỹ same feastes, by euen portions yerely to be payde. And be it further enacted, that if the kinges sayd generall receyuer for the time being, do not fully paye to the constable or to his lawful deputy or assigne, the sayd annual rent of one hũdred and three score pounds according to the tenour of this act before written, except therof to be retayned by the sayd receyuour onely eight pence for the making of this acquitaunce of euery of his payments, then the same receyuer shall forfait and lose to the said constable for the time being, for euery such default of payment therof so to be made at any time or place of payment therof before limitted fiue poundes of lawfull money. For which penalty and all arrerages of the sayd annual rent, the sayd constable shal haue his remedy by action of det scire facias to be grounded vpon this act or any other lawful remedye to be pursued against the said receyuour for the time being in any competent court of the kinges lawes. In which sute none essoine protection or wager of law shall lye or be allowed.

And where our said soueraigne lord the king by his exceeding great costes and charges hath lately made & builded nie vnto the seas, diuers castels Blockhouses, Bulwarkes, and other houses and places of greate defence within the limites of the fiue portes, & their mẽbers or betweene the same in the shyres of Kent and Sussex, for the sauegarde and surety of this his realme and subiectes of the same: our said soueraign lord willing the same newe made castels, Blockhouses, Bulwarkes and other defensible houses, and places to be wel surely and safely kept, and fulfilled with such and as many officers ministers souldiours, gonners and other persones, as his maiestie hath ordained and established, and hereafter shal ordayne and establishe to be and remaine at & in euery or any of them: And that euery of the same persones shall daily and nightlye and from time to time continually do his office and ducty in and at the same, without any extorcion oppression, or other iniury, offence or misbehauour, by them or any of them to be done or committed by sea or by lande, to or vpon anye whatsoeuer person or persons, to or vpon any of theyr shippes, boates, goodes, or cattelles, hath ordayned and enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the warden of the sayd fiue portes, and constable of the sayd castel of

Douer, which nowe is, and commonlye herefofore hath bene one perſon, & euery of his ſucceſſours, being warden of the ſayd portes, and his lieutenant for the time being, or either of them, ſhal haue full power and auctority by vertue of this act, to ſurueye, vewe, and comptrol, as often as by hys diſcretion he ſhall thinke neceſſary or expedient, al and ſingular captaynes keepers and other hed officers of euery of the ſayd newe caſtelles, Blockehouſes, Bulwarkes, and other defenſible houſes and places, and al ſouldiers, gonners and miniſters and perſonnes of anye of them, and all the artillaries ſtores and municions of war in any of them being, and by his diſcretion alwel ſhal examine euery of the ſayde captaynes, keepers, officers, ſouldiers, gonners, miniſters and perſons by theyr othes vppon a booke, or otherwiſe, alwel of ſuch offences, crimes, miſorders, omiſſions and defaults, as ſhalbe thought by him neceſſary to be enſerched tryed or knowē as alſo of all exerciſes waſtes imbeſſelinges, miſkeapinges and miſuſinge of the ſaid artilleries, ſtores, and municions, and ſhall commaunde and enioyne them, and euery of them by his diſcretion to make reformacion and redreſſe therein, as by his diſcretion ſhalbe conſidered to ſtand with reaſō and equity. And if the importancy or vrgency of the cauſe or matter, ſhall ſo require, the ſaid conſtable ſhal make relation and notification thereof to the kinges maieſty, or to his honorable councell.

And alſo be it enacted, that if any of the ſayd captaynes, keepers, officers ſouldiers, gōners miniſters or other perſons of any of the ſaid newe caſtels Blockhouſes, bulwarkes, or other defenſible houſes or places, in any wyſe reſiſt contemne diſobey, or otherwyſe offend againſt the ſayde warden of the ſaid fiue portes for the time being in any of the premiſſes: Then it ſhalbe lawfull to the ſaid warden to cōmit euery ſuch offendour to warde into the ſayd caſtell of Douer, or els where in the ſayd portes or theyr members, there to remaine by the diſcretion of the ſaide warden. And if anye ſuch perſons ſo ones puniſhed, ſhal eftſones offende in any of the premiſſes againſt the ſaid warden. Then euery ſuch offendour ſhall therfore forfaite and loſe at the kinges pleaſure his ſayde office rome and ſeruice, and ſhall further be puniſhed at the pleaſure of our ſaid ſoueraigne lord the king.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, that the ſayde generall receyuour, maye keepe and retaine in his handes ſo much of the kinges reuenues, as ſhal amount for ſatiſfaction of the ſayd yerely rent to be payd as is afore ſayd: And ſhal alſo alwel be diſcharged and allowed for the paiment therof, as of and for ſuch coſtes and expences as he ſhal ſuſtayne by occaſion of the ſame, as by the diſcretion of the Chauncellour and miniſters of ỳ ſaid courte of Augmentacion ſhalbe thought reaſonable vppon thaccompt of the ſayd generall receyuour.

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An acte concerninge the Kinges moſt gracious generall and free Pardon.

THe kinges moſt royal maieſtye, prudently conſiderynge, that albeit his highnes of his moſt excellent pitye, benignitye, and mercy manifolde times heretofore mercifullye and liberallye hath graunted his moſte free and generall pardon, to all and ſingular his ſubiects, by the which his maieſty hath remitted and releaſed innumerable and inestimable ſubſtaunce and profites, which he moughte haue lawfully taken and had by the lawes and cuſtomes of this his realme, truſtyng by his often remiſſion pardons & mercy miniſtred to his ſubiects, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they would put their diligent deuours to amende and reforme their abuſes: Yet neuertheleſſe his louinge and obedient ſubiectes, ſithens his laſt moſt gracious and liberall pardons, to the graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties, loſſes, forfaytures, & domages, wherof none or fewe of them are able to make full recompence or condigne ſatiſfaction to his highnes, if his maieſtye ſhoulde proceede againſt them by due courſe of his lawes, truſtinge that nowe from henceforth they will eftſones amende and beware the incurringe of the foreſayde daungers and perilles, ſeing they haue had ſo many admoniſtions & gentill warninges, and perceyuinge alſo the greate zeale and affection which his louing ſubiectes beare vnto him, and his dignitye royall, as by many wayes in this preſent parliament they haue declared and ſhewed. In conſideration wherof, and truſtinge as afore, the kinges highnes to ſhewe vnto his louing ſubiectes that he both can and will conſider what hee is both kindly and louingly handled of them vppon his mere motion, and declare alſo his tender loue and affection, which hee beareth vnto his nobility and ſubiectes, accordyng to his accuſtomable goodneſſe, is contẽted and pleaſed at this time to extende his pitye, mercy, and benignitye to all and ſingular his ſubiectes of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Jerneſey and Gerneſey, Barwyke and Calays, and the marches of the ſame, by way of his free pardon and remiſſion as hereafter followeth, rather coueting their amendmentes by gentle and mercifull meanes, than to be enryched by their euill deedes and offences.

And for that his ſayd free pardon to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them, by vertue of this preſent acte, His grace is fullye and reſolutely cõtented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament in maner and fourme following, that is to ſaye, that all and euery of his ſayd ſubiectes, as well ſpirituall as temporall, of this his realme of Englande Wales the ſayd Iles of Jerneſey and Gerneſey, Barwike, and Calayes, and the marches of the ſame, their heyres, ſucceſſours

executours and administratours of them, and euery of them, and all and singular bodyes in any maner of wyse corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, rydinges, hundreds, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages and tithinges, and euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shal be by auctority of this present parliament, acquyted, pardoned, released and discharged againste the kinges highnes, his heyres, successours and executours, and euery of them, of all maner heresyes, treasons felonies, robberies, offences, contempts, trespasses, wronges, deceits misdemeanors, forfaytures, penalties, and profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generallye of all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgementes, and executions, in this presente acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised: which maye bee or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by anye meane pardoned before and vnto the first day of July, in the xxxii. yeare of his most gracious reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes bodyes corporate, cities boroughes, shyres, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages and tythinges or any of them.

Also the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the law, to euery of his sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of them, by the sayd generall wordes before rehersed, in and against al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon should haue ben if all offences, cõtemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarrelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, had beene particularly, singularly, specially, and plainlye, named rehersed & specifyed, and also pardoned by proper and expresse woordes and names in theyr kindes, natures and qualityes, by woords and termes thereunto requisite to haue ben put in and expressed in this present act of free pardõ. And that his sayd subiectes nor any of thẽ, nor the heyres executours or administrators of any of thẽ, nor any of the sayd bodyes corporate: and others before named or any of them, be nor shalbe sewed vexed or inquieted, in theyr bodyes goods, lands or cattels, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanor, forfayture, trespasse, offence, or any thing suffered done or committed, before the sayd first day of July, against his highnes, his crowne, dignity, prerogatiue law or statutes, but onely for such matter, causes and offences, as be plainly rehersed in the exceptions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes vses or president heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in anye wyse notwithstanding.

Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberality by auctority of this present parliament, graunteth and freely geeueth to euery of his sayd subiects, and to euery of the said bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed and to euery of them, al such goodes cattelles, debtes, fines issues, profites

fittes, amerciamentes forfaytours, and ſummes of money by any of them forfayted, which to his hyghnes do or ſhould belong or appertayne, by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpas, miſdemeanor, matter cauſe or quarell ſuffered, done or committed by them or any of them before the ſaid firſt day of July, which be not hereafter plainly, forpriſed and excepted in this preſent acte: and all and euery the kinges layde ſubiectes, and all and ſingular bodies corporate, & other before reherſed, maye by him or them ſelfe, or hys or theyr deputy or deputies, or by his or theyr attourney or attourneis, according to the lawes of this realme, pleade and miniſter this preſent acte of free pardon for his or their diſcharge of and for euerye thinge that is by vertue of this preſent acte pardoned diſcharged geuē or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſō or perſons, for wrytinge or entree of the iudgement, or other cauſe concernyng ſuch plea, wrytyng or entree, but onely .xii. d. to be payed to the officer or clerke, that ſhall entree the plea matter or iudgemente for the parties diſcharge in that beehalfe, any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary not withſtanding.

¶ And furthermore the kinges hyghnes is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by the auctority of this preſent parliament, that his layde free pardon, by the generall wordes be fore rehearſed, ſhall be reputed, deemed, and adiudged allowed and taken in all maner courtes, of his and eliſwhere as well in the wordes and clauſes of the exceptions and forpriſes ſpecified in this preſent acte, as in all and ſingular other clauſes wordes and ſentences mencioned and reherſed in the layd fre pardon, moſt beneficially and auailablye to all and ſingular his layde ſubiectes bodies corporate and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, and moſt ſtrongly in bar and diſcharge againſt his highnes his heires ſucceſſours and executoures in euery thinge, without any obſtacle ambiguity chalenge or other delay, whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to bee made pleaded, obiected or alledged by ꝑ kinge our ſoueraign lord, his heires, ſucceſſours, or executours, or by his or anye of theyr generall attourney or attourneyes, or by any perſon or perſons for his highnes, or any of his heires ſucceſſours or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our ſoueraygne lorde and by auctority of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of anye of hys hyghneſſe courtes, commonlye called the kynges benche, Chauncery and common place or of his Eſchequer, or any other offycer or clerke, of any other of his courtes within this realme, at anye time after the fyrſte day of Auguſt nert comming, whiche ſhall be in the yeare of oure Lorde God a Thouſand fyue hundreth and fourty, make oute or write oute any maner writtes or other proceſſes or any extretes cōmons or other preceptes, wherby any of the layd ſubiectes or any of the ſaid bodies corporat or other before reherſed, or any of thē, ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrained ſūmoned or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted or greued in his or theyr bodyes landes, tenementes goods or cattelles, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thinge pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this acte,

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of free pardon: Hee so offending and therof lawfully condemned shall yelde and pay for recompense therof to the party so greued or offended, triple damages, accompted as parcelles of these damages, all costes of the suyt, and neuertheles all and singular such writtes, proces, extreats, and preceptes, so to be made, for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

¶ Excepted alwayes and forprised oute of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of heresyes and erronious opinions touchynge or concerninge playnly directly and only, the moste holye and blessed sacrament of the Alter, and all maner such high treasons done, and committed by any person or persons, by any ouert deede, writinge or printinge onely agaynst the kinges most royall person, and all sewtes, punishementes, executions, forfaytures and penaltyes, for or by reason or occasion of anye of them, all pretensed and voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, all rasyng of recordes, and all outlagaries, promulged or had vpon or agaynst any person or persons, of and for any of the causes abouesayd, excepted.

¶ And also excepte all titles and actions of Quare impedit, all rauyshementes and wythholdinges of the kinges wardes, wardes landes at any tyme growen to the kinges handes, and not yet discharged, all wastes of the kinges woods, all concelementes of customes and subsidies, all enclosures and decayes of houses, of husbandry, made, done, committed or permitted contrarye to the fourme and effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also all issues, profites, amerciamentes, fines and other penalties whyche nowe bee dewe or after shall bee dewe growe or bee forfayted for any such enclosure or decayes. And all intrusions had made or done sith the fyrste day of Marche last passed, and all and singular debtes other than debtes vpon recognisaunces, beyng already forfayted for suretye of peace, good abearyng, or for none apparaunce at any day or place. And excepted and forprysed out of this pardon all accomptes and all actions, suytes and impetitions for the same, and all arrerages of accomptes and debtes dew for the same and al homages and reliefes, rentes, seruices, and arrerages of the same, not done or not payed, and all debtes whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memory kynge Henrye the vii. or to anye persone or personnes to his vse by any condemnation recognisaunce, obligation or other wise, and all and singular other forfaytures being dewe to our soueraigne lord kynge Henry the viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whyche be conuerted into the nature of debte by iudgement or by agreemente of the offendour: and all forfaytures and other penalties and profites growen or dewe by reason of any offence or act committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seasour is made, or any informatiō is geuen in the kynges Eschequer, or any suyte there commenced, or whereof the kynges highnes by his byll signed or otherewyse heretofore hath made anye gyfte or assignement to any of his seruauntes: And also excepted all issues forfaited

ted fines, amerciamentes assessed tared set, extreated or iudged seuerally, or particularly, extending to the summe of C.s or aboue: And that all and singular other fines, aswell fines pro licentia concordandi, as other and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, which seuerally or particularly extend not to the same summe of a hundreth shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, take to the charge of the sheriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debt or not into debte, and not beinge leuyed nor receyued by anye sheryffe or sheryffes, bayliffe, ministers or other officers shall be fullye, clearelye and plainly pardoned and discharged agaynst the king our soueraigne lord hys heyres and successours for euer, by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that in case it be objected to or agaynst any sheryffe or sheryffes: or other accomptauntes in the kinges court of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any sheriffe or sheriffes or other officers accomptaunt, hath receiued or taken any such fines issues, and amerciamentes by this present acte pardoned & acquited, that than euery such sheriffe and sheriffes, and other accomptauntes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned and acquited thereof by his or theyr othe without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this presente acte of free pardon, nor any thynge therin contained, in any wise extend to discharge, remit or acquite any person or persons for any such issues, fines or amerciamentes of one hundreth shillinges or vnder; as any sheriffe heretofore hath accoumpted before the Barons of the kinges Eschequer or els where, and payed the same issues, fines and amerciamentes, vpon his or theyr sayd accompte determined to the kinges vse, and haue his or theyr Quietus for the same.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by auctority of this presente parlyamẽt, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tended or ought to sue lyuery out of oure sayde soueraygne lorde the kinges handes of anye manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes what so euer they be, shall sue his or their liuery and liueries, out of our sayd soueraigne lorde the kynges handes, of his or their manours, landes, tenementes and heredytamentes, any article, acte or actes thinge or thinges in this present acte of generall and fre pardon compyled and specified to the contrary notwythstanding.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte of generall and free pardon or any thing therin contayned, extend not to Thomas Crumwell Erle of Esser, Margaret countesse of Salisbury, Arthur lorde Lysle, Honor Ladye Lysle hys wyfe, Leonard Lorde Graye, Walter lorde Hungerforde, Rycharde Bysshop of Chichester, Edward Courtnay sonne to the late Marques of Exceter, Henrye Poole sonne to ỳ lorde Montagew, Nicolas Wilson preist William Byrd vycar of Bradford, Gyles Heron, Margaret Tyrrell wyfe of William Tyrrell, Richarde Fetherston, Thomas Abell, Edwarde Powell preest, Laurence Cooke late pryor of Dancaster, William Horne late

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late brother of Carthuse, Christopher Joy, Clement Philpot, John Wollar, Edward Corbet now prysoner, John Browne his seruaunt, Edmond Grindholme preest, Thomas Tichet, William Stenins, William Hawkyns late of Caleys, Roberte Barnes preest, Thomas Garrard preest person of hony lane, William Jerome preeste, Richarde Manchester preeste, William Woze harper, Darby Gimynge, Edmond Herton, Charles Carowe, Anthony Bougegood, Adam Damply, Henrye Goderike person of Hothfilde in kent, not to any person nor persons, which heretofore haue ben attainted by auctority of parliament, or by iudgement at the common lawe of any maner of high treason: And also excepte and forpriſed all and euery such person and persons as haue beene heretofore excepted and forpriſed by name or names in any generall pardon, or in any other pardō gyuen or graunted by our sayd soueraygne lord the kinge: And all such person and persons which haue heretofore fledde for theyr offences of treason out of this realme of Englande & other the kinges dominions of the same. And also excepted out of this free pardon John Ginden.

Prouided alway that all maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyond the sea, or in anye other place oute of the kinges dominions, be and shalbee by auctoritye aforesayde excepted and forpriſed out of this generall and free pardon: And also except out of ỹ sayd pardons these heresies & erronious opinions hereafter ensuinge, that is to saye: That infantes ought not to be baptised, and if they be baptised that they ought to be rebaptised when they come to lawful age: That it is not lawful for a christen man to beare office or rule in the common wealth. That no mans lawes ought to be obeyed: That it is not lefull for a christē mā to take an othe before any iudge: That christ toke no bodely substance of our blessed lady: That sinners after baptisme cannot bee restored by repentance: That euery maner of death with the time and howre therof is so certainlye prescribed, appointed and determined to euery man of God, that neyther any prince by his sworde can alter it, ne any man by his owne wilfulnes preuēt or change it: That all thinges bee common and nothinge seuerall: Except also and forpriſed out of this generall pardon Gregorye Buttolphe preest and Richard Fatmour of Elton in the county of Northhampton, and Robert Jewet late keper of Newgate.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

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ANNO XXXIII.
HENRICI OCTAVI.

HENRYE THE VIII. BY the Grace of God king of Englande, Fraunce, and Ireland, defender of the Faith, and of the Church of Englande and also of Ireland in earth Supreme heade, to the Honour of Almightie GOD, and for the concorde quyet and wealth of this his Realme, and subiectes of the same, helde his moste highe courte of Parliamente, begun at Westminster the .xvi. daye of January, and continued tyll the firste daye of Aprill, the .xxxiii. yeare of his moste noble and victorious reigne, wherin were established these actes folowinge.

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¶ An acte concerning counterfaite letters or priuie tokens to receiue money or goodes in other mennes names. Cap. i.

FOr as muche as many lyghte and euyll disposed personnes not myndynge to get theyr liuinges by truthe, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, but compassynge and deuisynge dayely howe they maye vnlawfully obteine and gette into their handes and possessions goodes, catteles and iewels of other persons for the maintenance of theyr vnthryftye lyuinge. And also knowinge that if they come to anye of the same goodes, catteles and iewelles by theftbe, that than they being therof lawfully conuicte, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfore: haue nowe of late falsely and deceitfullye contryued deuised and imagined priuie tokens and counterfaite letters in other mennes names, vnto dyuers persons their especiall frendes and acquaintaunces, for the obteinynge of money, goodes catteles, and iewels of the same persons, their frendes, and acquaintantes, by colour whereof, the sayde lighte and euill disposed personnes haue diseitfully and vnlawfully obteyned and gotten greatte substaunce of money, goodes, catteles, and iewels into their handes and possessions, contrarye to right and conscience. For reformacion wherof, be it ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, at any time after the firste day of Apryll nert comming, falsely and deceitfully obteine or get into his or their handes or possession any money, goodes, catteles, iewels or other thinges, of anye other person or persons, by colour and meanes of any such false token or counterfaite letter made in any other mannes name as is aforesayd, that then euery suche person and persons so offendinge, and beyng therof lawfully conuicte by wittnesses, taken before the lord Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, or by examination of wittnesses, or confessiõ takẽ in the starre chamber at westminster before the kinges most honourable councell, or before the iustices of assise in their circuites for the time beynge, or before the iustices of peace within any parte of the kynges dominion in their general sessions, or by action in any of the kinges courts of recorde, shall haue and suffre suche correction and punishment by imprysonment of bodye, settinge vppon the pyllorie, or otherwyse by anye corporal peine (excepte peynes of death) as shalbe vnto him or thẽ limmitted adiudged or appointed by ỳ person ỳ persons, before whom he shall be so conuicte of the saide offences or of any of them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as well the iustices of assise for the time beynge, as also two Iustices of peace in euery countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power ỳ auctoritie to call and conuent by proces or otherwise, to the said assises or generall sessions, any person or persons beyng suspected of any of the offences afore sayde, and to commit him or them to warde, or let him or them to baile tyll

the nexte assises or generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be ordered by their discreasions, as is aboue sayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that iustices of the peace within euery citie borough towne and franchises within this realme or other the kinges dominions, shall haue lyke iurisdiction power and auctoritie at their generall sessions, and otherwise to do and execute all and euery thing and thinges in all pointes as other iustices of thassises in their circuites, or iustices of the peace in the counties by vertue of this acte be lymitted and appoynted to do and execute, for the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by this aforesayd act is specified and declared. Sauing to the partie greeued by such deceit such remedy by way of action or otherwise of and for the same money goodes cattelles iewelles or other thinges so obteyned, as he might haue had if this acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thing in the same conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes councell of his towne of Caleys, or three of them for the time being, shall haue such and like auctoritie for the examinacion, baylement and punishment of suche offender or offenders, and for suche offences hereafter to be committed & don within the towne and marches of Calais and county of Guisnes, as the foresaid Iustices of assise, or iustices of peace haue by force of this acte within their iurisdictions & auctorities.

¶ An acte concerning byenge of fishe vpon the sea. Cap. ii.

WHere many and diuerse townes and portes by the sea side, in the countyes of Kentre and Sussex, as well of the fyue portes and membres of the same as other, haue in tymes paste bene in greate welth and prosperitie, well builded and inhabited with a greate multitude of people; by reason of byenge and exercisyng the craft and feat of fyshing, wherby the sayd portes and townes were able to make among them selues a great number of boates and shippes, and also many good maryners to the sayde boates belongynge, the which said mariners were not onely put to the said diligent labour and exercise of fishyng, but also they were put in daily experience and knowledge of the costes of the sea, as wel within this realme as in other partes beyond the sea, by the which practise it was not only great strenghte to this realme, by reason of bringing vp and encreasing of mariners, whe so euer the kinges grace had nede of them, but also a great welth to the realme, and abundāce of such, wherby our souerayne lorde the kinge, the lordes gentlemen and commons were alwayes well serued of fishe in market townes of a reasonable price: and also by reason of the same fishing many men were made and grewe riche, & many poore men & women had

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therby their conuenient liuing, to the strength encreasing and welth of this realme. And where many and diuers of the sayd fishermen, for their singular lucre and aduantage do leaue the sayd craft of fishinge, and be confederate with Picardes, Fleminges, Normans, and Frenchemē, and somtime saile ouer into the costes of Picardie & Flaunders, & sometime do meete the sayd Picards and Fleminges halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy money of the coine of this realme, do marchant and bie the said french fishe of the same strangers amountinge to the summe yerely of xx. M. marckes and aboue, and so come & make their sales in diuers costes and creekes within this realme at their pleasure, where if they did not so, the same Picardes & Fleminges wold bring the same fishe ouer them selues, and sell it in this realme to the kinges subiectes much better cheape, and for lesse money, if the same botes and people of this realme wolde not regrate the saide fishe: the which is to the great impouerishinge of the kynges people, conueying and minishinge of the kinges coyne out of this realme, contrary to the lawes & statutes, to the great diminucion of the kings nauie fisherbotes and mariners, and also to the distruction desolacio and vtter vndoing of such portes and townes by the sea side, & depopulation of the people of this realme and the debilitie and weakenes therof. In consideration whereof, be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no maner of person englishe denizen nor estranger, now dwelling or they which at any time hereafter shal dwel or inhabit within any of ỳ fiue portes creekes limbes or membres of the same, or within any other place within this realme, shall frō the first day of Auguste nowe nexte comminge, by any freshe fyshe of any estraunger in the sayd parties of Flaunders, Zelande, picardy or Fraunce, or vpon the sea betwene shore and shore, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme, to any person or personnes, vppon peyne of euery person so doing at any time, to forfait for euery time so doing ten pounds, whereof the one halfe to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that will sue for the same, by bil, action of det informacio or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, and to be tried in the county nexte adioyning, wher the biyng is supposed to be made don or had, wherin no delay, wager of lawe, protection nor essoine shalbe allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforsaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery fysher estranger, to come and resorte into euery hauen porte creke or other place within this realme with their fishe, and the same fishe to be put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all times and as often as shall please them.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thinge therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wise hurtfull to any person or persons for the biyng of sturgeon porpose or seale vpon the sea, or bought in any parte of beyond the sea, and brought into this realme to be vttered and solde, any thing con-

teined in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned shall not bee hurtefull ne preiudiciall to anye persone or persons for the bringe of anie herringe or sprattes, vppon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought at anie time on this syde the feaste of the purification of our lady sainct Mary, whiche shall be in the yeare of our lorde god, a thousande fyue hundred forty and three, anye thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided furthermore, that this acte or anye thinge therin conteyned, shall not extende to anye person or persons, whiche shall bye anye fishe in anye partes of Islande, Scotlande, Orkeney, Shotlande, Irelande or Newelande, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. This acte onely to endure tyll the latter end of the next parliament.

¶ An acte for folding of clothes in Northwales. Cap. iii

Where a certayne kinde and sorte of walshe clothes called whites, russettes, and kenettes, made & wrought in Northwales and Oxcester hundred, adioyning to Northwales, of long time haue bene & be so craftely and harde rolled together, that the vieu therof can not perceiue nor discerne the vntrue makinge and breadthe therof, to the great hurt diceite and empouerishing of the kinges true and louing subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeined and established, by the kynge our souerayne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery the sayd clothes from and after the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptiste nexte commynge, that shall bee brought to any common markettes or fayres to be vttered and solde, shall be folded either in pleightes or cuttelle, as the clothes of all other countries of this realme commonly haue bene vsed and be vsed, to thentent that the byers therof maie plainely see and perceiue the breadthe, and goodnes of suche clothe and clothes that he shall bye. And that euery pece of the sayde clothes, whiche after the saide feast shall be brought to any market or faire to be vttered and solde, contrary to the forme abouesaide, shall be forfaited, that is to saye, the moitie or one halfe therof to the vse of our said souerayne lorde the kinge, and the other moitie therof to any of the kinges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same in anie of the kinges courts of record, by actio of dette bill plaint information or otherwise, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoyne, or any other delatory ple admitted or allowed.

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¶ An acte concerning pewterers. Cap. viii.



Where at the parliament begun at London the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of the kyng our soueraine lord, & frō thēce adiourned to westminster, & there holden, & from that time continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the .xv. day of January, the .xxv. yere of his moste noble reigne: it was ordeined and established by the assent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in the said parliament than assembled, & by aucthoritie of the same, that no person nor persons, from that time thā inhabityng or whych after that time should inhabite within this realme, should by, or otherwise take by exchāge for other wares, any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of tinne, or mixt with tinne, as platters, dishes, saucers. pottes, basons, ewers, flagons, goblets, saltes, saltsellers, spoones, or any other thing made of tinne or pewter, as aforesaid, what so euer it were, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same wares, in whose handes so euer it might be found or taken, & also lawfull money currant in this realme, to the full value therof, ꝑ one halfe of the same forfaiture to be to the vse of the kynges highnes, and the other half to be to the vse of the finders of the same: and further it was enacted, that it should be lefull to the maister & wardein of the pewterers, aswel within the citie of London, as within euery other citie, borroughe, or towne within this realme, wher such wardens were, & wher no such wardens were, to the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernors of ꝑ same citie borough or towne for the time beinge, to appoint diuers persons most expert in knowledge of the same, to make serch & seisure, & to take into their handes & possessiō, all such wares, as therafter should be brought contrary to ꝑ true intent & effect of ꝑ said act, in whose soeuer handes or possessiōs any such should be fouūd. And it was also enacted by thauctoritie aboue said, ꝑ no person nor persons, occupieng ꝑ said craft or occupacion of pewterers within thys realme, should set on worke, or retaine in his or their seruice any ꝑson or persōs, to be his or their pr̄tice or iourney man, estraūger borne out of this realme, vpon peine to forfaite for euery suche pr̄entyce and iourney man. x. li. sterlinges: and that no stranger borne out of thys realme should occupie exercise or vse, from the feast of Pēterosse than next cōming, ꝑ said craft of pewterers, ne work any māer of vessels or other ware aforesaid, to be made of tin or pewter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon peine of forfaiture of. x. li. sterlinges, and also vpon peine of forfaiture of the same pewter or tin so wrought, in whose handes so euer it should be founde or taken: and it was further enacted by the said auctoritie that no person nor persōs being borne within this realme, thā occupieng or exercising the said craft of pewterers, should frō thēceforth resort into any strāge regiōs or coūtries, there to vse teache or exercise ꝑ said craft of pewterers, vpon peine to lose the p̄uiledge & benefit of an English man. And if in case

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anye of the kinges subiectes, at that time beinge dwellinge in anye strange countrey or region and there occupieng the said craft of pewterers, did not repayre into this realme within thre monethes next after request and warning to him to be geuen by writing sealed with the cõmon seale of the wardeins of the said craft within the said citie of London, & dete in this realme continually from thencefoorth dwell and inhabite, that than & from henceforth he should be reputed and taken as no englishman. but shoulde stande and be from henceforthe out of the kinges protection: and it was than further enacted, that where sundrye euill disposed persons, which commonly were called haukers, by auctoritie of the kinges letters patẽtes or placard, did not onely go about from place to place within this realme, vsing byeng & sellinge of brasse & pewter & by colour & pretence of the same lycences or placardes, did not onely vse vnlawfull and deceiuable weyghtes and beames, but also did vse to sell both brasse and pewter, which was not good, nor truly or lawfully mixt or wrought, to the great deceit of ỹ kinges true leige people, contrarie to the fourme and effect of a good and laudable acte and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kinges saide most noble reygne, that all such licences and placardes afore that time had made or graunted to any such person or persons, contrary to the true meaning forme & effecte of the sayd estatute, should be from thencefoorth by the auctoritie of the sayd parliament clerely voyd and of none effect. And where as in the sayd acte of parliament, concerning the sayde craft of pewterers and brasiers, made in the sayd fourth yere, for diuers causes and consideratiõs in the same acte conteyned amongest other thinges it was expressed that no person nor persons, vsing the said craft of pewterers or brasiers, should from henceforthe sell or change anie pewter or brasse new or old, at any place or places within this realme, but onely in open fayres or markets, or in their owne dwelling houses, but if they were desired by the biers of such wares, vpon peine of forfayture for euery suche defaulte .x.li. And so than the same forfayture was to the onely vse of the kinges highnes, & the partie serchynge or fyndinge the same, was not intitled to haue any benefit therby: it was not knowen, that any person or persons had taken any peines, to enserche or make any inquirye therof, by reason wherof diuers and many euill disposed persons, than vsing byeng and selling as well of brasse as pewter, and not regarding the said good acte, nor the sayd penaltie, wente dayly aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and frõ house to house, to sell such pewter and brasse, which was not good, and also vsed deceiuable weyghtes & beames, as they did before the making of the sayd act, to the great hurte & discept of the kinges true liege people and subiectes. wherfore it was enacted by the auctoritie of the said parliament, that as well the moytie of the sayd forfaiture of .x.li. limitted in the sayde statute, made in the saide fourth yeare, as also the moitie of all other forfaitures and penalties, expressed and specified in the sayd actes, and euery of them, should be to the vse of ỹ kynges highnes, his heires and successors, and the other moitie of the same forfaytures

faitures and penalties and euery of them, to the vse of him or them, that would sieze, find or present the same forfaytures or any of thē, or that wold sue for the same in any competente court or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, bill, playnt or informacion, wherin the defendant should in no wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protectiō or essoin to any person or persons, which should be impeched to haue offended contrarie to the forme & effecte of this estatute, should be allowable, as in the said act more plainly appereth, which acte was appoynted to endure onely to the ende of the nert parliament then nert folowing: and which act was after renewed in the parliament holdē at Westminster in ỳ. xxviii yere of the reigne of our saidē soueraigne lorde, to endure vntill thende of the nerte parliament thannert folowing: and which acte was also renewed at the parliament holdē at westminster, in ỳ. xxxi & xxxii. peres of our sayd soueraigne lordes raygne to endure vntill the last day of the nert parliament then next ensuing.

Prayen therfore in this present parliament our saide soueraigne lordes true and obedient subiectes, the peuterers of this his sayd realme, and other the true cōmons of the same, because the same acte is beneficiall & necessary for the common welth of this realme: that it may be enacted by the king our saide soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, for as much as the same act & euerything therin conteined, is good and beneficiall to the common welth of this realme, that all & euery the sayde actes & statutes, and all & euery article sentence and clause comprised in the same, may from hencefor the stande and bide in as full strenghte and effecte for euermore from hencefor the to endure, according to the purport tenour & effecte of the saide acte and actes, as thoughe the said articles sentences & clauses, were specially limitted recited or declared in this present acte. And that no person ne persons from hencefoth bie or take by exchāge, or otherwise take in to or within this realme, to the intent to sell any suche thinges or wares above rehersed, made or to be made out of thys realme, vppon peine of like forfaitures and penalties, as are & were exprest in the said seuerall actes, the same penalties and forfaitures to be leuied as is afore exprest.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf any person or persōs do vnlawfully withstand interrupt disturbe or let the master and wardes, or their deputie of the said craft of peuterers for the time being, or the head officer or gouernour, hed officers or gouernours of cities townes and boroughes within this realme, wherein no suche maister and wardens are or shalbe, or any of them in serchinge seasing and taking into their handes and possessions suche wares as shall happen to be bought or brought into this realme contrarie to the purport & effect of the said estatute, made in the said xxv. yere of the reigne our saide soueraine lorde, that than euery such person and persons so offending, in letting disturbinge or withstanding the said seisure or taking of such wares, as is aforesayd shall lose and forfait for euery time so doing the summe of. v. poūdes sterlynges,

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The one halfe whereof, shalbe to the kinges vse, and the other halfe to him or them, that will or shall sue for the same, by action of det, writ, bill, playnt, or information in any the kinges courtes of recorde. In which action or sute no protection, priuilege nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed nor admitted.

¶ An acte concerninge kepinge of great horses. Cap. b.

Where in the parliament begun & holden at Westminster the xxviii. daye of Aprill in the .xxi. yeare of the reigne of our most dradde souerayngne lorde, and from that day continued and prorogued by diuers prorogacions to the xi. day of May in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide most dradde souereigne lorde, and then finished and ended, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the saide parliament, holden in the saide .xxxii. yeare of the kinge, amonges other thinges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauinge parkes, shoulde kepe mares, and finde stauelandes for breede & encreasle of horses for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashion, as by the sayd acte is more plainly expressed. Sithen the making whereof there is begun a good number of breede of horses, which by continuaunce is like in shorte time muche to encreasle for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keping and sustentacion of such horses within thys realme, and in other the kinges dominions, after they be bred and come to age to doe seruice. And for as much as horses able for the warres be conuenient & necessary to be kept & maintained by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauing any dignitie, estate possessiõs or other great substance for the maintenãce of ths same: it may therfore please the kinges most royall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assẽbled, to ordein and enacte by aucthoritie of the same, that euery Archebishop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of sainct Michael the archangel, which shalbe in the yere our lorde God .M.D.xliii. shall haue, finde, and kepe, susteine and maynteine of their owne proper horses, and at their proper costes and expenses, seuen stoned trotting horses for the saddle, euery horse of the same to be in age of three yerẽs and vpwarde, in hight .xiiii. handfulles, reconing and accompting to euery handfull foure inches of the sklderde, to be measured from the nether parte of the heare of the hough, vnto the vpper parte of the withersones, that is to say, the vpper parte of the shoulders; vpon peine that euery archebishop and Duke, lackinge the number of the said horses to thẽ aboue limitted, after the said feast by ỹ space of three monethes, shall lose and forfayte for euery horse so lackinge, as often as they or any of them shall so lacke them by the said space of thre monethes .xx.li. the one moitie therof to the king our souereigne lorde, and the other moitie to such as will sue for the same by bill, playnte, originall writ or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which sutes the defendãts shall not wage

their law, nor any protection or essoine shall be admitted or allowed. And that euery Marques and Earle of this realm, and also euery bishop of this realme, the yerely value of whose bishoprieke is of the yerely value of a thousande pounde or aboue, shall after the feaste of sayncte Michaell the archangell, haue, finde, kepe, susteine and mayntein of their proper horses, and at their proper charges and expences, fiue stoned trottynge horses for the saddle, of the age and height aforesayd, vpon the peine aboue specified, to be loste and recouered to the vse and in suche fourme as is afore remembred. And that euery other bysshop of this Realme, whose bishoprieke is of the yerely value of a thousande markes or aboue: and euery vicounte and baron hauinge landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, or offices for terme of hys lyfe, to the clere yerely value of a thousande markes or aboue, vpon like payne as is aforesayd shall after the said feast of sainct Michaell, haue, finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteyne thre stoned trotting horses for the saddle, of the age and height afore mencioned, vpon the payne aboue specified to be lost forfayte and recouered in maner and fourme as is aforesaid. And that euery other bishop, vicount, and baron of this realme, not afore mencioned, and also euery spirituall person hauing benefices or promocions to the yerely value of fiue hundreth markes: And euery temporal person, hauing landes, tenementes, offices, fees, or annuities, for terme of his life, in his owne right or his wifes, to the yerely value of syxe hundreth markes, after the saide feast of saincte Michaell, shall haue, finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteine two stoned trotting horses for the saddle, in maner and fourme and vpon the payne afore rehersed. And that euery other spirituall person, being vnder the degree of a bysshop, hauing benefices or promocions to the clere yerely value of a hundreth poundes or aboue, and not to the yerely value of fiue hundred markes: And all and euery other person temporall, not afore mencioned whose wife after the feast of sainct Michaell the archangell next hereafter mencioned in thys acte, shall weare any goune of sylke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hoode or bonet of veluet, with anye habiliment, paste, or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chain of gold about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in anye apparell of their bodye shall after the feast of sainct Michaell the archangell, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fiue hundred fortie and fiue, haue, vnde, kepe, susteine and maynteine, as is aforesaide one stoned trottinge horse for the saddell, vpon the peine that euery suche spirituall person, vnder the degree of a bishop, hauing landes, tenementes, benefices or promocions to the yerelie value of a hundred pounde and not to the yerely value of fiue hundred markes as is aforesayde: and euery other temporall personne, whose wife after the said feast of saincte Michaell, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hoode or bonet of veluet, with any habiliment paste or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or anye chaine of goulde about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in anye apparell of their bodye, shall lose and forfayte for euery tyme, that any of them shall wante or lacke

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by the space of three monethes, one trottinge stooned horse, of the heighte and age aforesayde, tenne pounde, the one moitye therof to the kinge, and the other to suche as will sue for the same, in suche fourme as is afore mentioned.

¶ And be it enacted by auctho*ri*tie aforesaid, that the Justices of assises, & Justices of peace, shall haue power and auctho*ri*tie within the limittes of their auctho*ri*tie, to here and determine the defaultes done contrary to thys acte as well by presentment as informacion, and to make such processe vpon anye presentment and informacion afore them, as in any other cases of trespasses and contemptes done against the fourme of anye estatutes, and shall set no lesse fine or peine vpon suche persons as shall be conuicte by confession or triall for offending this acte, than is aboue limitted.

¶ And for the better obseruacion of this acte: Be it further ordeined by auctho*ri*tie aforesaid, that euery shiriffe in any shire of this realme shall doe his diligence and good endeuour, to serche and knowe by vertue of his office, all defaultes done or committed by any person or persons, in lackynge of horses contrary to this acte, as shall happen within the shire where he is shireffe, and shall once in the yere, that is to say in the terme of saincte Michaell, certifie the sayde defaultes, if any be in the kinges Escheker, by writinge vnder his seale, to the entente that processe may be made against the offendours accordingly, And that euery such certificates of the shiriffe, shall be of as good force and effecte against the offendours of thys acte, as any informacion therof in the sayde Escheker. And in case any shall be conuicte vppon anye suche certificates by confession or triall accordinge to the course of the lawe, than the shiriffe makinge suche certificates, shall haue one moitie of the forfayture, and the kinges maiestie the other moytye therof.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that no person shall be impeched, molested, or troubled for any offence done contrary to thys acte by bill, action, informacion, presentment or certificates of the Shireffe, onles that suche bill, action, informacion, presentment or certificates be made or had wythin one yere next after the offence done contrary to this acte, any thing in this act to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned shall extende to anye sonnes and heires apparaunt of any Duke, Marques, erle vicount, or baron, nor to the sonnes or heires apparant of any other person, hauinge landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to the yerely value of fiue hundred markes or aboue to bynde or compell any suche heyres apparant, to finde or kepe any horses by vertue of this acte in the lyfe of their fathers except such sonnes and heires apparant haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the yearely value of fiue hundred markes, but that euery suche sonnes and heyres apparant, excepte before except, may doe as they did or mought doo afore the makinge of this acte, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

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¶ Prouided alwaies that if any such sonne & heire haue landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities for terme of life in his owne right, or in the right of his wife, to the clere yerely value of fiue hundred markes, that then such sonnes and heires hauinge such landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the clere yerely value of fiue hundred markes, as is aforesaide, shall finde kepe susteine and mainteine one trottinge horse for the saddle in fourme aforesaide, vppon the peine of xx. li. to be lost and forfait for euery three monethes that any suche sonne & heire shall lacke and want a trotting stoned horse, as is aforesaide.

¶ And be it prouided and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if þ wife of any person or persons weare any veluet in the lininge or other parte of her gowne, other then in the cuffes or purfles of suche gowne, or els weare any veluet in hyr kyrtell, or weare any petycote of silke, that than the husbande of euery suche wyfe shall finde one stoned horse of the statute aboue in this acte recited, or shall incurre the aboue said penaltie and forfaiture of x. poundes, to be leuied and recouered as is afore declared.

¶ Prouided also that thys act or any thing therin conteined shal not extend to charge ani person or persons whose wife or wiues, shal weare ani of the apparaile or thinges aboue reherced, duringe the time suche wife or wyues shal be deuorced from hir or their husbande, or husbandes, or shall willyngely absent hir selfe from hir said husbande, and duringe suche absence shall weare any of the apparell or other thinges afore recited.

¶ Prouided alwaies þ heyres within the age, being wardes, whose landes tenementes and hereditaments amounte to the yerely value of. CC. li. shall not be compelled by auctoritie of this act, tyll they come to their full age to kepe any horses, although the wiues of such heires within age weare any gowne of silke, or any french hood or bonet of veluet, with any habilliment passe or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chaine of gold about their neckes or in their partlets, or in any apparell of their body, any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that if all or ani the horses kept by vertue of this act, shall happē to be killed maimed or loste in the seruice of the kinges warres, that then in euery such case the owners of such horse or horses, so killed maymed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yeres nexte after suche chaunce of kyllinge maymynge perishinge or losinge theyr horses to prouide other horses in theyr stede and place of the horses so killed maymed perished or loste in the warres, without any danger losse or penaltie of this act, ani thing in this act to the contrary therof not withstading.

¶ Prouided also that cart horses or sumpter horses shall not be taken reputed or reckened for such carte horses, which any person is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertu of this acte.

¶ An acte concerning crossebowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.

Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the.xb. day of Januarye, in the .xxb. yere of the kinges moste gracious reigne, and ther continued and kepte vntill the.xxx. daye of March then next ensuinge, amonge diuers and sundry holsome and laudable actes statutes and ordinaunces, one statute and ordenaunce was made and ordeined for the auoydyng and eschewing of shoting in Crosselbowes and handgunnes: Syns the making of which acte diuers malicious and euill disposed persons, not onely premusinge wilfuly and obstenately the violacion and breach of the said acte, but also of their malicious and euil disposed mindes and purposes, haue wilfully and shamfully committed perpetrated and done diuers detestable and shamefull murders, roberies, felonies, riottes and routes wyth crosselbowes, litel short handgunnes, and litle hagbuttes, to the great peril and continuall feare and daunger of the kinges most louing subiectes, and also diuers keepers of forestes chases and parkes, as well of our sayde souerayne lorde, as other his nobles and commons, and diuers gentlemen yomen and seruinge men nowe of late haue layde aparte the good & laudable exercise of the long bowe, which alwaie hertofore hath ben the suerty sauegarde and continuall defence of this realme of Englande, and an inestimable dread and terrour to the enemies of the same. And now of late the said euyl disposed persons haue vsed and yet do dayly vse to ryde and go in the kinges high wayes and els where, hauing with them crosselbowes and litel handgunnes ready furnished with quarelles gunpouder, fyre, & touche, to the great perill and feare of the kinges most louing subiectes, For reformacion wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our souereine lorde, the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, in maner and forme folowing, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be, except he or thei in their owne right, or in the right of his or their wiues, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of anye such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices to the yerely valu of one hundreth poundes, from or after the last day of June next comminge, shall shote in any crosselbowe handgunne hagbut or demyhake, or vse or kepe in his or their houses or els where, any crosselbow handgunne, hagbut or demy hake, otherwise or in any other maner, than is hereafter in this present acte declared, vpon peine to forfait for euery time that he or they so offende contrary to this acte. x.li.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, of what estate or degre so euer he or thei be, from or after the sayd last day of June, shall shote in, carry kepe vse or haue in his house or els wher any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or demy hake, other then suche as shalbe in the stocke & gun of the length of thre quarters of one yarde, vpon peine to forfaite for euery time that he or they shal shote in carry vse or haue

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any ſuche gunne, beinge not of the length of one hole yarde, or hagbutte or demy hake, being not of the length of three quarters of a yard. r. li ſterling And that it ſhall be lawfull to euery perſon and perſons, which haue landes tenementes, fees, annuities or offices to the yearely value of one hundreth pounddes, as is aforeſaid, to ſeaſe and take euery ſuch croſſebowe, and alſo euery handgunne beinge in ſtocke gunne ſhorter in length than one hole yard, and euery hagbutte and demy hake, being ſhorter in length than three quarters of a yarde, or any of them, from the kepinge or poſſeſſion of euery ſuch offender contrary to the forme of this acte, and the ſame croſſebowe or croſbowes to kepe and retaine to his or their owne vſe. And alſo the ſame handgunes hagbuttes demy hakes, ſo ſeiſed and taken, within. xx. dayes nexte after the ſame ſeiſure or takinge, to breake and deſtroy, vpon peine of xl. s. for euery gunne ſo ſeaſed and not broken and deſtroied, and the ſame ſo broken and deſtroied, to kepe and reteine to his or their owne vſe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that no ſon or perſõs other than ſuch as haue lãdes tenemẽtes rentes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundreth poũdes as is aforeſaid, from or after the ſaid laſt daie of June, ſhall cary or haue in his or their iourney, going or riding in the kinges high waies, or eis where, any croſſebowe bent, or gun charged or furniſhed with pouder fire or touch for the ſame, except it be in time of ſeruice of warre, vpon peine to forfait for euery ſuch offence. r. li. this preſent act, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withſtãding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons from the ſaide laſt daye of June, ſhall in any wiſe ſhote in or with any handgunne demy hake or hagbut at any thing at large, within any citie borroughe or market towne, or within one quarter of a mile of any citie borroughe or market towne, except it be at a but or banke of erthe in place cõuenient, or for the defence of his perſon or houſe, vpon peine to forfaite for euery ſuch ſhotte. r. li. this preſent acte, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withſtandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that no perſon or perſons of what eſtate or degre ſo euer he or they be, ſhall from or after the ſaid laſt day of June, commaunde any of his or their ſeruantes to ſhote in any croſſebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, of his or their ſaid mayſters, or of any other perſons, to any dere, foule, or other thing, excepte it be onely at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the time of warre, as is aboue ſaide, vpon peyne to forfait for euery ſuch offence. r. li. The one moitie of all which forfaiture and penalties in this preſent acte aboue ſpecified, ſhall be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lord, his heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof to the partie that wil ſue for the ſame, by bill plainte action of dette or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in whiche ſuite no eſſion protection nor wager of lawe ſhall be allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that it ſhall be lawfull from henceforthe to all gentyll men, yomen and ſeruinge

men of euerye lorde or lordes spirituall or temporall, and of all knightes esquiers and gentlemen, and to all the inhabitauntes of cities boroughes and market townes of this realme of Englande, to shote with any handgunne demy hake or hagbutte at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place conuenient for the same, so that euery such handgunne demy hake and hagbutte be of the seuerall lengthes aforesayd, and not vnder, And that it shalbe lawfull to euery of the sayd lorde and lordes knightes esquiers and gentlemen, & the inhabitantes of euery citie borough & market towne, to haue & kepe in euery of their houses any suche handgunne or handgunnes of the length of one hole yard, or any hagbut or demy hake of the legth of three quarters of a yarde, as is aforesayd, and not vnder, to the intent to vse & shote in the same at a butte or banke of erthe onely as is abouesaide, whereby they & euery of them by the exercise therof in forme abouesaid, may the better ayd and assist to the defence of this realme, whan nede shall require, this present acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorities aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons, whiche dwelleth and inhabiteth in any house standinge and being set distant two furlonges from anye citie borough or towne, to kepe and haue in his said house, for the onely defence of the same, handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes, beinge of the seuerall lengthes aforesaide, and not vnder, and to vse & exercise to shote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to his house, & not otherwise: any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And futhermore the kinges most louinge subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, most humbly do beseche the kinges maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctorities aforesaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and also al other placardes licences and byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his highnes or by anye other authorised by his highnes letters patentes vnder hys great seale, to geue licence and placarde to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes or any of them shalbe from and after the sayde laste daye of June, frustrate voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And also that it may be further enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the said statute, made in the said .xvi. yeare of the kinges most gracious reigne, and all other statutes heretofore made and prouided for the auoydinge and restreint of shoting in crossebowes and handgunnes or for any of them, or for the vsing and keping of the same, be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that euery processe suite or informacion cōcetued commensed and nowe depending, for any offence done contrary to the fourme of the said statute, made in the saide .xvi. yere of the kings most noble reigne or of any other statute, made prouided for and concerninge the shotinge in crossebowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keping of the same, shalbe as good and effectual to the parties that haue cōmensed the same, & shall

shall stande and be in such fourme effect degre and condicion, as if this act had neuer bene made.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte or any thing therin conteined, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to any perso or persons, now being, or that hereafter shal be appointed by the kinges highnes, to kepe receiue or take anye crossebowes or handgunnes, that shal be forfaited or take within this precincte or libertie of the kinges forestes parkes or chases, but that he or they maye lawfully kepe and reteine the same crossebowes or handgunnee from time to time, vntill suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kinges hyghenes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared.

¶ Prouided also that this acte extend not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes, but that they may laufully kepe crossebowes & handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only for prouing and assaiyng of them at a butte or banke of erth in the place conuenient, and not otherwise: so that the said handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes be of the seuerall lengthes in stocke and gun, as is aboue limited.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor anye thinge therin conteined, extende not, or be preiudiciall to any marchantes, which haue or shal haue any crossbowes handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, or ani of them, to sel with in this realme, & to none other vse: so that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes be of the seuerall lengthes in gun & stocke as is aboue lymitted, and not vnder.

¶ Prouided also that no maner of persone runne in anye daunger or take hurte by reason of any penaltie or forfaiture conteined in this act, vntil such time as proclamacio be made of the same acte, within the countie, wher the partie, that shal or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the spare of xx. dayes next after the makinge of the said proclamacion.

¶ Prouided also, that if any maner of person bringe or cause to be brought with him into his lodging, or in or to any other mans house, any crossbowe or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forfaiture, if any such be or hereafter shal be forfaited by reason of this acte, to runne and be onely vpon the bringer of the saide crossebowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the saide lodging or house cause the said bringer therof to take and to cary away the said crossbowe or handgunne againe with him at his departing: Any thing in this act made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite of this present parliamēt, that if any person or persons, from or after the last day of June next comming, see or find any person or persons offending or doing contrary to the forme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euery such person or persons, percelunge, findinge or seinge any such person or persons so offending contrary to the forme of this acte, to arreste and attache euery such offender or offenders, and to bring or conuey the same to the next iustice of the peace of the same countie, where the said offender or offenders shall be founde so of-

lending. And that the same Justice of peace, vpon a due examinacion and proffe therof before him had or made by his discreacō, shall haue full power & auctoritie to sende or cōmitte the same offender or offenders to the nerte iaile there to remaine tyl such time as the saide penaltie or forfaiture shalbe truely contented and payd, by the said offender: The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie therof to the first bringer or conueyer of the saide offender to the same Justice of peace.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie afore saide, that if any person or persons do at any time hereafter obtein get or purchase of the kings maiestie, his heyres or successours, any placarde, licence or bill assigned, to shote in any crosbowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, contrary to the tenour purport and effect of this present act: that then there shalbe conteined in euery such placard licence and bil assigned, at what beastes foules or other thinges the saide person or persons so obteininge any suche placarde licence or bill assigned, shal shote at with any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake, or els that euery suche placarde licence and bill assigned hereafter to be obteined gotten or purchased, shalbe clerely voyd frustrate, and of none effecte. And also that euery suche person or persons so obteininge any suche plarde licence or bill assigned, before they shote in any suche crosbowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake in any such maner or fourme as shalbe mēcioned in any such placarde licence or bill assigned, shalbe bounden in the kinges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of .xx. li to the kinges vse, with and vpon condicion, that he so obteininge or hauinge the sayd licence placard or bill assigned shall not shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, at any other beastes or foules, than in any such placarde licence or bill assigned shall be conteined and specified, and els all such placardes licences & billes assigned so hereafter to be made to anye person or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the courte of the Chancerie, as is aforesaid, to be vtterly voyd and of none effecte.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaid, ẏ it shalbe lawfull to all Justices of the peace in their sessiō̅s, and to all stewards and bailiffes in their seuerall letes and lawdaies, to enquire here and determin euerye such offence, after the said last day of June, to be committed & done cōtrary to the tenor of this present act: so that alwaies no lesse fine than ten poūds be assessed vpon euery such presentment and conuiction, made accordinge to the due course of the lawe, the same fine so by the same Iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment & conuiction made before thē in their sessions, to be payd and leuied onely to the kinges vse: and the one moitie of euery fyne to be assessed by ẏ stewardes or baylyffes of any lete or lawday, vpō euery presentment and conuiction before them to be made to be payde and leuied to the vse of the king our soueraigne lorde. And the other moitie the one halfe to the owner of the said lete or lawday by distresse or action of det and the other halfe of the same seconde moitie of the same fine, to be to the partie that will pursue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by bill,

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plaint infoꝛmacion oꝛ action of dette, in the whiche none eſſoin pꝛotection noꝛ wager of lawe ſhalbe allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any Jurie beinge ſwoꝛne & charged to enquire foꝛ the king our ſoueraigne loꝛde, beſoꝛe any iuſtices of the peace, oꝛ ſtewards of letes oꝛ lawdais, of any offences committed oꝛ done contrary to this pꝛeſent acte, doe wilfully concele any of the ſame offences, that than the ſaide Juſtices, ſtewardes oꝛ bailiffes, beſoꝛe whome any concelement ſhalbe had & done, ſhal haue auctoꝛitie by vertu of this pꝛeſent act, frō time to time to charge and ſweare an other Jurie of .xii. oꝛ mo good and ſubſtãciall honeſt perſons, to inquire of euery ſuch concelement. And if any ſuche concelement be founde and pꝛeſented by the ſaide Jurie ſo charged to enquire of the ſame, that then euerye one of the ſaide firſte Jurie that ſo dyd concele the ſame, ſhal leſe and foꝛfaite foꝛ euery ſuche concelement of euery ſuche offence .xx.s. All whiche foꝛfaitures and penalties of .xx. s. foꝛ euerye ſuche concelement of euerie ſuch offence ſo founde and pꝛeſented beſoꝛe the ſame Juſtices of peace, ſhall wholy be leuied and paide to the kinges vſe. And the moitie of all the ſame foꝛfaitures and penalties of .xx.s. ſo founde and pꝛeſented beſoꝛe the ſtewardes oꝛ bailiffes of ani lete oꝛ lawday, ſhalbe leuied and paid to the vſe of the owner of the ſaid lete oꝛ lawday by diſtreſſe oꝛ action of dette: and the other moitie therof to be to the partie oꝛ parties, that will ſue foꝛ the ſame by action, infoꝛmacion, bill, oꝛ plaint, in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche actions, infoꝛmacions, billes, oꝛ playntes, no wager of lawe eſſoin noꝛ pꝛotection ſhalbe allowed.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, that if any perſon oꝛ perſons hereafter in any part do offende oꝛ doe cõtrary to the puruew and remedie of this act, wherupon cauſe of action foꝛ the ſame offence ſhalbe giuen to the kinge his heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, oꝛ to any other perſon oꝛ perſones that will ſue by vertue of this acte foꝛ the puniſhment of the ſaid offence oꝛ foꝛfaitures, that if the king our ſoueraigne loꝛd, his heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, within one yere nexte and immediatly after ſuch offences and foꝛfaites hadde and made, do not purſewe their action oꝛ actions, ſo gyuen by this acte, oꝛ cauſe examinacion vpon ſuch defaultes and offences to be had and made, beſoꝛe their counſaile, oꝛ other pꝛeſentmentes therof to be had, accoꝛding to the meaning of the ſame acte: And euery other perſon. which hereafter by vertue of this acte, may haue action oꝛ actions ſuite oꝛ infoꝛmacion vpon this ſtatute, within halfe a yeare nexte and immediately after ſuch offences oꝛ foꝛfaites had and made doe not commence their ſutes infoꝛmacion, actions oꝛ pꝛeſentmentes of and vppon the ſayde foꝛfaites by action oꝛ otherwiſe, as in this pꝛeſent acte is limitted and declared: that than aſwell the kinge our ſoueraigne loꝛde his heires and ſucceſſours, after one yeare nexte after ſuche offences and foꝛfaites hadde and made, if no ſuite in his oꝛ their name be takē by actiõ oꝛ otherwiſe, as is beſoꝛe expꝛeſſed, beſoꝛe the ſame yere ended and determined, as euery other perſon after halfe a yere next after like offences and foꝛfaites had & done in the fourme

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aforesayde, if no suite therupon be taken by none of them, in fourme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded and debarred of their saide suites, actions, informacions and examinaciõs to them giuen by vertue of the said acte: and the parties and euery of them so offending, shall be of all such offences and forfaites clerely discharged and quite: anye thinge in this acte comprysed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, ne any thinge therin conteined, shall in any wise extende or be preiudiciall vnto the kinges subiectes resident or inhabitinge nere vnto the costes of the sea in any parte of this realme, their houses beinge not aboue fiue miles distant from the same coastes: Nor also to any of the kinges said subiectes, inhabitinge within .xii. miles of the borders of Scotlande: Nor to anye the kinges subiectes inhabitantes of the towne and marches of Calice, nor to any of the inhabitantes, of the isles of Jersey, Gerneseye, Angleseye, and the isles of wight and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for euerie of the said inhabitantes at all times hereafter, to haue, exercise, and vse their handgunnes, hagbuttes, and demy hakes, of the lengthes aboue sayd, within the limittes and Iles aboue saide, so that it be at no maner of deere, hearon, shouelarde, fesante, partriche, wilde swanne, or wilde elke, or any of them, this present acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that this acte ne anye thinge therin conteined, be in anye wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any seruant or person, that hereafter from the saide laste daye of June, shall bend, beare, carye, charge, vse, or assaye, any crossebowe or any handgunne, demy hake or hagbutte, of the lenghtes aboue saide, by the commaundement of his lorde or maister, so that the said seruant or person, doe not shote at any foule, deere, or other game: of what kinde or nature so euer they be of: nor also to any suche seruant, person, or persons, that shall after the saide laste daye of June, beare or conuey anye crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte, or demy hake, of the lengthes aforesayde, to anye place or places by the commaundement of hys lorde or maister, that maye shote by auctoritie of this acte, to be amended, repayred, deliuered, or assayed, so that the sayde seruaunte or other personne, so bringinge or conueynge the sayde crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte or demy hake, haue redy to shewe to euerye personne, requiringe the syghte therof, one licence in writinge sealed or subscribed by his sayde lorde or maister, to cary and conuey the same crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte or demie hake, to the entente to be amended, repayred, assayed or deliuered, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, or anye thinge therin conteined, shall not extende to anye owner of anye shippe, for hauinge or keepinge of anye handgunne, hagbutte, or demie hake of the seuerall lengthes in this acte expressed, or vnder, onely to be had and occupied within anye theyr shyp or other vessell, or for the cariage & recariage of them or of any of thē on land

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or keping of them, for the only exercise and occupieng of them within the
saide shippe or vessell: Any thinge in this acte to the contrary in anye wyse
not withstanding.

¶ An act concerning the conueiaunce of brasse, laten, and bell mettall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.

Where in the parliament holde at westminster the third day of
Nouember, in the xii. yeare of the reigne of our souerayngne
lorde the kinge that now is, amongest other thinges it was
enacted, that no person or persons should from thencefoorth
carye or conuey any brasse, copper, laten, bell mettall, gunne
mettall, ne shroffe mettall into any parte or partes beyonde
the sea, vpon peine of forfaiture of the sayde mettall, as by the sayde acte
more playnelie appereth. Sith the making of whiche estatute dyuers per-
sons, as well Englishemen as straungers, haue by deceite fully obteyned
licences of the kinges highnes, to carye ouer bell mettall, and other broken
mettall, surmising the same metals not to be mete for making of gunnes, or
other engine of warre, nor for implementes necessary for houshold, whiche
surmise is proued vntrue, as the common experience thereof dayely decla-
reth: So that all other realmes and countries be full of artillarye and
munitions, and this realme is lyke to lacke, if more hastie remedie to stoppe
the conueiance of the same be not further prouided then is in the same acte.
Wherefore may it please the kinges highnes, and the lordes spirytuall, and
temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and
by aucthoritie of the same to enacte, that no person or persons from hence-
foorth shall cary or conuey by water or otherwise, any brasse, copper, latten,
bel mettal, pan metal, gunne metal, nor shroffe mettal, whether it be cleane
or mixed (tin and leade onely excepted) into any parte beyonde the sea, or in-
to any outwarde realme or dominion what so euer it be, vpon peine to for-
faite the double value of the same mettall so caried and conueyed, the one
halfe thereof to be to the kinge our souerayngne lorde, and the other to the
partie that will sue for the same by writ bill, playnt, or informacion, in the
which no essoine or protection shall be allowed.

¶ And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, for the true mea-
ninge of this estatute, that the arriuall discharge and deliuerye of the sayde
mettalles in anye partes beyonde the sea, or in anye other foreyn reime or
dominion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in suche countie
or place where the said mettall or mettals were shipped or first caried, with
like proces and determinacion as al other informaciõs or action to be tried
and adiuged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within
this realme and dominion.

¶ And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no persone
nor persons at any time hereafter, shall shippe or carie any of the saide me-

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talles afore reherſed, to tary or diſcharge the ſame in any parte of this realme, oneleſſe ſuch perſon or perſons before the ſhippinge therof doe declare and manifeſt vnto the cuſtomer of ſuch porte or cricke, where the ſame mettall ſhalbe ſhipped, the true weight of all ſuch mettall as ſhalbe ſhipped, and alſo ſhall make a ſufficient obligacion in the lawe, in the whiche he ſhalbe bounden to the ſayde cuſtomer to the kinges vſe, in ſuche ſumme as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſayd mettall ſo declared and manifeſted, with condicion, that the ſame ſhalbe diſcharged at ſome port or cricke with in this realme, and in no other place, vppon peine to forfaite the ſame in maner and fourme aboue reherſed. And that euery ſuche perſon or perſons that ſhall ſhippe ſuche mettalle, and be and ſhall be bounden as is afore ſaid ſhall within eight monethes nexte after the ſhippynge therof, bringe a true certificate from the cuſtomer of the porte, cricke or place, where he or they ſhall happen to diſcharge the ſame mettall, teſtifienge that the ſame mettall ſo ſhipped, and the true weight therof, is there diſcharged: which certificate the cuſtomer of ſuche place, where the ſaide mettall ſhall be diſcharged, ſhall vppon the diſcharge therof, make and deliuer to the partie ſo diſcharging, or to his factour without any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any cuſtomer or his deputie, by couin or by any other vndue meane, do make any falſe, or vntrue certificate concerninge the ſaid diſcharging of ſuch mettall, contrary to the true meaning of this acte, that then ſuche cuſtomer, ſo falſely or vntruely certifienge, as is afore ſayde, ſhall loſe his office, and alſo the value of the goodes ſo conceled out of the ſayd certificate.

¶ Prouided al way that if the ſaid mettall by tempeſt of wether be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and ſpoyled, and that ſufficiently proued without fraude or couin before the cuſtomer and comptroller, or theyr ſufficient deputies, in the porte where the partie or parties ſo ſhipped the mettalles afore ſaide or any of them, by the ſaide partie or parties or theyr executours, that then he or they ſo bringinge ſuche ſufficient proufe, ſhall haue his obligacion to him deliuered, or els he and his executours therof to be acquited and clerely diſcharged, any thing in this acte to the contrary conteined not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore ſaid, that this act ſhall onely take his effect and be put in execucio from and after the firſt day of Aprill nexte comming.

¶ An acte againſt conjuracions, witcherafte, ſorcerie, and enchauntementes. Cap. biii.

Where diuers and ſundrye perſons vnlawfully haue deuiſed and practiſed inuocacyons and conjuracyons of ſpyrytes, pretendynge by ſuche meanes to vnderſtande and gette knowledge for theyr owne lucre, in what place treaſure of golde and ſiluer ſhould or moughte be founde or hadde in the earthe

erthe or other secrete places, and also haue vsed and occupied witchcraftes inchauntementes and sorceries, to the distruction of their neighbours persons and goodes: And for execucion of the sayd false deuises and practyses haue made or caused to be made diuers images & pictures of men, women chyldren, angels, or diuels, beastes or foules, and also haue made crownes scepters, swordes, ringes, glasses, and other thinges: And giuing fayth and credit to such fantasticall practises, haue digged vp and pulled downe an infinite number of crosses within thys realme, and taken vpon them to declare and tel where things lost or stolen should be become, which things can not be vsed and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurt and damage of the kinges subiectes, and losse of the soules of suche offendours to the great dishonour of God, infami and disquietnes of this realm. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, after the first day of May nert cōming, vse deuise practise or exercise, or cause to be vsed, deuised, practised or exercised anye inuocacions or conjuracions of spyrites, witchcraftes, enchauntementes, or sorceries, to thintent to get or finde money or treasure, or to waste, consume or destroy any person in his body, members or goodes, or to prouoke any person to vnlawfull loue, or for any other vnlawfull intent or purpose, or by occasion or colour of suche thinges or any of them, or for dispite of Christe, or for lucre of money, dig vp or pull downe any crosse or crosses, or by suche inuocacions or conjuracions of spirites witchecraftes, enchauntementes or sorcerie, or any of them, take vpon them to tell or declare wher goodes stolen or loste shal be become: that then all and euery such offence & offences frō the sayde first day of May nexte comming, shalbe demed and adiudged felonie: And that all and euery person and persons offendinge as is aboue said, their counsaillours abbettours and procurers and euery of them, from the sayd first day of May, shall be demed accepted and adiudged a felon and felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this acte, being therof lawfully conuicte before such as shall haue power and authoritie to here and determine felonies, shall haue and suffer such peines of death, losse and forfaitures of their landes, tenementes, goodes and cattels as in cases of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme, and also shal lose the priuilege of ꝑ clergie and sanctuarie.

¶ An act for the maintenaunce of artillarie, debarring vnlawfull games. Cap. iv.

MOste humblie complainynge shewe vnto your highnes your dayly oratours the bowyers, fletchers, stringers and arrowe-head makers of this your realme, that where for the aduaunce-ment and maintenaunce of archery, the better to be maintened

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and had within the same, and for the auoidinge of diuers and many vnlefull games and plaies, occupied and practised within this realme, to the greate hurte and let of shotyng & archery, diuers good and lawfull statutes haue ben deuised enacted & made, amongest which one was made in a parliamēt holdē at westminster, in ỳ third yere of your most gracious reign and the same act made perpetuall in the parliament there holden, in the .vi. yere of your sayde reigne, the which good and laudable acte not withstanding dyuers and many subtill inuentatiue and craftie persons, intendynge to defraude the same estatutes, sithens the making therof, haue founde and dayly find many and sundry new and craftie games & playes, as logating in the fieldes, slide thryft, otherwise called shoue grote, as well within the citie of London, as els where in many other and diuers parties of thys realme, kepyng houses, plaies and aleies for the mayntenance therof by reason wherof archery is sore decayed, and daily is lyke to be more and more minished, and diuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone and inhabit them selues in Scotland and other places out of this realme, there worsking and teaching their science to the puissāce of the same, to the great comforte of estraungers, & detriment of thys realme. And where also your graces subiectes bowiers, fletchers, and other artificers afore named from tyme to time resort, repayre, and come out of all places of this your realme, vnto the citie of London, for lacke of liuyng, and doe inhabit nigh the same citie, or in the suburbes of the same citie, and in the stretes & lanes of ỳ same citie, beynge no free men of the same citie, nor bearing nother scot, lot, nor other charges within your sayd citie, as other citizens & fre men of the same citie, do and are bound to do, & by their othes are sworne to do, and which citizens and fre men of your sayde citie of the misteries and craftes before rehersed, which haue bene brought vp as prentises from their youth, dwelyng within the fredome of your sayd citie of London, are alwayes in redines to furnish your graces affayres whan they shall be commaunded: By reson of the whiche resorting and abode of suche forayns and straungers, of the misteries & craftes before rehersed, in the suburbes stretes and lanes of the same citie, other cities, townes, villages, & places within this realme remayne and be vnfurnished of artificers and craftes men before rehersed to the great decay of the archerie of this realme. And for as muche as it appereth by the preamble of ỳ said estatute, enacted the sayd third yere, which was established and made perpetuall in the foresaid .vi. yere of your moste gracious reigne, that your highnes, calling to your most noble & gracious remembraunce, that by the feare and exercise of the subiectes of this your realme, in shotinge in longe bowes, there hath continually growen & bene within the same great number & multitude of good archers, whyche hath not onely defended thys realme, and the subiectes therof, against the cruell malice and daunger of theyr outwarde enemies in time heretofore passe, but also with littel number and puissaunce, in regarde, haue done many notable actes and discomfitures of warre, against the infedels & other, &

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furthermore subdued and reduced diuers and many regions and cõuntries to their due obeisance, to the great honour fame and suertie of thys realme and subiectes, and to the terrible dread and feare of all strange nacions, any thing to attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or any of them: yet neuer the lesse archerie, and shotynge in longe bowes, was lyteli vsed, but dayly did minishe decaye and abate more and more, for that muche partye of the cominaltie and poore people of this realme, wherby of olde time the great numbre and substance of archers hath growen and multiplied, were not of power or abilitie to bye them longe bowes of ewe, to exercise shoting in the same, and to susteine the continuall charge thereof, and also by meanes and occasion of customable vsage of tennys playe, boules, clayshe and other vnlawfull games, prohibited by many good & beneficiall estatutes, by aucthoritie of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impouerishment hath ensued, and many heynous murders robberies and felonies were commited and done, and also the deuine seruice by suche misdoers on holy and festiuall dayes not harde or solemnised, to the highe displeasure of almightie god, as by the forsaide preamble more plainely maye appeare. It maye therfore be enacted by your highnes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that euery man, beinge the kinges subiecte, not lame decrepit nor maymed, nor haunge any other lawfull or reasonable cause or impediment, beynge within the age of .lx. yeres (excepte spirituall men, iustices of one benche and of the other, iustices of the assise and baronnes of the Escheker) shall from the feaste of Pentecost nert comming vse and exercise shoting in long bowes, and also haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his house, to vse him selfe and doe vse him selfe in shotynge: And also the father gouernours and rulers of such as be of tender age, do teach and bringe vp them in the knowledge of the same shotynge: And that euerye man, haupnge a man chylde or men chyldren in his house, shall prouide ordeine and haue in his house, for euery man childe, beynge of the age of .vii. yeres and aboue, tyll he shall come to the age of .xvii yeres, a bowe and two shaftes, to enduce and lerne them and bringe them vp in shotyng, and shall deliuer al the same bowe & arowes to the same ponge men, to vse and occupie. And if the same ponge men be seruantes, that then their maisters shall abate the money, that they shall paye for the same bowes and arrowes of theyr wages. And after all such ponge men shal come to the age of xvii. yeres, euery of them shall prouide and haue a bowe and iiii arrowes continually for hym selfe at hys proper costes and charges, or els of the gyft or prouysyon of hys frendes, and vse and occuppe the same in shotynge, as is before rehersed. And if the mayster suffre any of his seruãtes, taking wages being in his housholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yeres, or the father suffer anye of hys sonnes, beinge in housholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yeares to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the forme of this estatute by the space of one moneth together: then the maister or father, in whome

ſuch negligences ſhalbe, ſhall for euery ſuch defaulte forfait. vi.s. viii.d. And that euery ſeruaunt, paſſing the age of.xvii.yeres, and vnder the age of .lx. yeares, and takinge wages, whiche can or is able to ſhote, and ſhal lacke a bowe and .iiii. arrowes, by the ſpace of one monthe together, ſhal for euery ſuch defaulte forfaite and loſe. vi. viii.d.

¶ Be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that no mā, vnder the age of xviiii. yeares, ſhal ſhote at anye ſtandinge pricke, excepte it be at a rouer, wherat he ſhall change at euery ſhote his marke, vpon peine for euery ſhote doinge the contrary. iiii.d. And that no other perſon aboue the ſaide age of xviiii. yeres, ſhall ſhote at anye marke of. xi. score yardes or vnder, with any prickeſhafte or flight, vnder the peine to forfaite for euery ſhote. vi.s viii.d. And that no perſon, vnder the age of. xvii. yeres, excepte he or his father or mother haue landes or tenementes to the yerely value of .x.li. or be worth mouables the ſūme of xl. markes ſterling, ſhall ſhote in any bowe of ewe whiche ſhall be boughte for him after the feaſte of the Purificacion of our lady nert comminge, vnder the peine to loſe and forfaite .vi.s. viii.d. And alſo that buttes be made on this ſyde the feaſte of sayncte Michaell the archangell nert comming in euery citie towne and place by the inhabitantes of euery ſuche citie towne and place accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vſed. And that ẏ inhabitantes and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and continue ſuch buttes, vpon peine to forfaite for euery thre monethes ſo lacking. xx.s. And that the ſaide inhabitauntes ſhall exerciſe them ſelfe with longe bowes in ſhoting at the ſame, and els where, in holy dayes and other tymes conuenient.

¶ And to thintent that euery perſon may haue bowes of meane price, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaide, that euery bowier, dwelling out of ẏ citie & ſuburbes of London, ſhall after the ſaid feaſte of the Purification of our lady nert comming, for euery bowe that he maketh of ewe, make. iiii. other bowes mete to ſhote in, of elme, wyche, haſyll, aſhe, or other wood apte for the ſame, vnder the peine to loſe and forfaite for euery ſuch bowe ſo lacking iii.s. iiii.d. And euerye bowier dwellinge wythin the ſaide citie or ſuburbes of London, ſhall after the ſaid feaſt of the Purificacion of our lady nert cōminge, for euery bowe of ewe that he ſhall make ſhall alſo make two other bowes apte for ſhotinge, of aſhe elme wyche haſyll or other wood mete for the ſame, vnder like peine and forfaiture.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that no bowier ſhall ſell anye bowe of ewe, for any perſon beinge betwene the age of. viii. yeares and .xiiii. yeres, aboue the price of .xii. d. And that the ſame bowyers ſhall haue bowes of ewe of all prices from .vi.d the piece, to xii.d. the piece, for youthe betwene the ſaide ages of. vii. yeres and. xiiii. yeres. And lykewyſe haue bowes of ewe for youth betwene the age of. xiiii. yeres and. xvi. yeres and ſhall ſell the ſame at reaſonable prices. And moreouer that no bowyer ſhall ſell or put to ſale to any the kinges ſubiectes, anye bowe of ewe of the tare called elke, aboue the price of .iii.s. iiii.d. vnder the peyne to forfayte

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xx.s. for euery bowe solde to the contrary, aboue the said price of.iii.s.iiii.d. as appereth by a statute made in the .xvii. yere of the reign of king Edward the.iiii, the fourthe chapiter. And that al bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme shalbe solde open & not in bundelles nor close, to the intente the biers of them may haue perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them. and geue the better price for them if they be so worthe.

¶ And furthermore by it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that fletchers of London & the suburbes of the same, may at their libertie sell reasonable tymber to euery fletcher of the countrey, without falling into any penaltie or daunger to any of their wardens for so doinge, and that all ordinaunces and other lawes made or to be made by theyr wardens or otherwise to the contrary, shalbe hencefoorth clerely frustrate and voyde.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that ỳ bowyers, fletchers stringers and arrow head makers, repayring. and resorting vnto the said citie or the suburbes of the same, and there makinge their dwellinge or abydinge, beinge not fre men of the said citie, bearynge neither scot nor lot within the said citie, shal at al tymes, by ỳ appointmẽt of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lorde Chancellour of England for the tyme being, lorde treasorer, or the lorde priuie seale, or one of them, go and inhabyte suche cities boroughes & townes, as be destitute of suche artificers, and there to exercise occupie and practise, their sayd crafte and faculties, for the maintenaunce of artillary and archery. And yf any such person, to whom warning shall be so geuen by the kinges most honorable councell the lorde Chaunsellour the lorde treasorer, or the lorde priuie seale, as is aforesayde, to departe vnto other townes or places of the said realme of Englande, from the sayd citie of London, the suburbes stretes lanes & places nere the same, refuse to accomplishe the same, that then he or they so refusing, shall forfayt for euery day that he shall make hys abode contrary to thys acte.xl.s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no straūger borne out of the kynges obeysance, not beynge denizen, shall conuey or doe to be conueyed, geue sell or exchaung into any partes out of the kinges obeysaunce, any longe bowes arrowes or shaftes, without the kinges speciall lycence, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same, where so euer they shalbe taken, or the value therof, within the kinges power, and vppon peyne of emprisonment without bayle or mainprise, vnto such time as he or they so being in ward, haue made a reasonable fine to the kinge for his or theyr offences afore the Justices of peace, or .ii. of them in the sessions in the same countye, where he or they shall be committed to warde, or fynde sufficiente suertie for the payment of the same fine. And that no maner of person, not being borne within the kinges obeysance, not made denizen, vse within the kinges obeysance shoting with long bowes, without the kinges licence, vpon peine of forfaiture suche bowes arrowes and shaftes as they shall be founden so shotinge with, and euery of the kinges subiectes may haue auctorite to take & seise the same forfaitures to his owne vse. And that iustices of assyse of gayle de-

liuerie, iuſtice of peace, and ſtewardes of franchiſes leetes and lawdayes, haue power to enquire of all the premiſes in theyr ſeſſions, leetes and lawdaies, and here and determine the ſame, & alſo by theyr diſcretion, examine all perſons, lackynge and not hauynge bowes ſhaftes and arrowes accordynge to the fourme aforeſaide.

¶ Be it alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that no maner of perſō or perſons, of what degree qualitie or condicion ſo euer he or they be, from the feaſt of the natiuitie of ſainct John Baptiſt now next cōming, by him ſelfe factour deputie ſeruaunt or other perſon, ſhall for his or their gaine lucre or liuynge, kepe haue holde occupie exerciſe or mainteine any common houſe aley or place of boulynge coytynge cloyſhe cayles halfe boule tennys diſyng table or carding, or any other maner of game prohibit by any eſtatute heretofore made, or any vnlawfull newe game nowe inuented or made, or any other vnlawfull game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon peyne to forfeite and pay for euery daie, kepynge hauing or mainteynynge, or ſuffering any ſuch game to be had kept executed plaied or mainteined within any ſuch houſee gardeine aley or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this eſtatute. xl.s. And alſo euery perſon vſing and haunting any of the ſayd houſes and plaies, and there playynge, to forfaite for euery time ſo doing. vi.s. viii.d. And if any pſon hereafter ſue for any placardde, to haue common gaminge in hys houſe, cōtrary to this eſtatute, that then it ſhall be conteined in the ſame placard, what game ſhalbe vſed in the ſame houſe, & what perſons ſhall playe therat, & euery placard graunted to the contrary, to be voyde: and alſo that the partie obteininge any ſuch placarde before he put the ſame in execution, ſhall be bound with ſufficient ſureties with hym by recogniſaunce in the chauncery in a certeine ſumme, to be appoynted by the diſcreation of the lorde Chaunceilour of Englande, that he ſhall not vſe the ſayd placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctho͞ritie aforeſaid, that it ſhall be lefull to all and euery the iuſtices of peace in euery ſhyre maires ſhirriffes baylyffes, and other head officers, within euery citie towne & borough within this realme, from time to time, as wel within liberties as without, as nede & caſe ſhall require, to come enter and reſorte into all and euery houſes places and alleis, where ſuch games ſhalbe ſuſpected to be holden exerciſed vſed or occupied contrary to the fourme of this eſtatute, & as well the keepers of the ſame, as alſo the perſons there haunting reſortinge and playynge, to take areſt and empriſon, & them ſo taken and areſted, to kepe in priſon vnto ſuch time as the keepers and mainteiners of the ſaid plaies & games, haue founde ſuerties to the kinges vſe, to be bound by recogniſaunce or otherwiſe no leger to vſe kepe or occupie any ſuche houſe plaie game aley or place: and alſo that perſons there ſo founde be in like caſe bounden by them ſelues, or elſ with ſuerties, by the diſcreation of the Iuſtices, mayres, ſhyriffes, bailiffes, or other head officers, no more to playe haunt or exercyſe from thenceforth in at or to any of the ſayd places, or at any of the ſayde games.

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¶ Also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maires shiriffes bailiffes constables & other head officers, within euery citie borough and towne, within this realme, where any such officers shall fortune to be, as well within the franchises as without, shall make due serche wedely or at the furthest at all times hereafter once euery moneth, in al places where anye suche houses aleis plates or places shall be suspected to be hadde kepte and mainteined. And if the sayde mayres shiriffes bayliffes constables and other head officers within their cities boroughes & townes, as well within franchises as without, doe not make due serche at the furtheste once euery moneth if the case so require, according to the tenour of this act, and do not execute the same in all thinges accordinge to the purporte and force of the same: that then euerye suche mayre shiriffe bailiffe constable or other head officer, to paie and forfaite for euery moneth, not makinge suche serche, nor executinge the same. xl.s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of artificer or craftes man of any handy craft or occupacion, husbandman, appientice labourer seruaunt at husbandry, iourney man or seruaunt of artificer, mariners fishermen watermen or any seruing man, shall from the said feast of the Natiuitie of sainct John Baptiste, play at the tables tenys dice cardes boules clashe coytyng logatting, or any other vnlawfull game, out of Christ mas, vnder peine of .xx.s. to be forfeite for euerye tyme, and in Chrystmas to play at any of the saide games in theyr maisters houses, or in their maysters presence. And also that no maner of person shall at any time playe at any boule or boules in open places out of his gardeyne or orchard, vnder the peyne for euery tyme so offendynge to forfeyt .vi.s.viii.d. And that all Justices of peace mayres bayliffes shyriffes and all other head officers, and euery of them, fyndyng or knowing any maner of person or persons, vsing or exercisinge anye vnlefull games contrary to thys presente estatute, shall haue full power and auctoritie to commit euery such offendour to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vntill such tyme that they so offendinge, be bounden by obligacion to the kinges vse, in such summes of money, as by the discreation of the saide iustices mayres bayliffes or other head officers, shall be thought reasonable, that they or any of then shall not from henceforth, vse such vnlawfull games.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all other statutes made for the restraint of vnlawfull games, or for the maintenance of artillery as touching the penalties or forfaytures of the same, shalbe from henceforthe vtterly voyde. And for all informacions plaintes actions or suytes that shalbe taken or sued vpon any parte of this estatute, shalbe commensed within the yere after the offence committed & done, or otherwise no aduantage or suite therof to be taken. And where any suche forfaitures shall happen to be founde within the precinct of any franchise lete or lawday, then the lorde of the same franchyse leete or lawedaye, to haue the one moytye therof, and the other moitie therof to any of the kinges subiectes that wyll

sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by action information bill or otherwise, in whiche action or suite the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine shall be allowed: And where suche forfaiture shall be founden out of the precincte of anye fraunchise lete or lawdaye, that the moitie of all suche forfaitures shall be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie therof to anye the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same, by bill plaint, actyon, information, or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, in whyche suite or action the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoin shall be allowed.

¶ And to the intente that euery person may haue knowledge of this acte, and auoyde the danger and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all mayres bayliffes shiriffes and all other head officers, shall foure tymes in the yeare, that is to saye, euerye quarter once, make open proclamation of this present acte in euery market to be holden within theyr seuerall iurisdictions and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliuery, assyses, and Justices of peace, do cause the same to be proclaymed in theyr seuerall circuites and sessions before them holden, and that this estatute shall beginne to take his effecte, concerning the penalties of the same, from the sayd feast of sainct John Baptist nowe nexte cōminge and to continue and endure for euer.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or personnes haue taken by lease, whether it be by worde, writynge, or otherwise, anye house alley or place, wherein any suche vnlawfull game nowe is, and at the tyme of such lease made was vsed, that then euery suche lease shall at the libertie of hym or them, to whome suche lease is made, theyr executours administratours or assignes, from the sayde feaste of the natiuitie of sainct John Baptist, be vtterly voyde, excepte it bee for breache of couenauntes or agreementes, or payment of rente due or to be due at the sayde feast, or any tyme before, so that then at the same feaste or within one moneth next after the same, the saide lesse gene knowledge to suche lessour or lessours, theyr heyres or assignes that he will no lengar occupie the same, and that then it shall be lawfull to the inheritour lessour or owner therof, or to his heyres or assignes, in the same house alley or place to reenter.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall be laufull for euery maister to licence his or their seruauntes, to playe at cardes dice or tables with their saide maister, or with anye other gentleman, repayringe to their sayde maister, openly in his or their house, or in hys or their presence, according to hys or theyr discreation. And that it shalbe lefull to euery such seruant, for euery time so being commanded or licenced by his sayde maister, as is aforesaide, to play at cardes dice or tables with his said maister or other gentleman, so to him repayringe, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall be lawfull to euery noble man and other hauinge mannours, landes, tenementes or other yearely profites, for terme of lyfe in his owne right, or in his wifes right, to the yerely value of a hundred poundes or above, to commaunde, appoint or licēce by his or their discretion, his or their seruauntes or familie of his or their house or houses, for to play within the precincte of his or their houses, gardeines, or orchardes, at cardes, dice, tables, bowles or tenys, as well amonges thē selues as other repayring to the same house or houses. And that they so playinge by commaundement, appointmente or licence, as is aforesayd, shall not incurre any daunger or penaltie conteyned in this acte for the same, this acte or any thinge therin contained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all informacions, actions & suites, now dependinge in any of the kinges courtes, for or concerning any penaltie or forfayture contained in any of the said statutes, by this act repealed, and no iudgement therin yet giuen, the same informacions, actions, and suites shalbe, remaine, and stande as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer be had ne made, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerning the execution of certaine statutes. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as before this tyme diuers and sundrye good lawes, statutes, prouisions and ordinances haue bene made by the kynges maiestye our naturall soueraygne lorde and other his moste noble progenitours for the increase and aduauncement of the publyke and common wealth of this realme of Englande, and of his highnes subiectes of the same; amongest which some speciall notable, and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and prouisions be verye requisite, conuenient, and expedient for the same common welth duely and diligently to be put in daily exercise and execution. And such as haue bene and be auctorised to put in due and iuste execucion suche speciall and notable lawes, statutes, and ordynaunces, and to correcte and punishe the infringers and contemners therof, in suche wise as is limitted by the same, hath bene very remisse and negligent in doynge their offyces, to the greate detrimente hurte and preiudice of the common welth. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the iustices of peace within any shyre citie, borroughe or place within this realme of Englande, Wales, or anye other the kinges dominions, shall yerely at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden nexte after

the feast of Easter, assemble them selues together, that is to say euery number of them within the limittes of theyr cõmissions, wherin they be named Justices of peace, and at and vpon such theyr assemble, shall dilygently together amongest them selfes perule, examine, studie & knowe the effectes and true ententes of the lawes, statutes, ordinances, & prouisions hereafter specified, that is to say, the lawes and statutes hertofore made and prouided touchinge or in anye wise touchinge vacabounders, reteinours, gyuinge liueryes, signes, tokens, or badges, maintenance, imbracery, bowstaues, and archery, vnlawfull games, forstallers, and regratours, victayl, victaylers and inholders and euery of them and of all statutes & lawes made in this present parliament, touching the same or any of them, and after the perusinge and deliberate vnderstandinge of the saide lawes, statutes and old statutes, they shall deuise amongest them selfes, howe the same maye be best put in due and iuste execution: and for the better procedinge therin they shall deuyde and seuer them selfes, limittynge and assignynge alwayes the number of two of them at the least or more, into hundredes wapentakes rapes, commotis or number of townes and villages by theyr discreations. And that the sayd Justices so deuided, or two of them at the least, shall in euery quarter of the yere from & after the sayd feast of Easter next coming holde and kepe within the limittes of their diuision, one sessions beside the generall quarter sessions for the peace, the sayd one sessions to be kepte and holden alwaies within the limittes of their diuision, at and in one such day as by them shalbe appoynted, so that it be alwaies fyue wekes at the leaste before the quarter sessions. And that all processe and procedinges in euerye of the said session so to be holden shalbe continued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of them at the least at and in euery such sessions, shall haue power and auctorytie to enquire, as well by the othes of xii. men, inhabitantes within the limittes of their deuision, as by any informacion geuen to them by anye person or persones of all defaultes offences and contemptes done or cõmitted or heraftor to be done or cõmitted against the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, & to here and determine the same and shall also haue power and auctorytie, vpon any presentment or informacion touchinge the premisses or any of them, to make processe by venire facias, one Capias, and an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices or two of them, against euery suche person and persons against whome any suche informacion or presentment shalbe had for their apparaunce afore them in theyr sessions to be holden as is aforesayd, to answer to suche informacion or presentment as shalbe there had or made. And if the person or persons accused by informacion or presentment, shall be conuicte vpon any suche informacio or presentment, by confession or verdit of xii men, that then ỳ sayd Justices of peace, or two of them, afore whome suche couiction shalbe had shall haue power & auctorytie to geue iudgment against euerye suche offender and offenders so conuict, of such paynes by imprisonment, or such paynes losses and forfaytures of money or both, or any of them, as are limytted

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in the sayd seueral statutes for suche offences wherof they shalbe so conuict, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordyngly. And also the sayd Justices of peace, or two of them, at & in theyr saide sessions to be holden as is aforesaide, shall haue power and auctoritie to correcte & reforme the panels of iuries for any inquiries to be made afore them touchynge the sayd statutes or any of them, in like maner and fourme as iustices of Gaole deliuery and of peace may do in theyr sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the thyrd yere of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges reigne that now is: and that the shiriffes and other ministers hauing power to returne panelles, shall make hys or theyr returnes, accordynge to suche reformacion and correction of the Justices aforesaide, vpon the peyne limytted by the same statute.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctho̅ritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, be conuicte as is aforesayde, by any information afore the sayd iustyces or two of them, within the limittes of theyr diuision: that the the moitie of the peynes losses and forfaitures of money of the offendours so conuicte, shalbe to the kinges maiesties vse, and the other moitie therof to the partie that pursueth such informacion, according to the tenours and effecte of the sayd seuerall statutes. And if any conuiction be had by reason or vpon any presentment, that than the kynges maiestie shall haue the hole peines, fynes, and forfaitures of the offendours, al which peines, fines, losses and forfaytures of money to be due to the kinge, by reason of any conuiction as is aforesayd, together with all issues, fines and amerciamentes afore the sayd Justices within the limittes of their diuision, shall be leuied by the shiriffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betweene suche Justices or two of them, afore whom suche peynes losses and forfaytures, fines, issues, and amerciamentes shalbe lost and forfaite, and the sayd shiriffes, the one partie of which scedule shalbe certified by the sayde Justices or two of them yerely in the terme of saynct Michaell, into the kynges escheker, to the intent that the shyriffe shall there aunswere the same to the kynges vse.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that euery of the said iustices of peace shall haue for holding of euery of theyr said sessions, as is aforesaide xiii. s. for their costes: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appointed, for the makinge and wrytynge of the processe and extractes of the sessions, for euery sessions .ii. s. to be payde by the handes of ỹ shiriffe, of the kinges parte and porcion of the paynes losses and forfaitures and of the issues fynes and amerciamentes aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes that Justices of peace in cities boroughes and townes corporate, not beinge shires or counties of themselues, shall assemble once in the yere wyth the iustices of peace of the shyre, where such cities boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be limitted to execute this acte within the citie borough or towne corporate, where they shalbe iustices of peace, and not els where.

¶ Prouided also, that no informacion of presentment shalbe had or taken by the saide Justices of peace, so deuided by aucthoritie of this acte but for such offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shall be done within the limyttes of theyr diuysyon.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that ꝑ saide Justices of peace so deuided, or two of them within the lymittes of their diuisiō shal haue full power and aucthoritie, to examine inquire here and determyne by informacion and trial, as is aforesaide, al defaultes and contemptes, which after the feast of the natiuitie of our lord nert coming, shalbe done or committed by any seruantes, commonly called yongmen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artificers or any of them, agaynst the tenour fourme & effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessiue apparell, and to correcte and punish the offenders therin, beyng therof conuicte afore them, as is aforesaide, according to suche peines, forfaitures and punishmentes as is ymitted by the sayde lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuied paide & certified as is aforesayd.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that as well the Justyces of assise, as the Justyces of Chester, and the kinges Justyces of Northwales and Southwales, in all & singuler theyr circuites, shall haue ful auctoritie and power by the force of thys present act, to enquire as well by informacion as by presentment before them, of the defaultes contemptes omissions, negligences, fauours, affections, corrupciōs and other thynges what so euer they shalbe, of al and synguler the said Iustices of peace which shall not diligently truly and duly se put and cause the sayd good lawes statutes ordynances and prouisions to be put in vre, exercise and perfect execucion according to the effectes, as well of the sayde statutes hertofore made as of this present act, & to here examine and determin the same, as is aforesayd, and to assesse such fines vpon the said iustices of peace and vpon euery of them, being conuicte of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaid, as to their discrecion shalbe thought expedient for the qualitie and quantitie of their offences.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al shiriffes, bayliffes, constables, hedborowghes, and all & singuler other officers & ministers, what so euer as well within libertie as without, shall be attendant aidynge and assistyng to al and singuler the sayd Justyces of peace, in and for the due execucion of thys acte, vpon peyne to make such fines as the sayde Justyces of peace or twoo of them, shall be assessed to the vynges vse by theyr discrecions.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this statute shal not binde any iustice of peace or of Quorum to assemble or execute any thing in thys acte, or in any other shyre citie borough or place, then in such shyre citie borough or place, where he shall be resident and dwellyng at the time when suche assemble shall be made by vertue of this acte.

¶ Prouided also that suche lordes and other, which beinge iustice of peace

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or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kinges priuie counsaile, attendant vpon his roiall person, or any principall officer of his highnes house, attendant vpon his office, and other whiche shall happen to be occupied in his highnes seruice, by hys maiesties commaundement, shall not be compelled to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any shyre, citie, or boroughe, or otherwise bounden to doe or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, that they be bounde to doe afore the making of this acte: any thing or thinges conteined in this acte to the contrary not withstaning.

¶ Prouided also that the Justices of either benche, barons of the kynges eschequer, the kinges atturney and solicitour, and all other iustices, officers and ministers being bounde to attende at the termes, shall not during their suche attendaunce, be compelled to holde or kepe any sessions in the limites deuided to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace, as is aforesaide.

¶ And to the intent that the saide iustices, barons, and all other officers & ministers aforesaide, may the better be once in the yeare at euery assemble aforesaide. It is therfore ordeined by auctoritie of this act, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shalbe yerely kepte vppon the tewesday nexte after Lowsondaye in euerye shire of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte or any thinge therin conteined shall not in anye wyse extende to the countie Palantine of Yeram, within the countie of Northumberlande ne to the countie Palantine of Ely, wythin the countie of Cambrydge, nor to any towne corporate or libertie wythin eyther of the saide countyes Palantines, hauinge iustices of peace for or concerning the extracting returning, certifieng or leuieng of any issues, fynes, forfaytures, amerciamentes, or penalties to be assessed or tared vppon any person or persons, in any session to be holden wythin the sayd countie Palantines or either of them, or wythin any towne corporate, situate, and beyng wythin eyther of the sayd county Palantines, but that the same issues, fynes, forfaytures, amerciamentes, and penaltyes and euery of them, may be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuied from time to time hereafter in such maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene vsed to be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuied at any tyme before the making of thys act: or should be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuyed, yf thys said acte had neuer ben had or made, this acte, or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary not wythstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auchtoritie aforesaide, that iustices of the peace within any shyre of this realme of England and Wales, shall not be compelled by vertue of this acte to assemble them selues for the execution of this acte for this present yeare, before the nexte generall assyses to be holden within euery suche countie, before the feast of sainct Michaell the archaungell nexte comminge, but that they and euery of them shall be

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compelled vpon like paine, mencioned in this acte, to assemble them selues at the said general assises for the execucion of the same, for this present yere onley, accordinge to the purporte tenour and true meaninge of this acte, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the countye Palantine, and Duchy of Lancaster, or any townes corporate within the same cou̇tie Palantine and duchie, hauinge iustices of the peace, for or concerninge the extractinge, retournynge, certefieng, or leuienge of any issues, fines, forfaitures amerciamentes or penalties, to be tared or assessed vpon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the saide counti̇e Palantine and duchie of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcel of the same duchie by vertue of this acte, but that the same issues fines forfaitures amerciamentes and penalties shall and may be extracted returned, certified, and leuied from time to time in suche maner and forme, to all intentes and purposes as they haue vsed to be extracted returned, certified, and leuied at any time before the makinge of this acte, this acte or any thinge therin conteined to ỹ contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that all issues fines, amerciamentes, and forfaitures risinge and growinge by vertue of this present acte, within anye of the seuerall liberties, franchises or temporall iurisdictions, whiche bene seuerally appointed and assigned to the surueye order and gouernaunce of the king our soueraygne lordes seueral courtes of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the generall surueyours of the kinges landes, shalbe claimed and allowed and also collected and leuied by the kinges bailiffes or other officers of the same liberties, franchises, and iurisdictions for the time beinge, and shall be seuerally answered to the kinge in the same seuerall courtes after and accordinge to such sort and order as other issues, fines, amerciamẽtes & forfaytures within the same seuerall liberties, franchises and iurisdictions at thys present time bene or ought to be claymed allowed and answered, any thing in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it further enacted by the aucthȯitie aforesayde, that the iustices of peace in euery of the shires in Southwales and Northwales, and countie Palantine of Chester, accordinge to their limittacion, shall and may certify all the streitts by them to be made in maner & fourme as is aforesaide, to and afore such chamberlaine or chamberlaines, chauncellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in such place or places, as by the kinges maiestie is or hereafter shal be appoynted or assigned for herring and determining of the shiriffes accõptes, in euery of the saide shyres in Wales, or countie Palantine aforesaid, any thing in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to the county Palantine and county of Durham, or to

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any towne corporat w̄ in ꝑ same cōtie Palātine or cōtie of Durhā, hauing iustices of peace, for and concerning the extractyng retournynge certifienge or leuynge of any issues fynes forfaitures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or tared vpon any persone or persones, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie Palantine or countie of Durham, or within any towne corporate, situate & being within either the said county Palantine or cōtie of Durham, but ꝑ the same issues fynes forfaitures amerciaments or penalties and euery of them, may be assessed tared extracted retourned certified & leuied from time to time hereafter, in suche maner & fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene vsed to be assessed tared extracted retourned certified and leuied, at any tyme before the makyng of this act, or shuld be assessed tared extracted retourned certified & leuied, if this said act had neuer ben had or made: this act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that this acte or any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to the Barones and inhabitauntes of or within the fyncke portes or their mēbers, or to any of them, to compel or cōstraine them or any of them to assemble them selues with any the Iustices of the peace: out of the saide portes or mēbres and the liberties of the same, of for or concerninge the estretinge of fines issues forfaitures and amerciamentes, to be set lost or assessed by vertue of this acte within the liberties aforesaidt: but that they and euery of them shall and may assemble them selfes togethers at suche place and places, within theyr liberties, for the execu tynge of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most cōuenient, and to deuide them selues after suche facion as they shall thinke beste and moste requisite for the executing of this estatute in this acte mencioned: And may and shall take such fynes yssues forfaitures and amerciamentes, and euery of them, as shalbe sette loste and assessed by vertue of this acte, in suche maner and fourme, and to suche vses purposes and intentes, as they or anye of them lawfullye shoulde myghte or oughte to haue hadde before the makynge of this acte, this acte or anye thinge therein conteyned to the contrarye not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, be not at any time hereafter in anye wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to anye persone or persones, bodies politicke or corporate, to their heires or successours, or to the heyres or successours of any of them, for or concerninge anye theyr laufull ryghtes titles interestes or claymes, of in or to any maner of issues fynes amerciamentes penalties or other forfaitures, in any wise to be assessed loste or forfayted, before any iustyce of peace at theyr sessions hereafter to be holden or kepte in any shyre, citie, borough, or towne corporate with in thys realme of England, by vertue or authoritie of this acte, but that euerye suche persone or persones, bodyes politicke and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them and theyr lawfull deputies in suche be halfe, shall and maye at all times here-

after assesse, taxe, extracte, retourne, leuie, clayme, haue and enioye all maner such issues, fynes, amerciamentes forfaitures and other penalties and euery of them, to all suche vses and purposes, and in like maner and fourme in euery behalfe, as they or any of them haue lawfully vsed to doe and haue or mighte haue done and hadde, at anye tyme before the makynge of thys present acte, by vertue of any graunte to theim or anye of them heretofore made, graunted, or otherwyse by vertue of anye custome or lawfull vsage therof heretofore vsed in euery behalfe, this acte or any thinge therein conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ This acte to continue to the latter ende of the nexte parliament.

An acte for bouchers to sell at their libertie by weighte or otherwise. Cap. xi.

In moste humble wyse shewen vnto your highnes the wardeines maysters and felowshippe of bouchers of your cytye of London, and all other the bouchers within thys your realme of England, that where in your parliament holden at westminster by prorogacion the. xxiiii. yere of your most noble reigne, it was enacted ordeined and established by your maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in the said parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parliament, that euery person which should sel by him self or any other the carcaises of bieues porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, after the fyrste daye of Auguste then nexte ensuynge, should sell the same by lefull weyghte called haberdepoys, and none otherwise, the saide flesshe to be cut out in reasonable pieces, accordinge to the requeste of the byer, in lyke facion as afore that time was vsed without fraude or coupne, and that euery person whiche by him selfe or anye other, shoulde sell any flesshe of the sayde carcaises, should haue with him where he shoulde make sale of the saide flesshe, sufficient beame scales and weightes, sealed called haberdepois for true seruynge of the byers. And that after the sayd first daye of Auguste no persone nor persons take or cause to be taken for any pounde weight of flesshe of the carcaises of bieue or porke, by him or them to be solde, aboue the price of one halfpeny, nor for any pounde weighte of flesshe of the carcases of mutton or veale, aboue the price of one halfpeny and halfe ferthing, wythout deceipte or couin, vpon peine to forfayte for euery pounde not solde by weyghte, or aboue the sayde price limitted, and for euerye default done contrary to the true meaninge of the sayde acte, iii. s. iiii. The one moitie therof to be to your highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same by bill plainte or informacion, in whiche suite none essoyne wager of lawe, nor protection should be allowed. The heades neckes inwardes portenances legges nor feete to be accompted as parte of the carcases aforesaid, but suche to be solde by a lower price, as by the saide acte among other thinges

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more plainely appereth, which act was in all thinges by your said oratours well duely iustly and truely executed according to the tenour and purport of the same, vntill your graces parliamẽt holde at westminster, by prorogation the .xxvii. yeare of your most noble reigne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon diuers good causes and cõsiderations, enacted ordeined and established, that from the .xii. day of Aprill, the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xxvi. vntil the .xxiiii. day of Aprill, whyche shoulde be and was in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xi all bouchers, and other selynge flesshe by retaile, may lefully kill and sell all maner beefe porke mutton and beale, beynge good and holsome for mannes bodye, at their pleasures and liberties, as freely and liberally as they or any of them dyd or might haue done at any time before the saide estatute, made the xxiii. yere of your moste noble reigne, and also before an other statute concerninge the same, made the xxv. yeare of your moste noble reigne, without any losses peine or imprisonment forfaiture or penaltie to be by thẽ or any of them, or the successours of thẽ or any of them, had lost borne or sustained in that behalf during the time before rehersed, the same estatutes or any of them to contrary in anye wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes and eyther of them and euery clause sentence and article in them or either of thẽ conteined, should be in suspecte and not put in execution, durynge the same terme, as by the sayd acte made the sayd, xxvii. yere of your most noble reigne among other thinges more plainely appereth: whiche actes before rehersed, concerninge the selling of flesshe by weyght, as is aforesaid, if they should hereafter be put in execution, and your said oratours compelled to sell flesshe by weyght, according to the purporte tenour and effecte of the sayde estatute, made the xxiii. yere of your most noble reigne, should be to the vtter vndoing of your sayd oratours for euer. It may therfore please your maiestie, that it may be by your highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeined established and enacted, that the sayde statutes, made in the .xxiii. and .xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, may be repelled adnichilated, made frustrate and voyde agaynste your oratours, and all other your subiectes. And that it may from hencefoorth be lefull vnto all your sayde subiectes to sell their vittailes from time to time by them selues their wyues and seruauntes, to all maner of persones that wyll bye the same, in like maner and fourme as they might haue don before the makynge of the saide estatutes or any of them, without any danger peine penaltie or forfayture to be had for the same, any thinge in the saide estatutes or any of them conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for murder and malicious bloudshed within the courte. Cap. xii.

Where treasons mysprysions of treasons, murders, manslaughters & other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shedde against the kinges peace, bene often and many tymes done & cõmitted within the limittes of the kinges Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where & whan his maiestie is ther demurrant and abiding, in his owne most roiall persone, whiche offences when they be done, be best knowen by hys hyghnes officers and ministers of his moste honourable householde, and by his maiesties seruaunts of the Chequer roll: And if his maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where such offences were done, before the triall and determinacion therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tried herde and determined by and before the said officers, but be remitted to be tryed and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reason wherof the punishmẽt of the said offendours in suche cases, hath bene long delayed, and somtime their offences forgotten and not remembred, and so estape vnpunished, Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that al treasons, misprision of treasons, murthers, manslaughters, bloudsheds and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shed, against the kinges peace, which hath ben done since the feast of all sainctes last past, or hereafter shall be don within any the Pallaces or houses of his highnes or his heires, or anye other house or houses, at suche tyme as hys maiestie hath bene, sins the said feast of all sainctes, or hereafter shall happen to be than demurrant or abiding in his royall person, shalbe from hẽceforth enquired of tried heard & determined within anye the kinges pallaces or houses, other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heyres shall hereafter repayre vnto, or be abidinge, in maner and, fourme following: That is to say, before the lorde great maister, or lorde stewarde for the time beyng of the kinges most honourable housholde, & of his heires and successours: And in the absence of the said lorde great maister, or lorde stewarde of housholde, before the treasourer and cõptroller for the time being of the kinges most honorable householde, and of his heyres and successours, and steward of the Marchalsey for the time being or two of thẽ, wherof the stewarde of the Marchalsey for the time being to be one, by vertue of theyr offices, without any commissiõ or other auctoritie or power, other then by the auctoritie of this present act to be geuen vnto them or any of them, which steward of the Marchalsey shall be for euer from time to time assigned and appointed by wryting vnder the seale of the sayd lorde great Maister or lorde Stewarde for the time beinge. And whether the kinges maiestie or his heyres

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hath, or at any time hereafter shall be remoued from the ꝑallace, house or houses, where suche offences were or shall be done, or not remoued before they be inquired of tried harde and determined: yet suche offences shall by the auctorite of this acte, alwayes from henceforthe be enquired of tryed harde and determied before the kinges maiesties and his heyres officers & ministers of householde before named, or two of them, as is aboue saide, by the inquisicion and verdicte of his highnes and his heires houshold seruantes, in his and their Chequer rolle, in maner and fourme as before and hereafter is expressed in this present acte, and at suche pallace house and houses where his maiestie or his heires shall be at anye time hereafter demurrant or abiding. And that all such returnes of proces, and all executions & iudgementes concerninge the premises, shall be hadde and done by the offycers, before and hereafter expressed, and in maner and fourme as before & hereafter in this present acte is conteyned. And that all inquisicions vppon the vieu of persons slaine, or hereafter to be slaine within any the kinges sayde pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaide, shall be by auctority of this act had and taken hereafter for euer, by the coroner for the time beyng of the householde of our souereaigne lorde the kinge or his heires, without any adioyning or assisting of an other coroner of any shire within thys realme, by the othe of twelue or mo of the yomen officers of the kinges & his heires most honorable housholde, returned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the cheque, & the clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the time beinge of the saide household, to whom the saide coroner of the same household, shall directe his precepte, whiche coroner of our sayd souereaigne lorde the kinges household, shall be from time to time named appointed and assigned by the sayd lord great maister or lord Stewarde for the time beinge, and that the sayd coroner of the saide household shall from time to time for euer without delay, certifie vnder his seale and the seales of suche persones as shall be so sworne before him, all suche inquisicions indicmentes and offices vpon the viewe of all dead bodies beinge slayne at any time sithe the feaste of all sainctes aforesayde, or whiche hereafter shall be slaine within any the kinges sayde ꝑallaces or houses or other house or houses aforesayd, before the sayd lord great maister or lorde stewarde, and in his absence before the treasorer comptroller & stewarde of the Marshalsey aforesaid, or before two of thē. whereof the said steward of the marshalsey to be one: and that suche inquisicions and offices so certified, shall be demed adiudged and taken for euer as good and effectuall in the law, to al intētes construction & purposes, as any inquisicion taken vpon the viewe of the bodie of any person being dead, by any coroner of any county of thys realme, hath ben or shall be adiuged or taken.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayd, that the said two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Cheque, and clarkes marshalles for the time beinge of the kinges sayde household, and of his heires, or one of them for euer, vpō a precept to them or to any of them hereafter to be made

by the sayd lord great maister or lorde steward, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lorde steward, by the said Treasourer and Comptroller of the kinges most honourable houseyholde, and the said steward of the Marshalsey, or by two of them, wherof the saide steward of the Marshalsey, to be one, shall haue full power to summon warne and retourne the names of xviiii. persons, beinge yomen officers of the kinges saide houseyholde, and of his heires and the said Chequer roll, to enquire of such treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughters and other malicious strikinges, by reason whereof bloud is or shall be shed againste the kinges peace, before the sayd lorde great mayster or lorde steward, and in his absence before the sayd Treasorer Comptroller and steward of the Marshalley, or before two of them at the least wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be lawfull to the saide lorde great maister or lorde steward, and in his absence to the saide treasourer comptroller and the sayde steward aforesayde, or two of them, wherof the sayd steward to be one, before whom suche returnes shall be so made, as is aforesaide, to cause suche numbre of the sayde xviiii. persons so retourned vppon the number of xii. persons, as to him or them shall seme expediente, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughters, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed againste the kinges peace within the sayd Pallaces or houses, or other the said house or houses, suche the sayd feaste of all Sainctes, or at anye time hereafter shall be committed or done wythin the said Pallaces or houle, or other the said houle or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the sayd iury, so sworne before the as is aforesaide, or by inquisicion before the sayde cozoner of the sayde houseyholde, and certified before the sayde lorde great maister or lorde steward, or in the absence of the sayd lorde great maister or lorde steward, before the saide treasourer comptroller and steward, or before two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, as is aforesaid: that then immediately without delaye the saide lord great maister or lorde steward, and in his absence the sayd treasourer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the sayd steward to be one, before whom the said presentment inquisicion or inditement shall so be so founde or certified by the said cozoner of the same houseyholde, shal arrayne before them all and euery such person and persons so indicted, accordyng to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and forth with after issue ioyned betweene the kinge our soueraigne lord, his heires or successors and the prisoner so arraigned, the same day and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the saide lorde greate maister lorde steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the sayde treasorer comptroller & steward of the marshalsey, or two of them, as is aforesayd, shall make an other precept to the sayd clarkes comptrolles, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marshalles for the time being of the sayde houseyholde, or to one of them, to summon and returne one other iury of xviiii. persons, to appere before the sayde lorde great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the sayd treasourer

sourer, Comptroller and Steward of the Marshalsey, or before two of them wherof the same Steward to be one, at suche date time and place, and upon suche paine as shall be then limitted and appointed, all the Seruauntes and gentlemen officers of the kinges chamber, his Secretaries and officers of the said household, which now late be deceased shall take wages by the kinges chequer roll. And that the said Lorde great Maister, Treasourer, Comptroller and Steward (if he be there present) or in his absence the said Treasourer, Comptroller and Steward of the said Marshalsey, or two of them, wherof the same Steward to be one, before whome hereafter any shall be so returned, shall cause xii. of the same iurors be forthwith without any meanes of challenge to be had or allowed for any maner of cause, to passe of the said iurie (malice onely except) truely to be tried betwene our said Soueraigne Lord the king and his heires, and the person and persons that shall be so indicted and arraigned of such treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughters, & other malicious stirringes, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shed against the kinges peace, or of any of them. And if any suche person or persons so indicted and arraigned, be founde giltie of any treason, misprision of treasons murders or manslaughters; that then all and euery suche person and persons so founde giltie, shall haue iudgement of life and member, and suffre such paines of death, and shall forfaict all their manours, landes, tenementes, goodes and catteles, in like maner and forme as if the same person and persons had bene founde giltie of any the sayde offences by the lawes of the common lawes of this realme, without allowing to any such persone or persons so founde giltie of any of the same offences, the benefit of his or their clergie, or priuilege of any sanctuary. And if any person or persons so arraigned be founde giltie for malicious stirringe, by reason wherof bloudes hath ben or shall be shedde against the kinges peace, within the sayde palace or house, or any other house, or any other the sayde house or houses: that then euerye suche person or persons shall from henceforth haue iudgement by the sayd lord great master or lorde Steward (if he be present) and in his absence by the other before named, before whom suche person or persons shalbe so found giltie to haue his right hand striken of; before the sayde lorde greate maister or lorde Stewarde, (if he be there present) and in his absence before the sayd treasorer, comptroller & Steward of the marshalsey, or two of the at the least wherof the said Steward to be one, and at such place and time as he or they, before whome suche person or persons shalbe so founde giltye, shall appoint execution to be done, and the same execution to be done by such person as the saide lorde great maister, or lord Steward (if he be there present) & in his absence as the saide treasourer, comptroller, & Stewarde of the marshalsey, or two of them, wherof the Steward to be one, shall name or appoint and also shall haue iudgement to haue perpetuall imprisonmente duringe hys lyfe, and shall pay fine and raunsome at the kinges maiesties pleasure his heires and successours.

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of the execution apperteininge and of longe time vsed and accustomed, to and for such malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is hath bene or hereafter shall be shedde against the kinges peace: it is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sergeant or chief surgion for the time being or his deputie of the kinges household, his heires and successours, shall be redie at the place and time of execution, as shall be appointed, as is aforesayd, to seare the stumpe, whan the hand is stricken of: And the sergeant of the pantrie for the time being of the sayde household, or his deputie shall be also than & there redye to giue bread to the partie that shall haue his hande so stricking of: And the sergeant of the sellar for the time beyng of the same household, or his deputye, shall also be than and there redie with a potte of redde wine, to giue the same partie drinke, after his hande is so stricken of and the stumpe seared: And the sergeant of the Ewrie for the time being of the same household, or his deputie, shall also be than and there redye with clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: and the yoman of the chaundrie for the time being of the same household, or his deputie, shall also be than and there, and haue in redinesse seared clothes, sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: and the maister cooke for the time being of the same household, or his deputie shall also be than and there redie, & bring with him a dressing knife, and shall deliuer the same knife at the place of execution, to the serieant of the larder for the time being of the same household, or to his deputie, who shalbe also then & there redie and holde vpright the sayd dressing knife tyll execution be done, And the sergeant of the pultry, for ỳ time being of the same household or his deputie, shalbe also than and there redy with a cocke in hys hand redy for the surgeon to wrap about the same stumpe, whan the hand shall be so stricken of. And the yoman of the scullary for the time being of the same household or his deputie, to be also than and there redye and prepare and make at the place of execution a fyre of coles, and theare to make readie searynge yrons, against the sayde surgeon or his deputie shall occupie the same: and the sergeant or chief ferrour, for the time being of the same household or hys deputie, shalbe also then and there redy, and bringe wyth hym the searynge yrons, and deliuer the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgeon, or to his deputie whan they be hot: And the grome of the salcery for the time beinge of the same household or his deputie, shalbe also than and there ready with vineger and colde water, and giue attendance vpon the said surgeon or his deputie, vntill the same execution be done: and the serieant of ỳ wood yard for the time being of the same household, or his deputie, shal bring to the sayd place of execution a blocke with a betill a staple & cordes to binde the sayde hande vpon the blocke while execution is in doing.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons so indicted of treason misprision of treason murther manslaughter or other malicious striking, by reason wherof blonde is hath ben or shall be shedde against the kinges peace, as is aforesaide, and therof be arraigned

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and obstinately refuse to answere directly to the same offences, wherof he or they be so indicted, or if such person or persons so indicted and arraigned stande muet, and will not speake, then such person and persons so refusinge to answere or standinge muet, shalbe convicte, iudged, and demed giltie of the thinge, wherof he or they is or shalbe so indicted or arraigned, and shall haue iudgement to haue like paines of death, and other peines punishmentes, executions, forfaitures, losses and seysures of landes, tenementes, goodes and catteles for the same, as he or they ought or shoulde haue had for suche like offences, as if he or they were or should be found giltie therof by the verdicte of xii. men.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the saide clerkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheque, and clarkes marshalle, or one of them for the time being, shall from time to time name assigne and appoint a criar to make proclamacions, and to call the iuries, and to doe other thinges as becometh a criar of a court to doe, belonging to that office.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte before rehersed, concerninge malicious strikynges, by reason whereof bloud is hath ben or shalbe shed agaynst the kinges peace, ne the peines and forfaitures before rehersed for the punishment of the same, shall not in anye wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other person or persons, that shall happen to strike his or their seruauntes wythin the sayd pallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or sticke, for correction and punishment for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to anye of the kinges officers or seruauntes, that shall strike anye person within the same Pallace or house or any other house or houses aforesaid. although by reason of the said stroke or strokes there happened to be any bloudshed of such person, as shall so be striken, excepte the person so stricken doe dye of the same stroke, within one yere next after the same stroke geuen.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the tryall of peeres of this realme for comitting or doing any offences in this acte before mencioned, shall be as it hath bene vsed in times paste, any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that the liberty and iurisdiction of the marchalsey courte and circuite of the verge, shalbe in all pointes, priuileges and auctho̅rities vsed by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample maner as it hath bene heretofore lawfully vsed, for murthers, felonies, offences and all trespasses contractes and other suites what so euer they be, anye thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And for as muche as before this time one Richard Stauerto̅ of Lincolnes Inne gentleman, was co̅maunded and appointed by the kinges maiestie to occupie the office of the Coroner of his said house, by force wherof he hath continued officer in the same by the space of xvi. yerres or more: Be it

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enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide Richad Skauerton shal haue occupie and enioy the said office of Coroner during his life, together with all suche profites and commodities as before this time hath bene due and appertaining in any wise to the same. And after his decease the sayde Coroner alwaies to be made assigned and appointed by the said lord great maister or lorde stewarde for the time beinge.

¶ And for that hereafter it might be doubted, howe farre the limittes and boundes of the saide house or houses shoulde extende or be taken, wythin which limittes or boundes any the sayd offences, which haue ben committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter shall be committed or done, for the whiche all and euery person and persons so offendynge, should haue and suffer the peynes, penalties, and forfaytures, as is aforesaide: for plaine declaracion thereof, and for the auoydinge of all doubtes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of for or vpō the same. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the limittes and boundes of the sayd house and houses, within which any the offences aforesayde, now committed or done sith the sayd feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter to be committed or done, shall be punished as is aforesaide, shall extende and be taken within these places ensuinge, and in none other, that is to say: within any edifices, courtes places, gardeins, or orchardes or houses, within the porters warde of any of the house or houses above reherced, or within any gardeins, priuie walkes, orchiardes, tilyardes, wodyardes, tenys playes cocheighes, bouling alleis, nere adioyning to any of the houses aboue reherced, and beinge parte of the same, or within twoo hundred footes of the standarde of anye outwarde gate or gates of anye of the houses aboue reherced, commonly vsed for passage out or from anye the house or houses aboue reherced.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte shal not take effect, or be put in execution till from and after the firste daye of maye nexte ensuinge, except onely for murders and manslaughters, for the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effecte from the feast of all Sainctes last past, according to the tenour and effect of the said acte.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte before reherced concerninge malicious strikinges, by reason, whereof bloud is hath bene or shall be shed againste the kinges peace, ne the peines and forfaitures before reherced for the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende or be preiudicial or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other personne or persones, that shall happen to strike his or their seruantes within the saide pallaces or house, or any other house or houses place or places aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or stroke, for correction & punishment, for any offences cōmitted and done, or to be cōmitted and don, ne to any of the kinges officer or officers, that in executing of his or their office shall strike any person or persons, with his or their hādes or fistes, or with any small staffe

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or ſticke, or with any ſtaffe cõmonly called a tip ſtaffe within the ſame pallace or houſe or anye other pallaces or houſes or places aforeſaide ne to any other perſon or perſõs, that in doinge ſeruice at any triumphe or any other time of ſeruice by the kinges cõmaundement, or of any hys graces counſel, or other his graces head officers, ſhall happen for their executinge of theyr ſaid ſeruice, to ſtrike any perſõ or perſons, with his or their handes or fiſtes or with anye ſmall ſtaffe or ſticke, or with any ſtaffe commonly called a typ ſtaffe, within the ſame palace or houſe, or anye other pallaces or houſes or place or places aforeſaide, although by reaſon of the ſame ſtroke or ſtrokes, there happen to be any bloudſhed of ſuche perſon as ſhall be ſo ſtriken, excepte the perſon ſo ſtriken do die of the ſame ſtroke wythin one yeare nexte after the ſtroke ſo geuen.

¶ And alſo be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that if any perſon or perſons ſhall from the firſt day of Aprill nexte commynge, ſteale or felonioully take awaye any plate iewels or other goodes of our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde the kinge his heyres or ſucceſſours kinges, of the valure of .xii.d. or aboue, or breke or enter into any the kinges houſes, to thintent to ſteale any the kinges goodes his heyres or ſucceſſours kinges, thoughe hys maieſtye be abſente, or any other houſe, while it ſhall fortune the ſame his maieſtye to be lodged or abiding therin, euery ſuch offence to be demed felony, and the perſon or perſons ſo offendinge, theyr abbettours, procurers, counſellours, and receptours, therof lawfully conuicted, to ſuffre like penalties forfaitures, peines of death, as appertaineth to felons, without hauing the benefite of theyr clergie or ſainctuary, and euery ſuch offendour, being apprehended within the verge of the kinges houſe, to be arraigned & tried by men of the countrey, as other offendours for offences don within the verge, before the ſtewarde of the ſayde Marſhalſey and other vnto him aſſociated, are to be arraigned and tried within the ſame precinct.

¶ An acte concerning certaine lordſhips tranſlated from the countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint. Cap. xii.

WHere in ỳ parliament holdẽ at weſtminſter in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of our ſoueraigne lorde kinge Henry the eyght that now is: it was amongeſt other enacted, that not withſtandynge .viii. countie dayes in one yeare, and .ix. countye dayes an other yere, were before that time holden and kept within the countye Palantine of Cheſter before the iuſticer of the ſame countye, that from that time furthward the ſayd iuſticer ſhould holde and kepe but onely two ſeſſions euery yere within the ſame countye, the one whereof to be kepte after Michaelmas, & the other after Eaſter: & that from thenceforth all the ſaid countie daies ſhould clerely ceaſſe and determine for euer, as by the ſame acte at large more plaine appereth. And for as much as within the ſame countie Palãtine it hath not ben vſed nor

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sene, that the shiriffe of the same countie hath kept any shire court for determination of plaintes, & callinge the erigendes, as is cõmonly vsed in other shires of this realme, there was therefore neuer sithen the makynge of the sayd acte any erigende of felonie or other cause proclaimed within the saide countie, to the no littell hinderance of iustice, and to the greate boldenes of offendours. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the shirif of the same countie for the time beinge, after the feaste of Easter nexte cõming, shalbe bounden to kepe his shire court in the shire hal of the sayd countie euery moneth for euer, for determinaciõ of plaintes and actions vnder .xl s. and for proclamacions and callinge of erigendes and other necessarye causes, as is vsed in other shires of this realme of Englãd and that .ii. sted corners, for the bodye of the said shire, shall be elected and chosen by vertue of the sayde writ, de coronatore eligendo, to be awarded out of the eschekier of Chester, which corroners shalbe bound to sit with the said shiriffe at the sayd courtes, to geue iudgementes vpon vtlaries, and to doe all other thinges as appertaineth.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide that the sayde two sessions, informe aforesaid to be holden within the sayd countie, shall & may be holden at suche time & times: as by the said iusticer or his deputie shall be appoynted, as well before the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas as any other time, according as is most commonly vsed in other shires of thys realme, so alwayes open proclamacion be therof made by the space of .xv. daies at the leaste, before the firste day of the keepinge of the same sessions.

¶ And where the lordshipp townes and hamlettes of Hoppe and Allaph, haue of old time be reputed, accepted and taken as part and parcell of the countie of Flinte, and so haue bene continued vntill nowe of late, that by an acte of parliament, made in the .xxvii. yeare of the reigne of our moste dradde souerayne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countie of Denbighe. And also where parcell of the paryshe of Hawarden is at this day and of olde time hath ben, accepted, taken and vsed as parte of the said countie of Flint, and the residue of the said parishe of Hawarden is and alwayes hath bene without the precinct, limittes, and iurisdiction of the same countie: Be it also enacted by the auethoritie aforesayd, that as well the sayd lordshipp, townes, and hãlettes of Hope Allaph and the sayd hole parishe of Hawarden, together with the lordshyppe of the same, as also the lordeshippes townes and parishes of Holdesdale, Mereforde, and Oseley, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and limittes of the same, or any of them, shall from henceforthe be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be wythin the sayd countie of Flint, as a member parte and parcell of the same countye of Flint, and not of or within anye other countie or shyre, anye statute, ordinaunce, law, or custome heretofore had or vsed to ỳ contrary therof in any

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¶ Prouided alwayes that the inhabitauntes and tenauntes, of the sayde lordeshippes, townes, Hamlettes and parishes of Hoppe, Allaph, Woldesdale, Merefordе, and Hawarden, shall paye their milles, and tallages whan and as ofte as the same shall be due, with the inhabitauntes of suche shyre or shyres as before time hath ben accustomed. And that the said lordeships of Hoppe, Woldesdale, Merefordе, Oseleye, & Hawarden, wyth the hole and entire parishe of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and limittes of the same shall from henceforthe be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Woldesedale in the county of Flint. And that the sayd lordshyp of Allaph, with al the groundes landes tenementes and hereditamētes within the precinct and limittes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adiudged to be as part and parcell of the hundred of Ruthlande in the same countie.

¶ An acte concerninge false prophetyes vpon declaracion of names armes or badges. Cap. xiiii.

Where diuers and sundrye personnes makinge their foundacion by prophecies, haue taken vpō them a knowledge as it were what shall become of thē, which beare in theyr armes cognisaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thinge or thinges, which haue bene vsed or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of theyr names haue deuised declanted and practised to make folke thinke, that by theyr vntrue gesses it mighte be knowen, what good or euill thinges should come happen or be done by or to such persons, as bare and had such armes badges or cognisauntes, or had suche letters in their names, to the great perill and distruction of such noble personages of whom such false prophecies hath or should hereafter be set forthe, wherby in times past many noble mē haue suffered, & (if their prince would giue any eare therto) might happe to doe hereafter. For remedy whereof be it enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliamēt, that if any person, or persons printe or write, or els speake singe or declare to any other person, of the king, or of any other person, after the first day of July next comminge, any such false prophecies vpon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules and other such like thinges, accustomed in armes cognisaunces badges or sygnittes, or by reason of letters of the name of the king, or of any other person, to thintent to set forth such prophecies: that than euery such offence shall be demed felonye, and the offendours therin, and theyr counsaylours and abbettours and euery of them, being therof conuicte by the order of the common law, afore such as haue or shall haue power and auctoritie to here and determine felonyes, shall suffre suche peynes of death, forfaytures of

landes tenementes goodes & cattalles, as in caſes of ſelony at the common lawe is determined and appointed, without priuilege of clergie or ſaintuarie to be allowed to them or any of them.

¶ An acte touchinge the tranſlacion of ſainctuary from Manchester to Weſtchester. Cap. xv.

WHere at the parliamẽt begun at weſtminſter, the .xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the .xxi. yere of our ſoueraygne lord þ kinges moſte noble and victorious reigne, and there continued by diuerſe prorogacions vnto the .xxv. daye of May, in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of our ſaid ſouereigne lorde the kinge, and holden vnto the .xviii. daye of July, in the ſayde .xxii. yere, at whiche daye the ſayde parliament was by his proces auctoritie finiſhed and ended. At whyche ſayde parliament amongeſt many other thinges by his highnes, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the countie of Lanc. amongeſt other townes & places from thencefoorthe ſhould be admitted allowed and takẽ to be ſainctuary, and a place of priuiledge and tuicion for terme of life, of all and ſingular offendours and malefactours, of what ſo euer qualitie kinde or nature all and euery their offences be, for the which ſaide offences and crymes the peynes and puniſhment of death ſhould enſue by the ſtatutes lawes and cuſtomes of this realme, other then ſuch as by and in the ſaid act of parliament be expreſſed and forpriſed. And where the ſaid towne of Manchester is and hath of longe time bene a towne well inhabited, and the kinges ſubiectes inhabitauntes of the ſame towne well ſet a worke in making of clothes, as well of lynnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitauntes of the ſaid towne haue obteined gotten and come vnto riches and welthye liuinges, and haue kepte and ſet many artificers and poore folckes to worke within the ſaid towne, and by reaſon of the great occupieng good order ſtraite and true dealing of the inhabitantes of the ſaid towne, many ſtrãgers, as well of Ireland as of other places within this realme, haue reſorted to the ſaid town with linnen yarne, wolles, and other neceſſarie wares for making of clothes, to be ſolde there, and haue bied to credite and truſte the poore inhabitauntes of the ſame towne, which were not able & had not redy money to pay in hand for the ſaid yarnes wolles and wares vnto ſuch time the ſaid credites with their induſtry labour and peines might make clothes of the ſaide wolles yarne and other neceſſary wares, and ſolde the ſame, to contente and paye theyr creditours, wherin hath conſiſted much of the common welth of the ſaid towne, & many poore folkes had liuinge, and children and ſeruauntes there vertuouſlye brought vp in honeſt and true labour, out of all Idlenes. And for as much as of neceſſitie the ſaid linnen yarne muſte ly without as well in the night

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as in the day continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before it can be made clothe, and the woollen clothes there made must hange vpon the tayuter, to be dryed before it can be dressed vp, and for the saulfegarde therof it is and shall be expedient and necessary, that substanciall honest & true and credible persons be and should dwell in the said towne, and no maner of lighte persone or persons there to be inhabitauntes. And where also many straungers inhabiting in other townshippes and places, haue vsed customably to resort to the sayd towne of Manchester, with a great nomber of cottons, to be vttered & solde to the inhabitantes of the same town, to the great profitte of all the inhabitantes of the same, & therby many poore people haue ben well set a worke, as well with dressing & frising of the said cottons as with puttinge to sale the same. And for as muche as diuers light & euill disposed persons, sins the makinge of the said statute, for certaine offences by them committed and done, haue nowe of late resorted and made their abode within the said towne of Manchester, and liued in idlenes, not alonly gyuinge euill occasion to honest and true labourers and seruauntes, within the said townes to liue in suche sort of idlenes, but also haue allured and deuised diuers seruauntes & labourers, within the said towne, to practise & vse vnlawful games, wherby they haue consumed and mispent their maisters goodes being in theyr handes, and ouer that sins the resorte of the said persons to the said towne, there hath ben committed and done diuers thestes and felonies, as in felonious breakinge of walke milles, and stealynge clothes thither brought to be fulled, and also in stealinge of yarn laid out to be whited, and in stealinge and cuttinge downe great peaces of clothes from the teintours, as well by nighte as by daie, to the great impouerysshment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe their credit with their said creditours, by reason wherof the said Irishemen and other whiche herebefore haue vsed to bring and sell their wolles yarne and other necessary wares for making of clothes, to thinhabitauntes of the said town and to credite them for the payment therof, as before is expressed, do nowe withdrawe them selues with their said wares, and will not bringe nor sel the same wares in the said towne, nor to the inhabitantes therof, without redy payement in hande: and the saide persones whiche vsed to bringe thyther the said cottons, do also withdrawe them selues, which shall be to the vtter decay and desolacion of the said towne within short time, if the saide offendours and sainctuarie men and suche other, shall bee suffered to make their abode within the said towne. And also forasmuche as the said towne of Manchester is not walled, whereby the said saintuarie men may or can saufely be kept in the nighte season, but that they may and doe continually escape out of the same towne by night, and commit sundry great robberies and felonies vppon the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, repayringe to the same towne, and after their saide felonies and robberies so committed may without any let of wall or fortresse enter in euery parte and quarter of the same towne. And also for as muche as there is neyther Mayre,

shyriffe bayliffe, nor other head officer or officers within the same towne, other then a Stewarde being officer imediately vnder the chiefe lorde of the same towne, by reason wherof or by whom the said saintuarie men myght be the more in drede or better punished, after theyr saide robberies or euyll doinges, nor yet any prison house or tayle saufely to kepe them in after their saide offences and euill doynges. wherefore be it ordeined and enacted by the kinge our souereigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayd former acte of parliament concerning the priuilege saincturie and tuicion for the said offendours onely within the sayd towne of Manchester, shall and may be from the feast of the natiuitie of sainct John Baptiste nowe nexte commynge, repelled, adnichilate, and made frustrate. And the saide towne of Manchester from the sayde feaste of saincte John Baptiste, shall be of lyke condicion estate and qualite discharged of the said sainctuarie and priuilege, as the same towne was before the making of the said former acte, any thing sentence clause or article conteined in the said former acte, to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And that it maye be ordeined and enacted by the kinge our souereygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the citie of Westchester, in the countie of Chester, which is well inhabited, hauing no suche trade of marchandise, and hath a stronge tayle within the same citie, for punishment of malefactours, and also there is in the same citie a mayre baliffes and other head officers, amongest other townes and places from henceforth may be admitted allowed and taken to be saincturary, & a place of priuilege and tuicion for terme of lyfe of all and singuler offenders and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kinde and nature all and euery the sayde offences be, for the whiche sayde offences and crimes, the peines and punishment of death shoulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other than suche as by and in the said acte of parliament be expressed and forprised.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this act or any thinge therin conteined, shal not extend to repell adnichilate or make voyde the saide former acte of parliament, made in the saide. xxxii. yere of our said soueraigne lorde the king, concerning any saincturary or priuileged places, limitted in the saide former act, other than onely the said towne of Manchester,

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the constables of the saide towne of Manchester, for the time beynge, takinge and associatyng with them, twenty of the inhabitauntes of the said towne by their discretions, shall haue the saufe conduction leadinge and bringynge of all saintuary menne, nowe or hereafter before the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptiste nert commynge, beinge in the said towne, to conducte lead and saufe bring from the said towne of Manchester, to the foresaide citie of Westchester, there to remaine as saincturary men, and to be deliuered to the

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maire and shiriffes of the said citie of Westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the forsaide constables and the said maire and shiriffes there for the time beinge, in which indentures shalbe compyled and specified the names of all such sainctuary persons, as shall be so deliuered: & that the sayde sainctuarie persons and euery of them, shall be in all places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the time of their said conduction leadinge and bringing from Manchester to Westchester, as they and euery of them had bene and remained sainctuary persons in Mãchester aforesaid.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if hereafter vpon any reasonable matter or cause, it shall appeare to the kynges maiestie by informacion or otherwise, that the sayde citie of Chester is not mete to sainctuarye, nor for a place of priuilege and tuicion for the saide offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of their condicions: that then it shalbe lawefull to the kinges highnes, by hys graces proclamacion, to extinct and determine the saide sainctuarye within the saide citie of Chester, and clerelye to discharge the same cytye therof: and therupon to appoint ordeine & make one other towne or place to be sainctuarye, and a place of priuiledge and tuicion for the saide offendours and malefactours, any thing in this acte conteined to the contrarye not withstandinge.

An act for Worstede yarne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.

Where as for the most parte in all the shires and countyes of this realme of England: there be and haue bene certaine priuate commodities growinge and risinge onely within the saide shires or counties, by the which onely commodyties politikely prouided for and continued, the cities and townes within the said shyres and counties, and the inhabitauntes of the same, be and haue bene without any forreine ayd or succour plenteously and welthely kept mainteined defended and preserued: al whiche commodities by the disceite and subtill practises, as well of marchantes straungers as of diuers other couetous and euill conscioned persons, haue ben and be many times clerely destroyed and subuerted, to the great losse & decaye as well of the said cities and townes, within euery such shyres and counties, as of the inhabitants of the same, Amonges the which said cities townes shyres and counties, hauing priuate commodities, the citie of Norwiche and diuers other, and many townes in the countie of Nork. hath ben alwaies heretofore kepte preserued and mainteined, and the poore men and other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly & vertuously brought vp occupied and exercised, by a commoditie growinge and rysing onely within the saide county, that is to saye, the makinge and weauynge of worstedes & other clothes, which hath ben made and wouen of the yarne called worstede yarne, spunne of the woulle growinge and coming of the

shepe breed onely within the countie of Norfolke, and in no place els where. And for as muche as the said commoditie of making and weauing of worstedes, within the saide citie of Norwiche and countie of Norfolke, by the disceite & craftie practises of the greate multitude of regratours and byers of the saide yarne, called worstede yarne, is holly deraied and taken awaye from the sayde dwellers and inhabytauntes in the sayd citie and shire, that is to saye, in that that the saide regratours do by the saide yarne by smalle parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by littel and littell bought a greate quantitie of the saide yarne, doe cause it to be wouen or otherwise wrought in the said citie or countie, but do sell send and cary awaie the same yarne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce, Flaunders, and suche other lyke places beyonde the sea, where with the said yarne, strangers not being borne vnder the kinges dominions, do make and weaue saies, russelles worsted, and diuers and sundrye other clothes and thinges, the whiche after they haue so made and wouen, the saide straungers do sell agayne to vs Englishmen within this saide realme of Englande, to their great profit lucre and aduantage, and to the clere decay and destruction of the said commoditie: by reason wherof the said citie of Norwich, & other the said townes in the saide countie of Nork. are not onely most likely to be brought to vtter ruine and decaye, & the poore men and other dwellers & inhabitantes of the same, which haue bene heretofore set one worke, kept and mainteined only by the said commoditie, illuded and deceiued therof, but also are very like to be lefte destitute & vnprouided of a liuinge, or any maner of arte or occupacion, by the which they shall be able within the said citie or county to acquire to them selues their wiues and children, anie honest waie and trade to liue Be it therfore ordeined and enacted, by the assente of the kinges most roial maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person ne persons from hence foorth shall bye ne cause to be bought within the sayde citie of Norwiche, or countie of Nork. any yarne called worstede yarne the which shalbe spunne within the sayd citie or countie, but onely such person or persons, being weauers, or other artificers, the which shall weaue or otherwise worke, or cause to be wouen or otherwise wrought the saide yarne so bought within the sayd citie & countie, in the said citie of Norwich, or some other market town or townes or els where within the said county of Nork. vpon the peine of forfayting for euery pounde weight of yarne, called worstede yarne, so bought within the said citie of Norwich, or countye of Nork. & not wouē or otherwise wrought within the said citie or countie, as is afore sayd, xl.s. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to him or thē that shal so take the said yarne, or sue for the same by byl plaint informacion or otherwise, in whiche suite none essoine protection ne wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

¶ And be it further ordeined & enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if anye person or personnes doe from or after the fyrst daye of aprill nexte ensuynge

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shippe to carie or conuey, or cause to be shipped to carie or conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, or elis doe carie or conuey, or cause to be caryed and conueyed into the partyes beyonde the sea, any yarne called worsted yarne not wrought or made in cloth, so such yarne be spunne or made within this realme of Englande, that than euery person and persons, so shippinge conueyng or carienge, or causing such yarne so to be shipped, caried or conueid shall forfaite for euery pounde of worstede yarne, so shipped conueied or caried .xl.s. the one halfe thereof to be vnto our soueraigne lorde the kinge the other halfe vnto him or them that wyll sue for the same in any courte of recorde by informacion, bill, playnt or otherwise, where as no wager of lawe essoine or protection shall be allowed. This acte to continue and endure vnto the last daie of the nert parliament.

An acte for confyrmacion and continuacion of certaine actes. Cap. xvii.

Where in the parliament begunne and holden at London the thyrde day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraigne lorde, kinge Henrye the eyght, and from thence adiourned to westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolucion therof, an act was made and established, declaring and concerning as well how the aged poore and impotent persons, compelled to liue by almes, should be ordered and vsed, and also how vagabondes and mightie stronge beggers shoulde be whipped and punished: And at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carienge and conueiynge of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for punishment of Malshemenne, at temptinge, assautes, or affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Herefordde, Gloucester, or Shropshire, which saide thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste day of the nert parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainely appereth: And also one other acte was there made in the sayde parlyamente for the true makynge of cables, halters, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true windinge of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne killynge of wainlynges, bullockes, steeres, or hefers, beinge vnder the age of two yeares, whiche saide three seuerall actes last before remembred were than made to endure and continewe vnto the nerte parliamente, as by the same three seuerall actes more playnely appere the. And where also in the sayde parliamente, one other acte was made and established for the attaintes to be sewed for the punishmente of periurie vpon vntrue verdictes: And also one other acte was theere made in the saide parliamente concerninge sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whithe said two seuerall actes last before rehersed were than made and ordey-

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ned to continue and endure to the last daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same two seuerall actes moze playnely at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the saide parliament one other acte was made and established foz making of Jailes in diuers shires of this realme, which saide acte was than made to continue and endure foz one yere next after the end of the same parliament, as by the same acte also moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parliament begunne and holden at Westm. the viii. day of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our sayde moste dzad soueraigne lozde kinge Henrie the. viii. and there continued and kept vntill the dissolution therof. It was ozdeined and enacted, that all and singuler the said seuerall actes aboue remembzed, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their fozce and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the last daye of the next parliamente, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteined moze playnely appeareth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the. xxviii. day of Apzil, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our saide moste dzad soueraigne lozde kinge Henrie the eight, it was ozdeined and enacted by the authozitie of the same parliamente, that all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue remembzed, and euery of thē, and all clauses, articles, and pzouisions, in them and euery of them conteined, should continue and endure in their fozce and strengthe, and also bee obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteined moze playnely appereth. And where also in the last Session of the same parliament begun at Westminster the. xii daye of Apzill, in the sayde. xxxi. yeare of the kinges moste noble reigne, and there by diuers pzozogations continued, vntill the. xxiiii. daye of July, in the. xxxii. yeare of our saide soueraigne lozde the kynges reigne. there was one other acte made and established foz and concerning the reformation of mispleadinge, ieofailes, and attourneis, whiche same acte with the Pzouiso therin conteined, were made to endure vntill the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte and Pzouiso amonges other thinges therin conteined, moze playnely appereth. And foz as muche as all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall foz the common welth of this realme: Be it therefoze enacted and ozdeined by the auctho̅itie of this pzesent parliament, that all and singular the sayd seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and pzouisions in them and euery of them conteined, shall continue and endure in their fozce and strengthe, and be obserued and kept in all thinges vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

¶ Pzouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authozitie of this pzesent parliament, that it shall not bee lefull to anye persone oz persones, at anye tyme hereafter, to water any maner of hempe oz flaxe in any riuer running water streame, bzooke oz other common ponde, where beastes be vsed to be watered

watered but only on the grounde or pitres for the same ordeyned, and to be ordeined made and prouided, or els in other theire owne seuerall pondes, vpon peine euery person and persons, offendinge or doinge contrarie to the tenour meaninge and purporte of this statute, to lose and forfaite for euerie time so doing, xx.s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe therof to be to the partie greeued, or to any other the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same forfaiture in anye courte of recorde, leete, or lawe daye, by action of dette, bill, plainte informacyon or otherwise in whiche suite no protection, wager of law, essoine, or other delatorie plea, shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte for true makinge of kerseies. Cap. xviii.

Where at the parliament holden at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of our moste dradde soueraygne lorde the kynges moste gracious reygne that nowe is, and from thens adiourned to westminster, and there continued by sundrie prorogacions vnto the fourthe day of Februarye in the xxvii. yere of hys sayd graces reigne, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the said parliament, in the sayde .xxvii. yere amongest other thinges, that after the feast of saincte Michaell the archangell nexte ensewinge after the makinge of the saide acte, euerye clothyer within thys realme, shoulde sette his seale of leade vnto euerye clothe and kersey that should be redy made and dressed to be put to sale, in which seale of leade should be conteined the true and iust content of the length of euery of the same clothes or kerseies, as it shoulde be duely founde by euerye vyer of the same vpō due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any such profe to be made by any vier of them at the water there should be founde lesse and smaller contente in length, than should be conteined and specified in euery of the said seales, that than euery suche clothier, makinge such defaulte, should lose and forfaite vnto euery suche vyer of the same, the double value of so muche clothe as shoulde wante or lacke of hys sayd contente in length, at the onely sight & iudgement of any two indifferente persons that should measure the saide clothes and kerseies. And furthermore it was enacted by the sayd act, that euery kersey, so to be put to sale, should conteine in breadth one yarde within the liste, vppon due profe therof to be tried by the water, vpon peine to forfayte for euery suche kersey, lackinge of the sayde contente in bredth .xx.d. as by the same acte amonges other thynges therin conteined more at large it is expressed and may appere, whiche sayde acte yf it should be put in execucion, should not alonely growe and be to the greate losses and decaye of the kinges highnes customes, but also to to the great hinderaunce hurte and impouerishement of the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, and specialy of those inhabitinge within the counties of Berks. Southt. Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex, and Yorkeshyre;

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where there are a greate number of course kerseies made, beinge of the value of.xxvis. the piece, or there aboutes: whiche kerseies are made of course wol and are cõmonly solde for.xx.d. or.xxii.d. the yarde coloured, of whiche course sorte of kerseies there are commonly made in the saide counties fyue hundred agaynst one fine kersey, by the makinge and worsinge whereof a great number of the kinges subiectes are set a worke and get their liuinges whiche course kerseies are vttered into the farre parties beyonde the sea, and few or none vttered in this realme, and haue not ben vsed sithe the remembrance of man to be made of suche content in bredth, as is limitted in the said estatute, for that the woll and yarne, wherof the saide kerseies are made, be of suche kindes and properties, as well by reason of the courlnes of the woll, as also for the manyfolde difference of sundrie spinninges of the same, and for diuers other consideracions, the kerseyes therof made can not be so certeinly wrought, as the same should and might kepe any true or iuste certeintie of lengthe or bredth throughly, whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put therunto the beste of theyr forces and diligence, as by experience & profe therof hath bene dewly proued, and is nowe ryghte well perceiued: by occasion wherof the makers and workers of suche course kerseies should be compelled either to forsake their misteries of makinge of suche course kerseies, whereby many thousandes persons dwelling within this realme, and specially within the counties aboue rehersed, now hauing good and competent liuinges should be vnoccupied and fall to idlenes, or els to incurre the daunger and penalty of the saide estatute, to theyr vtter vndoinge.

¶ For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforth it shall and may be lefull to all and euery of the kinges subiectes, to make, worke, & put to sale at their libertie and pleasure, all maner of such coloured kersey and kerseies, which shall be solde at or for.xx.d. or.xxii.d. the yarde or vnder, and not aboue, of such lengthes and bredthes as they vsed might or were wonte to do before the makinge of the saide acte, made in the sayd.xxvii. yeare of our said soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, or any other acte, without incurring or runninge into any daunger or penaltie for the same, the sayde acte made in the said.xxvii. yere, or any thing therin contened, or any other acte or statute made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that all maner of kerseies to be made wrought and put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke, marble, russet, & white (which said colours be cõmonly solde and retailed within this realme) shall be made of such contente in bredth, as is limitted in the saide former acte, vpon peine in the same former acte conteined, any thing in this present acte conteined to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euerye person or persons, which shall make or worke anye kerseies of the pry-

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ces aboue reherſed, or vnder, ſhall at all times hereafter from time to time, make the ſame kerſeies truely, without deceite, and that they or any of thē doe not ſhall falſely or vntruely make or ſtoppe anye maner kerſeies with ſtockes, thrummes or other deceiuable thinge or thinges, to the deceyte of any perſon or perſons, nor ſhall by colour of anye libertie to them geuen, or other matter compriſed in this eſtatute, make, worke and putte to ſale any coloured kerſey or kerſeis of the prices aboue reherſed, whyche ſhall conteine any leſſe in bredth than three quarters of a yarde and one nayle wyth in the liſte, to be tried at the water, vpon peine to forfaite for euery kerſey ſo falſely made or ſtopped with ſtockes, thrummes, or other deceyueable thinge or thinges, to the deceite of any perſon or perſons .xx.s. and vppon paine to forfaite for euery ſuche coloured kerſey of the price aboue reherſed to be made and put to ſale, not conteining .iii. quarters of a yarde and one naile in bredth within the liſte, to be tried at the water as is aforeſayd, xx.d. the one halfe of which forfaitures to be to our ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, & the other halfe therof to be to yim or them that will ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, by action of det, bill plaint or informacion, wherin the defendant ſhall not be receiued to wage his lawe, nor any eſſoin or protection for ſuch defendant to be allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that the ſaid former acte, made in the ſaid .xxvii. yere & all clauſes and articles in the ſame conteined (other than concerninge the bredthe of coloured kerſeis of the prices afore reherſed) ſhall ſtande and be in their full ſtrength and effecte, and be kepte and obſerued accordinge to the tenour and purporte of the ſame acte.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the aulnager of euery countie ſhall and may lawfully ſeale euery of the ſame coloured kerſeis of the prices aboueſaide, in like maner and fourme as he or they ſhould or might haue done, if the ſaide former acte had neuer bene had nor made.

¶ Prouided alſo, that none of the ſayd kerſeies of the prices afore limitted, nor any other kerſey or brode clothe, made within this realme to be vttered and ſolde, ſhalbe put to ſale before that they and euery of them ſhall be ſealed by the aulnager with the kinges ſeale, as hath bene accuſtomed.

¶ An acte expoundinge a certaine ſtatute concerning ſhippinge of clothes. Cap. xix.

WHere in the parliamente begun and holden at London the thirde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yeare of the reygne of our moſte dradde ſoueraigne lorde, kinge Henry the eyghte, & from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter & there alſo holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the .xiii. day of Februarie, in the .xxviii. yere of our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde the kinges reigne, and there then holden vntill the diſſolucion therof, It was

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by acte of parliament ordeined and eſtabliſhed, that euerye white woollen clothe ſolde for .iiii.li. and vnder, and euery coloured clothe ſolde for .iii.li. and vnder, might be caried and cõueied into the parties of beyond the ſea there to be ſolde at the pleaſure of the biers of the ſaide clothe and clothes vnbarbed, vnſhorne, and vnrowed, any act or actes to the contrary made not withſtanding. And by the ſame act it was further enacted, that if any perſon or perſones did ſende or conueye or cauſe to be ſente or conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, any whyte wollẽ clothe aboue the value of .iiii. li or any coloured clothe aboue the price of .iii. li. vnrowed vnbarbed & vnſhorne, in other fourme then is aboue mencioned, that then the perſonne or perſons ſo offendinge ſhall forfaite the value of the ſaide clothes ſo caryed and conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, the one moitie of the ſame forfapture to be to the vſe of our ſayd ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other moitie to any perſon whiche will or ſhall ſue by bill writ or otherwiſe agaynſt any perſon for the ſame, and the defendant in any plea vppon any ſuch ſuite or action be not admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or eſſoine for any ſuche defendaunt be allowed in the ſame, as by the ſame acte more plainely appeareth. Upon the interpretacion and expoundinge of certain wordes within the ſaid act diuerſitie of opinions hath riſen amongeſt ſome perſons, that if any perſon or perſons ſende or conuey, or cauſe to be ſente or conueied towardes the parties of beyonde the ſea, any white woollen clothe, aboue the value of .iiii. li. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of .iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhorne, whether the ſame clothe ſo ſent or the value therof be forfaited, before the ſame clothe be caried and conveyed into the parties of beyond the ſea. For a plaine declaracion of the premiſſes be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that no perſon or perſons from henceforthe ſhall carie or ſhip, or cauſe to be ſhypped in any ſhip bote, crate, or veſſell any white woollen clothe, aboue the value of .iiii.li. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of .iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhorne, to the intente to be conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, vppon paine of forfaiture of the ſame clothe or clothes, or the value therof, the ſame forfaiture to be recouered in ſuche maner and fourme as is afore mencioned.

¶ An acte for due proces to be had in high treaſons, and in caſes of lunacye or madnes. Cap. xx.

For as muche as ſometyme ſome perſonnes beynge accuſed of hyghe treaſons, haue after they haue benne eramyned before the kynges maieſtyes counſayle, confeſſed theyr offences of hyghe treaſon, and yet neuertheleſſe after the doynge of theyr treaſons, and examinacions and confeſſions thereof, as is aforeſaide, haue fallen to madnes or lunacye, whereby the condigne puniſhment of their treaſons, were they neuer ſo notable

notable and deteſtable, hath ben deferred, ſpared, and delaied, and whether their madnes or lunacy by them outwardly ſhewed were of trouth or falſely contriued and counterfaited, it is a thing almoſte impoſſible certainely to iudge or trie. Be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this preſent parliament, to auoid all ſiniſter counterfeit and falſe practiſes and imaginations that may be vſed for excuſe of puniſhement of highe treaſons, in ſuche caſes where they be done or committed by perſonne or perſonnes of good perfect and hole memory at the tyme of ſuche their offences, that if anye perſonne or perſonnes haue done or committed, or hereafter ſhall do or committe any highe treaſons when they were in good hole and perfecte memory, and after their accuſation, examination and confeſſion thereof, before any the kinges maieſties counſaile, ſhall happen to fall to madnes or lunacie, that yet neuertheleſſe, if it ſhall appeare by the teſtimonie of foure of the kinges councell or mo, that ſuche perſonnes at the tyme of doing their treaſon, and at the time of their accuſation, examination, and confeſſion thereof, were of good perfect and hole memorie, and than not mad nor lunatike, but ſithen that time fallen to madnes or lunacy, and ſo certified into the kinges Chancery by writyng ſubſcribed with the names of foure of the ſayde counſel or mo: that then in euery ſuche caſe the kinges maieſties commiſſion of oyer and determiner of the treaſons, ſhalbe awarded out of the ſaid Chācery, vnder his highnes great ſeale, into ſuche ſhire and place, & to ſuche perſons, as it ſhall pleaſe the kinges moſt roiall maieſtie to limit and appoint, in which commiſſiō ſhalbe ſpecially mentioned and expreſſed the names of ſuche perſon or perſons, who ſhall happen to be accuſed and examined of treaſon before any the kinges maieſties counſaile, as is afore ſayde, and an expreſſe mention, that by the teſtimony of foure of the kynges counſayle, ſuche perſone or perſons ſo accuſed or examined of treaſon, were of good perfecte and hole memory at the tyme of committinge their offences, and at the time of their accuſation, examination, and confeſſion therof, and that ſithens that time they be become mad or lunatike. By vertue of whiche commiſſion the commiſſioners, limitted by the ſame commiſſion, ſhall haue power and authoritie to enquire of the treaſons, done by ſuche perſones, by the inhabitātes or freeholders of the ſhire where ſuche commiſſion ſhall be directed to, where ſoeuer the ſayd treaſons were done or committed. And if ſuche perſone or perſones afore ſaide, ſhall happen to be indited of high treaſon, than the ſayd commiſſioners, without the perſonall apparance or arraignement of ſuche perſone or perſones ſo indited, ſhall cauſe the ſhiriffe or his miniſters, or other hauing authoritie to returne proceſſe of ſuch caſes, to returne a panell before them of ſufficient and laufull freholders of the ſhire, where ſuche perſones ſhalbe indited, for the triall of their treaſons conteyned in their inditement. And after the returne of the panel, and apparaunce of the Jury, the ſaid commiſſioners in the abſence of the ſaide perſon or perſones indited, being mad or lunatike, without any araignement aunſwere or plea to the inditement, ſhall ſweare. xii. of ſuche of the ſaide iurie as ſhall bee re-

turned before them, to trie whether the persone or persons indited be giltie of the treasons conteined in the inditement, or of any of them (or not giltie) causing onely the inditement to be redde to the said iury, and after the reading thereof, cause and suffre vpon euidence to be geuen to the iury, as wel for the king as for the partie touching the treasons conteined in the inditement, as to their discretions shall seme conuenient. Whereuppon the Iury shall be bounden to geue their verdite according to their euidence, as if the persones indited had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And if it shall happen suche persone or persones so indited, to be found giltie by the said iury so charged to trie suche treasons, that then the offendours of suche treasons so founde giltie, shall haue such iudgement, and suffer suche peines of death, forfaitures of landes, goodes, cattalles, and all other thinges, as is commonly limitted in cases of high treason, and as if suche persones had bene of good and hole memory, and personally present arraigned and pleaded to their inditement, and had bene founde giltie thereof, their madnes or lunacie, or their absence non arraignement, or not pleading to the saide inditement, in any wyse not letting nor withstanding.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that if any of thee peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused & eramined of highe treason before any the kinges counsell, & do cõfesse the same, & afterwardes fall to madnes or lunacy, as is aforesaid, that then suche treasons done and committed by any peere of the realme, and by him or her cõfessed vpon examination thereof before anye the kinges counsayle, as is aforesayde, and their confessions, if they can write, subscribed with their names, shall bee enquired of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme aboue rehearsed. And if they shall happen to be indited of high treason, by vertue of suche commission, yet neuertheles their triall shall be alwayes had by their peeres, before the highe stewarde of England, to be assigned by the kinges highnes, & that the highe stewarde to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in euery such case, shall haue the record of the inditement brought to him, & shall cause to be summoned, to appeare before him, the peeres of the realme, as hath bene accustomed, at a daye and place by the saide highe steward to be limitted, at which day & place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before him, hauing the recorde of the sayde inditement before him, shall in the absence of the persone indited, whiche shall happen to be mad or lunatike, as is aforesayde, and without his or hir arraignement or pleadinge to the inditement, cause the saide inditement to be red to the peeres, and in their presence cause to be declared by his discretion all maner of euidence & witnes touching the treasons conteined in the said inditement, and afterward charge the said peeres vpon their faithes, and dueties of allegiance, that they owen to the kinges maiestie, to trie whether the persone indited be giltie of the treasons conteined in the inditementes or any of them, or not giltye. And if they shall finde him or hyr giltie: that then such iudgement execution and forfaitures shall

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be had made and done, as if such persone indited had bene of good memory and personally present arraigned and pleaded to the saide inditemente, and had bene found guilty of the treasons therin conteined, the madnes or lunacie of such persons in such cases as is aforesayd, notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, shal happen to be attainted and conuicted of highe treason, by authoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwardes fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet nevertheless they shall haue and suffre execution, their madnes or lunacy not withstanding. And that if any persone or persons shalbe attainted of highe treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in euery suche case euery suche atteinder by the common lawe shalbe of as good strength value force and effecte, as if it had bene done by authoritie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, shall haue as much benefite and aduauntage by such atteinder, as well of vses rightes entrees conditions, as possessions, reuersions, remainders, and al other thinges, as if it had bene done and declared by authoritie of parliament, & shalbe demed and adiudged in actuall and reall possessions of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, vses, goodes, cattalles, and all other thinges of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which they so being atteinted, ought or mought lawfully lose and forfaite if the atteinder had bene done by authoritie of parliament, without any office or inquisition to be found of the same, any lawe, statute or vse of this realme, to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Sauing to al and euery person and persons, and bodies politike, & their heires, assignes, and successours, and euery of theim, other than such person and persones, whiche hereafter shall be attainted of highe treason, and their heires and assignes and euery of theim, and all and euery other persone and persones, claiming by them or any of them, or to their vses, or to the vses of any of them, after the said treasons committed, al such right title vse possession entree reuertions remainders interestes cõditions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities profites and hereditamentes what soeuer they or any of them should might or ought to haue had, if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ An acte concerning the atteinder of the late queene Katherine and hir complices. Cap. xxi.

IN their moste humble wyse beseechen youre moste royall maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and all other your moste louing and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste highe courte of parliament assembled, that where besides anye mans expectation suche chaunce hathe happened by maistres Katherine Howard, which your highnes

nes take to your wife, bothe to your maiestie chiefly, and so consequently to vs all, that the like we thinke hath scarce bene sene, the likelihoodes and apparances being so farre contrary to that, whiche by euident & due proufe is nowe founde true. First that it will please your maiestie to take it in suche parte, as thereby arise not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your harte, and vnquietnes of your mynde: for that should bee a shortening of that which wee all should repent & moste desire the contrary. Secondly, that it would please your maiestie to pardon all your louing subiectes, which since these matters came to their knowledge, haue detested & abhorred hir for this fact, both in word maner and dede, and of wordes vttered by them of hir and hir adherentes not mainteinable in your lawes, considering that they did and doe it onely for the great zeale and loue that they beare to your maiestie, and the abhomination of the detestable facte. Thirdly, that since it pleased your maiestie vpon those likely outwarde apparances, to take the said maistres Katherine Howarde to your wyfe, and Queene, of your moste excellent goodnes, and for a godly purpose, and also moste liberally to endue hir with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thinking and taking her at that time to be chaste, and of pure clene and honest liuing, the contrary whereof is nowe duely proued, both by hir owne confession, and others also. And that also shee after the mariage betweene your maiestie and hir, tooke moste trayterously to hir seruice the same persone, with whome shee vsed that vicious lyfe before, whose name was Fraunces Dereham, and vsed him in manye secrete conferences and messages after as by his confession and attaindour doeth more playnly appeare. Calling also to hir seruice in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was priuie to hir noughty life before, whereby she hath shewed a great apparaunce and in maner a due proufe of will to retourne to hir olde and abhominable life with the foresaid person: And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall desires, the ende whereof howe perillous it was and might haue bene to your maiestie and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also since that time moste trayterously confederated hir selfe with the lady Jane Rochefords wydowe, late wife of George Boleine knight, late lorde Rochefords, to bring hir vicious and abhominable purpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentlemen of your graces priuy chamber, by whose meanes the Queene brought to passe, that the said Culpeper and she met in a secret and vile place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remained there with him tyll three of the clock in the morning, none being with them but that baude the lady Jane, Rochesord, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and ther they all three and at other conferences together afterward, most falsely and traiterously cõmitted and perpetrated many detestable & abhominable treasons, to the moste feareful peril and daunger of the destruction of your most royal persone, and to the vtter losse disherison and desolation of this your realme of Englande, if God of his infinite goodnes had not in due time brought the

ſaid treaſons to light. Of and for whiche treaſons being manifeſtlye and plainly proued, as well by the confeſſion of the ſaide Quene and other the ſaid parties, as by diuers other witneſſes and proues, the ſaide Fraunces Dereham, and Thomas Culpeper, haue bene laufull and truely, and accoꝛding to the lawes of the realme conuicted and attainted: And the ſaide Queene & Jane lady Rocheforde be laufully indicted, in ſo muche that Thomas Culpeper & Fraunces Dereham haue iuſtly ſuffered therefoꝛe paynes of death, accoꝛding to their merites, as by the recoꝛdes thereof moꝛe plainly at large may appeare. It may therefoꝛe pleaſe your highnes, of your moſte excellent & accuſtomable goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour and harty affection, that your maieſtie hath alwaies heretofoꝛe boꝛne, and yet beareth to the common wealth of this your realme of England, & for the conſeruation of your moſte excellent highnes and pꝛoſperitie, and of the good peace vnitie and reſt of vs your moſt bounden and obedient ſubiectes, to graunt and aſſent at the moſte humble deſire and petition of your louing and obedient ſubiectes, the Loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, & commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, that this their laufull inditementes and attein-dours, of ſuch as haue lately ſuffered, may be appꝛoued by the authoꝛitie of this pꝛeſent parliament. And that it may be enacted, that the ſayd Queene Katherine, and Jane lady Rocheforde, for their ſaide abhominable and deteſtable treaſons by them and euery of them moſte abhominably and traiterouſly committed & done againſt your maieſtie and this your realme ſhal be by the authoꝛitie of this pꝛeſent parliament, cõuicted & attainted of high treaſons, and that the ſame Queene Katherin, and Jane lady Rocheforde & eyther of them ſhall haue and ſuffre paines of death, loſſe of goodes, catals, dettes, fermes, and all other things, as in caſes of high treaſon by the lawes of this your realme hath bene accuſtomed graũted & geuen to the cꝛowne. And alſo that the ſaid Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, ſhall loſe and foꝛfaite to your highnes and to your heires all ſuche rightes title intereſt, vſe and poſſeſſion, whiche they oꝛ any of them had the. xxb. daie of Auguſt, in the xxxiii. yeare of your raigne, oꝛ any time ſithens, of in oꝛ to all ſuche their honours, manours, meaſes, landes, tenemẽtes, rẽtes, reuerſions, remainders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, rightes, conditions, and all other their hereditamentes of what names natures oꝛ qualities ſo euer they be, & that all ſuch rightes, title, intereſte, vſe and poſſeſſion, which they oꝛ any of them had, oꝛ of right ought to haue the ſaid. xxb. day of Auguſte, oꝛ any time ſithen, of in oꝛ to the ſame honours, caſtels, manours, meaſes, lãdes, tenements, rentes, reuertions, remainders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, rightes, cõmoditties, & hereditamentes, by the authoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, ſhalbe demed veſted and iudged to be in the actuall and reall poſſeſſion of your maieſtie, without any office oꝛ inquiſition therof hereafter to be taken oꝛ found, accoꝛding to the cõmon lawes of this your realme: Sauing to euery perſon and perſons, & bodies politike, and to their heires, aſſignes, and ſucceſſours, and euerye of them,

other than the saide Queene Katherine, Jane Lady Rochefoorde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham, and their heyres, and euerye of them, hereafter clayming the premisses, as heire by or from theim, or by or from anye of them, and all and euerye other persone and persones, clayming by them or anye of them, or to their vses, or to the vse of any of them, or to the vse of any of their sayde heires, all suche right, tytle, vse, possession, interest, reuersion, remainder, entrees, condition, fees, offices, rentes, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what so euer they or anye of theim might, coulde, or ought to haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer bene had ne made. And fourthely for as muche as these foresayde moste abhominable and detestable highe treasons haue so muche touched the perill of your moste royall persone, the daunger and trouble of this your whole realme, and in respecte thereof it were requisite that condigne punishement should be had and spedely prouided for the reste of theim, which yet haue not suffered, and not to be delayed nor protracted, to thende or prorogation of this present parliament, whiche is most chiefly called and summoned for other generall causes and matters for the wealth of this realme. Therfore your moste humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and cõmons in this present parliament assembled, most hũbly beseech your most royal maiestie, that when they, with one assent be agreed & accorded vpon this act, for that it should not be requisite to trouble your maiestie for accesse in your moste royall person to the vpper house, to assent to the same, nor conuenient that your maiesties royal assent should be protracted, to the ende or prorogation of this parliament, that thẽ it may please your maiestie, for example of spedy punishement of suche detestable and abhominable treasons, to graunt your moste royal assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hãd and to be put vnder your great seale of England, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the Lordes spirituall and temporall, & your cõmons of this parliamẽt there to be assembled for that purpose, and after that to be and stande as a perfect acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with cõuenient spede. And fiftly wher also Agnes Duches of Norf. widow, and Katherine countesse of Bridgwater, wife of the right honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue bene lawfully truely & according to the lawes of this realme indited of misprision of high treason, for the conceling of the first detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned nor attainted of the same, that they now may be by act of parliament conuicted and attainted of the same. And that seing the Lord William Howard, the lady Margaret Howarde his wife, Edwarde Waigraue, Katherine Tylney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robart Dãport, Malin Tilnes, Margaret Bennet, and William Alheby, were & be of the sayde misprison of high treason already conuict & attainted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the recordes thereof more plainely at large appeareth, that this their iuste conuiction and attaindour

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may also be approued by act of parliamẽt: and that the said Agnes Duches of Nozf. Katherine countesse of Bzidgewater, lozd William Howard, lady Margaret Howarde, Edwarde Walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howarde, Robert Dampozt, Malin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, & William Alheby, & euery of them shall loose & forfaite to your highnes all their goodes, cattalles, leases for yeares, money, plate, iewels and dettes, and haue imprisonement of their bodies during their liues: and also that all their manours, meases, landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes, shalbe sealed, remayne, and continue into your maiesties handes during their naturall liues, if their titles and interestes so long endure. And that your highnes shalbe aunswered of the rentes, reuenues, issues, & profites therof, from the first daye of Octobze, in the. xxiii. yeare of your reigne, during their said liues, if their titles and interestes so long endure. Sauing to all and euery persone and persons and bodies politike, and to the heires successours and assignes of euerye of them, other than the said Agnes duches of Nozf. Katherine countesse of Bzidgewater, lozde William Howarde, lady Margaret Howarde, Edward Walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwolde, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampozt, Malin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, and William Alheby, al such right title, vse, possession, interestes, fees, offices, rentes, annuites commõs and all other hereditamentes, commodities and profites, whatsoeuer they oz any of them mought, should, oz ought to haue had, in oz to the premisses, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Therfoze be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lozdes spiritual & tempozall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authozitie of the same, that al thinges conteined by expresse wozdes in this their fozesaide petition, concerning oz touching treasons oz misprisions, oz depending vpon them, oz longing to them, shall stand in full fozce of an acte, accozding to their moste humble request and petition, anye fozmer acte made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And ensuing the fozesaid petition, concerning the kynges royall assente to be done and had by the kinges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kinges hand, and sealed with his great seale, as is afozesaid, and to auoyde all doubtes and ambiguities hereafter touching the same: be it declared by authozitie of this present parliament, that the kynges royall assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the lozdes spirituall and tempozall, and to the commons assembled together in the highe house, is and euer was of as good strength and foze, as though the kinges persone had bene there personally present, and had assent openly and publikely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this royall assent and al other royal assentes hereafter to be so geuen by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is afozesaide, shalbe taken and reputed good and effectuall to all ententes and purposes without doubte oz ambiguitie, any custome oz vse to the contrary

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¶ And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person or persons, which haue not only by their wordes spoken vttered and published, but also in their deedes done deuised and set foorthe by writinges all that they coulde for bringing this highe treason of the saide Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke and serche all due meanes for condigne punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprisions and offences afore rehersed, or otherwyse haue spoken detested and abhorred her saide abhominable offences, shalbe clerely pardoned acquited and discharged for the same against the kinges highnes, his heires and successours for euer.

¶ And although it were not conuenient, that suche a fredome and libertie were geuen to subiectes, without good ground, they might secretly murmur, sedicious slaunder openly defame their Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and dangerous to the suretie of our soueraigne Lorde and king (being a iuste cause) to be constrained by any lawe, to kepe it and conceale it from him or some of his counsaile, which of dutie bothe shoulde and ought shortly after to notice the same vnto him: therfore be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shalbe lefull for any of the kinges subiectes and lieges, if they them selues perfectly knowe, or by vehement presumption may and do perceiue any wil, acte, or condition of lightnes of body in hir, which for the time being shall be Queene of this realme, that they may lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, which they thinke will disclose the same vnto his highnes, any acte statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided neuertheles that they shall not openly blow it abrode, nor priuately whisper it in other folkes eares, whereby a sclaunder might rise of her till it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

¶ And it is further enacted that if any of the saide counsaile being within the realme, doe conceale it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resiant or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall persone, by worde or writing, within .xx. daies after any of them shall heare of it, and if they be out of the realme, with as conuenient spede and diligence as they may: that than they to haue like punishment & forfaiture, as the offendours shoulde. And in case the saide counsaile or any of them doe heare or perceiue any suche thinge as afore is rehersed, that than it shalbe lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof geuen to the kinges maiestie, to imagine seke and proue alwaies to their wittes possible, to bring the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and they so doing to incurre no daunger of lawe or penaltie, any acte or statute made heretofore to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, for euitting of suche like hainous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune either the king our soueraigne Lorde

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that now is, or any of his successours hereafter being kinges of Englande, should take a fancie to any woman, of what estate degree or condition so euer she bee, either subiect or resiant within his dominions or realmes, in waye of mariage, thinking and esteming her a pure and cleane maide, whō in dede the proue may or after shall appeare contrarie, either by due testimonie confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuertheless willingly do couple her selfe with her soueraigne Lorde and king in mariage, without plain declaration before of her vnchast life vnto his maiestie: that than euerie such offence shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therin conuicte by the order of the lawe, shall haue and suffer such paines of death losses and forfaitures of landes, tenementes, goodes, catteis and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that if any person, subiect or resiaunt within the realme, or in any the kinges dominions, hearing say by honest reporte, or hauing perfect knowledge, that suche a woman being not chaste, shall marie with her soueraigne lorde and king of this realme, to the daunger of his most roiall person, and of his succession, & doe not reuele and shewe the same offence to the king for the time being, or to one of his priuie counsayle, before suche mariage be had, if possibly and conueniently he may, or els within xx dayes next after that he shall haue certaine knowledge of suche mariage: that then euery such offence shal be taken & deemed misprision of highe treason, and the offendours conuict thereof by the order of the lawe, shall haue such paines and suffer such losses and forfaitures, as in cases of misprision of highe treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that if the Queene or wife of the prince moue procure or stirre any persone by any wryting message wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowledge with them: or if any person do moue, procure, or make meanes to the Queene, or the wife of the prince, to vse or haue carnall knowledge of them or any of them: that then as well the Queene and the wife of the prince so procuring or carnally knowen, as euery other persone procuring, as is aforesaid, or carnally knowing the Queene, or the wife of the prince, and their aydours counsailours and abettours, and euery of them, shall bee deemed and adiudged highe traitours, and being conuict of such offences, shall haue and suffre such iudgement paines of death and forfaitures of landes, goodes, cattals, and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ An acte concerning the order of wardes and liueries. Cap. xxii.

WHere in the parliament holden at westminster the. xxbii. daye of Aprill, in the xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde king Henrie the eight, by the grace of God kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the church of Englande, and also of Irelande, in earthe the supreme head, and from

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thens adiourned to weſtm. aforeſaide, by diuers prorogations, vntill the xxb. daye of May, in the. xxxii. yeare of the raigne of our ſaide ſouereigne lorde, and then & there holden, amonges other thinges the kinges graces courte, called the courte of the kinges wardes, was then & there by authoritie of the ſaid parliament eſtabliſhed made and authoriſed into a court of recorde, as by an acte therof made in the ſaide parliament more plainely appereth. To the which court it ſemeth to the kinges maieſtie to be neceſſary and very expedient to haue the liueries, whiche ſhalbe ſued within this his realme and other his dominions, incorporated and vnited, and alſo all indentures, cedules, bondes & writinges to be made in for and vpon liueries to be regeſtred and enrolled in the ſaide courte, being a courte of recorde, to thintent that ſuche indentures, cedules, bondes, & writinges may be there ſurely and certainly knowen ſerched and vſed, as well for the king as the partie, as caſe ſhall require. In conſideration whereof, and for that it ſhall not onely be honorable and commodious to the kinges maieſtie, to haue all the procedinges of the ſaide liueries to be of recorde, but alſo greately to the comforte and profite of his graces ſubiectes, that ſhall make any ſearche for the ſame for his or their commodities. The kinges highnes is therefore pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by authoritie of this preſent parliamēt, that the office of the maiſter or maiſters of the liueries, with the circumſtaunces thereof, ſhalbe vnited annexed and kepte vnto the ſayde courte of the kinges wardes: And that the authoritie & office to compounde for any liueries, with the procedinges therein ſhalbe from henceforth in the rule power and gouernaunce of the ſaid courte in maner and forme hereafter declared, any lawe cuſtome patent grant or vſage heretofore had or vſed to ỹ contrary notwithſtanding. And that the maiſter of the kinges wardes for the time being, whiche is the chiefe and principall head officer of the ſame court, ſhall from henceforth for euer be maiſter of the kings wardes and of the liueries, and that all other officers and miniſters appointed, or hereafter to be appointed in the ſame court of the kinges wardes, by authoritie of the ſtatute made of the erection of the ſame courte, ſhalbe called officers and miniſters of the kinges courte of his wardes and liueries.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that the kynges ſayde highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours from time to time, ſhal make name and appointe one officer and miniſter of and in the ſaid court, whiche ſhalbe called the ſurueyour of the kinges liueries, and ſhalbe the ſecond perſon of the ſame court. And that the attourney of the kings wardes for the time being which by the ſaid former acte of the ſaid court of the kinges wardes, was appointed to be the ſeconde perſon of the ſaide courte, ſhal from henceforth for euer ſtande and bee the thirde perſone of the ſayde court of the kynges wardes and liueries And all other officers and miniſters of the ſaide court to be placed as is limitted in the ſame former acte.

¶ And further be it enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that the kinges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, may from time to time, make name and appoint

point an apt person to be clerke of the sayde liueries, whiche shall make all indentures, cedules, obligations & wrytinges of bargaines hereafter to be made and graunted for any liueries, and that one parte of the saide indentures and cedules, or other writinges indented, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties, and shalbe sealed with the seale of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & of the said surueiour of the said liueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made vpon the same, and euerye of them from henceforth shalbe taken ordered and vsed, and also be of the same force, strengthe and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as the obligations indentures and accomptes be and ought to be by the said former acte. And that euery suche persone, which in forme aforesaid shalbe appointed to be surueiour of the saide liueries, shall take a corporall oth e afore the said maister of the kynges wardes and liueries for the tyme being, after the tenour ensuing.

¶ Ye shall sweare that ye well and truely serue our souereigne lord the king in the office of surueiour of his graces liueries, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and poore to the best of your power, witte and knowledge, & that you shall diligently procure al thinges which may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profit, and to thaugmentation of the right and prerogatiue of his graces crowne, and from time to time deliuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that you shall not take ne receiue of any persone or persones, any gifte or rewarde in any case or matter depending or to depende in the sayd courte of the kinges wardes, wherin the kinges highnes shalbe partie by reason whereof anye preiudice losse hinderance or dilherison shal or may growe to the kings highnes his heires or successours so helpe you God and all sainctes.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the saide clarke of the said liueries shal take a corporall oth e afore the saide maister of the wardes and liueries for the time being: after the tenour hereafter ensuing.

¶ Ye shall sweare that you shall well and truelye serue the king our souereigne lorde in your office of clarke of the liueries, and truely do and execute without delay fraude or couin, al and euery thing and thinges, whiche you ought to do by reason of your said office, according to the forme and effecte of this present acte, so helpe you God and all saincte.

¶ And that all liueries, whiche hereafter shall bee sued out of the kinges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of anye of them, of any castels, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they bee, shalbe in the order suruey and gouernance of the sayde courte of the kinges wardes and liueries and of the ministers of the same.

¶ And be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons hauing landes or tenementes, aboue the yearely value of fiue poundes, shall haue or sue any liuerie before inquisition or office found before the erchetour or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kings writ or cō-

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millon to be directed out of the kinges chauncerie or other courtes hauing authoritie to make such writtes or comissions for suing of liueries, whiche writtes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncerie or any other courtes, but by a warrant or bill to be assigned & subscribed with the handes and names of the said maister Surueiour, attourney and receiuour, or three, two, or one of the, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of England, or to any other Chauncellour or officer, hauing power to awarde such writtes. And if the landes and tenementes, whereof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any such writte or cõmission, excede the yerely value of .v.li. that then suche as sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and wryting therof such fees as hath been accustomed. And if the saide landes and tenementes, wherof any such inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any suche wrytte or commission, excede not the saide yerely value of. v.li. then suche as shall sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall pay for the seale of euerie of them .vi. d. and for the wrytinge vi.d. and not aboue.

¶ And it is also enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any suche writtes or commissions, shalbee returned by the eschetours or commissioners, to whom such writtes or cõmissions shalbe directed into the said Chaucerie, or into such other courtes from whence suche writtes or commissions were awarded, in suche maner and forme, and vpon such paines as is limitted by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clarkes of the pettie bag shall receiue suche offices, and make a transcript thereof from time to time, to the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, in like maner and forme as they are bounden and haue bene accustomed to do into the kinges eschequer and vpon such paynes as be limitted and appointed by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

¶ And it is also enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that the said maister of the wardes and liueries, and the surueiour attourney and generall receiuour of the sayde courte, or three of them, whereof the said maister or surueiour to be one, shall haue power and authoritie by vertue of this present acte, after suche offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesaid, to couenaunt and indent with euery persone & persons for his & their liuerie of the castels manours, lordshippes, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, comprised or not comprised in suche offices, and to make & set the rate and price for the same, and to appointe and stal the dayes of paiment thereof by obligation or obligacions to be taken for the same to the king our soueraigne Lorde, whiche obligation and obligations so made and euery of them, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe, and shalbe of lyke authoritie and strengthe as obligations to be taken by authoritie of the same court of the kinges wardes be of, by vertue of the saide former acte. And that all and singuler billes for any speciall or generall liuery to be sued, assigned by the handes of the sayde maister Surueiour attourney receiuour or three of them, whereof the said

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maister or surueiour to be one, shal be a good & sufficient warrant as well to the Chauncellour of England, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauinge power to passe liueries vnder anye of the kinges seales, for the makinge out sealynge and deliuerie of anie liueries, accordinge to the tenour pur porte and effecte of such bylles, with other clauses of course necessarie for the same, any lawe or custome to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the lorde priuie seale, the lorde greate chaumberlaine, that kinges cheife and principal secretaries, the maister of the Rolles, & the kinges clarkes of the signet & priuie seale, the clarkes of the pettie bagge, & al and euery other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncerie or els where in anye other courtes, where suche liueries shall passe, shall haue and be paide all suche theyr fees, as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shall be receiued and paide by the handes of ỳ clarkes of the pettie bagge, if the liueries be sued in the chaunterie, or by other clarkes, by whose handes liueries shall be wrytten in other courtes, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery person and persons from henceforth may sue at their pleasure a generall leuerie for any manours, lãdes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value shall not excede .xx.li. after office therof by wryt or commission founde returned & certified as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwaies that no such liuerie shal passe or be sued without a bil or warrant to be firste obteined for the same from the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, and the saide surueiour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them, and signed and subscribed with the names and handes of the sayd maister surueyour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them, as is aforesayde.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctheritie aforesaide, that yf the manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof a generall liuerie may be sued by auctoritte of this acte, excede the clere yerely value of .v.li. ỳ then such as shall sue and haue such generall liuerie for any manours, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, exceding the clere yerely value of .v.li. shall paye for the seale thereof .xx. s.iiii.d. and all other suche fees as heretofore in such cases hath bene accustomed in and vpon the suing of any generall liueries. And if the landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, wherof anye suche generall liuerie shall be sued, excede not the clere yerely value of .v.li. that then euery person and persons, suinge for any generall liuerye for anye landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercõs, remainders or other hereditamentes not excedyng the clere yerely value of .v.li. shall paye suche fees as hereafter folowth and none other: That is to say, for the seale of euery suche liuerye xii d and to the clarkes of the pettie bagge for the wryttinge and enrollynge therof .xx.d. and for the respite of homage in the hanaper .viii.d. and to the lorde greate Chaumberlaine, .xx.d. and to the mayster of the Rolles .xx.d.

And to the clarke of the liueries for the warrant and enrollinge of the liuery.xx.d.

¶And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no persō or persons shal paie in the kinges Eschequier or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof the clere yerely value exceedeth not.v.li. aboue.viii.d. And for the entringe therof and warrant of atourney aboue.iiii.d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceading the yerely value of.xx.li. shall be taken as it is limitted in the offices founden thereof. excepte by the examinacion & certificate of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & the saide surueiour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them as is aforesaide, it shall otherwise appere and be declared in any of the kinges courtes.

¶And be it also enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that all & euery suche person and persons, whiche shall be named and certified in the kinges chauncery by the lord Treasorer of England, to be Eschetour shal within one moneth next after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto him, take vpon him the execution of the same office, or els appere in the said Eschequer, & shew a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. and if any such persō so named and certified to be Eschetour, do not appere as is aforesaid, within one moneth next after notice to him giuen as is aforesaid, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shall lose and forfayte for euery suche defaulte, xx.li. to the king our soueraigne lorde to be leued to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of record.

¶And be it also enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that no Eschetour after the first daye of maie next comming, shal sitte onely by vertue of his office for inquirie of the tenure title or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same lādes tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of.v.li. by the yere or aboue, and holden of the king, without the kinges writ to be directed to him for the same, vpon peine to lose and forfaite for euery time that he shall sit and make inquiry contrary to the fourme of this estatute.v.li. Nor that no Eschetour shall take for the findinge of anye office of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not excede the cleare yearely value of.v.li. aboue the summe of.xv.s. That is to saie for the eschetours fee.vi.s.viii.d. and for the wrytinge of the office.iii.s. iiii.d. and for the charges of the iury.iii.s. and for the officers and mynisters that shall receiue the said office in any courte of record.ii.s vpō peine that euerye Eschetour offendinge this acte shall lose and forfaite for euerye time so offending.v.li. and that the officers and ministers of euery court of Record, where such inquisicions shal be returned, beynge offered vnto them within one moneth next after the finding therof, shall receiue and take the same, vpon peine to lose and forfaite for euery time offendinge this acte.v.li. The one moitie of all whiche forfaiture aforesaide shall be to the kynge our soueraine lord, & the other moitie therof to the parti that wil sue for the same

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in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in whiche suite the defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shalbe allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if the saide surveyour of the liueries, or the clarke of the same, do willingly withdraw or conceale any recorde or profitte, that shall come or growe to the kinges maiestie hys heires or successours, by reason of the same: that then he or they so offending shall loose to the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heires and successours the double value of the thing so conceled or withdrawen, the same to be leuyed and recouered against such persons so offending vpon an information therof to be made by the partie greued. And the same duely proued in the same courte of the wardes and liueries.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide maister for the time being shall haue power and auctoritie to take recognisaunces of all and euery person and personnes, that shall be called into the courte of the wardes and liueries, to answere to any matter alleged against them in the saide court, to make their dayly apparance in the saide court to answer to such matter as to them then and there from time to time shalbe alleged. And that all such recognisaunces, of what summe so euer they be, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to al intentes and purposes, as recognisaūces taken in the kinges highe courte of chaunterie or els where before anye iudge of recorde within this realme. And that the sayde mayster for the time beyng, with the aduice of the courte, or of such number of the same as then shall be present, so that they be two beside the said maister, shal haue full power and auctoritie to moderate such recognisances as be or shalbe there forfaited, and to set fines for the same to the kinges vse, vnder the summes conteined in the saide recognisaunces: The same fines to be leuied by lyke proces of Scire facias, as by the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of our soueraigne lorde the kinges raigne is geuen to the chauncellour of the court of augmentacion of the reuenewes of his graces crowne. And that the said maister for the time being, with the aduice aforesaid, shall haue power and auctoritie to commit to warde any persō or persons for his or their disobedience contempt or other offence made or to be made, triable within the kinges saide courte of the wardes and liueries, and vpon the said matters ordered or decreed there, to deliuer them from prison, and to cancell and make voyde all recognisaunces and obligacions taken or hereafter to be taken in the same courte to the kinges vse. when and as often as the said mayster, with the aduice of the said courte or three of them, shall se and perceiue the matters and causes, for the whiche any suche recognisaunce or obligacyon hath or hereafter shall happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the kinges grace his heires or successours, or the partie therupon satisfied wyth out any other warrant for the same.

¶ And be it further enacted that all and euery such heire and heires which hereafter shall be in case to sue linerie, where the landes and tenementes of the said heire or heires excede not the yerely value of v.li. that then euerye

such heyre shal laufully sue forth hys generall liuery by warrant to be made and had from the sayd courte of the kynges wardes and liueryes, as afore sayd, although there be none other inquysycion or inquysicions therof theim had bene certyfyed, & that thys acte shall warrant sufficyent as well to the Chauncellour of England, Chaūcellour of the duchy of Lancaster, and to all other chauncellours and officers of the kynges courtes, hauyng power to passe liueryes vnder any the kynges seales, for the makyng out, sealyng, and deliuerie of any liueryes accordyng to the tenour purporte & effecte of such billes, wyth other clauses of course necessary for the same, takyng for the fees of euerye suche liuery, as is afore expressed for the fees of generall liueries, not exceedyng the yerely value of .v.li. as though the same liuerye were made and sued forth vpon an office founde by vertue of the kynges writ, anye law heretofore made or other thynge in thys present act to the contrary not withstandinge.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, to whom the kynges highnes shall graunt any liuery in fourme aforesaid, to be sued vpon hys bill assigned therof wyth the kynges most gracious hand, or with the handes of the officers of hys graces court of the wardes & liueries, as before is expressed, sue forth his patent wythin three monethes nexte after the assignement of the saide bill, or els the same bill and theffect therof to be vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the clerkes of the petie bag in the chauncery shall not be compelled to certifie any transcript of any office into the kinges Eschequer but twise in the yere, that is to say: They shall certifie the transcriptes of all officers founden and returned into the chauncery betwene Easter and saincte Michael the archaungell yerely in the terme of sainct Michaell: And the transcriptes of all offices founden and returned into the sayd chancery betwene Mighelmas and Easter, they shall certifie into the said Eschequer yerely in the terme of Easter, & not otherwise, any thing conteined in this statute, or in any other statute heretofore made to the contray therof not withstandinge.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned, shall in anye wise extende to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to anye royalties liberties franchises priuileges, preeminences, and iurisdictions, of the county Palantine & duchy of Lancaster, or of any of them. but that the same royalties, liberties, franchises, priuileges, preeminences, & iurisdictions, and euerye of them, shall still continue and remaine to the countie Palantine and Duchy of Lancaster, as fullye plenarly and holy as they did before the makyng of this acte any thing in the same acte conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ An acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and determiner agaynste suche persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remaunding the same to be tryed in ỳ shyre where ỳ offence was committed. Cap. xviii.

FOr as much as diuers and sundrye persones vpon greate groundes of vehemente suspicyons, as well of high treason pety treason and mysprisions of treason, as of murders, be many tymes sente for from diuers the shyres and places of this realme, and other the kinges dominions, to the kinges maiesties great charges and expẽces, to be examined before the kinges highnes counsel vpon their offences, to thintent that conuiction or declaracion of such persones should spedely ensue, as the merites of theyr cases shoulde require. And albeit that after great trauaile takẽ in the examinacions of such persons it appere to the said councell by confession witnes or vehemente suspecte, that suche persons be rather giltie of suche offences, whereof they be so examined, then otherwise: yet neuertheles suche offendours so examined by the course of the common lawe of thys realme, must be indited within the shyres or places where they committed their offences, and also tried by the inhabitantes or freholders of suche shyres and places, although by theyr cõfessiõs or sufficient witnes theyr offences be certainly knowen to the kinges councell: by reason wherof, beside the trauaile and peynes of the kinges maiesties councel in such cases, the kinges hyghnes is oftentimes put to greate charges and expences in remaundynge suche persons to the countries where they offended, there to be indited and tryed of theyr offences. And somtime the inhabitauntes & freholders of the shyres or places, where such offences were done, be compelled to appere out of the shyres and places for suche causes, to theyr great charges, for the tryall or declaracion of suche offences: And sometime by occasion of the charges for remaundyng of such offendours to be indited and tryed by the course of the common law, such offendours lye styll in prison and be forgotten, whereby many times by helpe of theyr confederates they escape vnpunished, to the greate courage and exemples of euill doers. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraygne lorde, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that yf any person or persons, beyng examined before the kinges councell or thre of them, vpon any maner of treasons mispriions of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the sayd councell or thre of them, vpon suche examinacion, shall thinke any person so examined, to be vehemently suspected of anye treason mispriions of treasons or murder: that than in euery such case by the kinges commaundement, his maiesties commission of oyer & determiner vnder his highnes great seale shalbe made by the Chauncellour of Englande to suche persones, and into suche shyres or places, as shal be named & appointed by the kinges highnes

for the spedy triall conuiction or delineraunce of suche offendours, whiche by commissioners shall haue power and authoritie to enquire here & determine all suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, within the shyres and places limitted by their commission by suche good and lawfull persones as shalbe returned before them by the shyriffe or his minister, or any other hauinge power to returne wrytes and proces for that purpose, in what seuer other shyre or place within the kinges dominions or without, suche offences of treasons, misprisions of treasons, or murders so examined, were done or committed, and that in suche cases no chalenge for the shire or hundrede shalbe allowed.

Prouided that vpon the triall of suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, the chalenge to anye iurer for lacke of freholde of the pearely value of .xl.s. shall be allowed as hath bene accustomed.

Prouided also that if any the peeres of the realme shall happen to be endited of any of the offences aforesaid by vertus of any such commission to be grãted by authoritie of this acte, yet neuertheles they shal haue their triall by peeres in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath ben vsed, any thing in this acte conteined, or any thing to be done by vertue therof in any wise not withstandinge. And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that peremptory chalenge shall not from henceforth be admitted or allowed in any cases of high treason nor misprision of high treason.

An act that no man shalbe Iustice of Assise in his owne countrie. Cap. xxiiii.

Where in the parliament holden in the .viii. yeare of kynge Richard the second it was enacted ordeined & established, that no man learned in ỳ lawes of this realm, should from thẽceforth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chief iustice of the commõ place should be from thẽceforth assigned amõg other iustices to the taking of the said assises, but as the chiefe iustice of the kinges benche there should be done & vsed, as hath bene vsed for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next before as by the said act more at large it doth & may appere Sins the makinge of which said good act & lawe diuers iustices and men learned in the lawes of this realm, haue by their owne meanes industry & policy, & for their owne cõmoditie and ease, obteined contrary to the forme of the said act, to be iustices of assises in the countreis & counties where thei were borne, or were inhabiting, whereby some geloy of their affection & fauour towarde their kinsemen alliance & freindes within the said countreis or counties, where they were so borne or inhabiting, hath ben conceiued & had against them by the kinges most louing subiectes of the same countreis and counties. For reformacion wherof, the kinges moste louinge subiectes, and the commõs in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseech

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and desire the kinges maiesti, and that it be enacted by the kynges maiestie, withe the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no iustice nor other man learned in the lawes of this realme, shal at any time tro or after the feast of Easter next coming, vse nor exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie where the sayd iustice was borne or doth inhabite vpon peyne to forfayt for euery offence done contrary to the fourme of this present act one hundred poundes, the moitie whereof to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other moitie therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bill plaint information action of det, or otherwise, in the whiche suite no protection, essoine, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act or any thinge herein conteined shall not extende be construed or interpretated to touche or concerne any person or persons, ỳ now are or hereafter shalbe clarke or clarkes of assises, & shalbe associate to any Iustice of assyse, of or in any county, citie, or towne within this realme of Englande wherein the same person or persons clarke or clarkes so associate, doe dwell or were borne, but ỳ al and euery clarke & clarkes of assises, which now doe exercise or occupie, or hereafter shall exercise or occuppe any office of clarkeshipp of assises, shall & may exercise & occuppy the same in any county, citie, or towne wherin the same clarke or clarkes of assises do dwell, or were borne, any thyng in thys act conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that these termes, iustices of assises, or other persons lerned in the lawes of the realme, shall not extende or in any wise be interpretate to any mayres, shyrifes, recorders, stewardes, bayliffes, seweters or other officers beyng borne or dwellinge wythin any citye borough or towne within this realme of Englande, but that they may be iustices of assises of freshe force or of other assises in the same citie, borroughe or towne where he or they doe or shall dwel, or were borne, as they or anye of them before thys tyme haue or myght haue bene to al ententes and purposes, any thynge in thys act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteined, shalbe preiudiciall to anye iustice or iustices of the one benche or the other, for taking hearyng or determining assises in the said courtes in the one benche or the other, nor to anye iustice that shall take any assise by or vpon adiournement for difficultye of the same.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted that any clarke of assyse, dutinge the onely tyme of the session, of or for anye assise or assises, or of or for any Nisi prius, shal not be of counsell wyth any persõ or persons within any circuite wherof he shalbe clarke of assise, otherwise than to that office onely appertei neth, vpon paine to forfaite for euery time offendinge contrarye to thys estatute .x.li. the one moytie therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to ỳ partie greeued, to be sued in any of ỳ kinges courtes

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tes of recorde by action of dette, bill, plainte, informacion, or otherwise, in which suite no essoine protection, wager of lawe or other dilatorie plea shal be admitted or allowed.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aboue saide, that this acte or anye thinge therin conteined, extende not to the iustices, iustice clarke or clarkes of assises, within our soueraigne lorde the kynges duchy and countie Palantine of Lancaster, nor to any of them that now be or hereafter shalbe, but that the same iustices, iustice clarkes, and clarke, and euerye of them, shal and may execute their offices and euery of the, in suche maner and fourme as they or any of them haue vsed to doe before the makynge of this present acte, this acte or anye thyng therin conteyned to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

An acte for the making free certain children borne beyonde the sea, and to put the same children in the nature of mere englishmen. Cap xxv.

Where Thomas Pointz of London grocer, occupieng the feate of marchādise in the parties beyonde the sea, maryed there a woman of that countrey borne, & had by her in lawful matrimony diuers children yet liuing, whyche intende by gods grace to be the kinges faithfull & obedient subiectes: where also William Castelin of Londō mercer, occupieng in the partes of Leuant, within the citie of Chyo in greeya, tooke to his wife one Angleta, doughter of Michael Villacho of the same citie, and had by her in lawful matrimony a sonne called Edward yet lyuyng, which likewise entendeth by gods grace to be the kinges faithful & obedient subiect, And where also John Dimocke, late one of the gentlemen vshers of the kinges moste honorable chāber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to wit: in Andwarpe in the county of Brabande, about the kynges affaires & there tooke to his wyfe Beatrice, daughter of one John van Clene & had by her in lawful matrimony a son called John Dimocke yet liuing, whych intendeth (god willynge) to be the kynges faythfull and obedient subiecte: Wherfore be it enacted and established by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presēt parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that as well the sayde John Dimocke, the sonne of John Dimocke, and Edwarde Castelin as all the sayd children of the sayde Thomas Pointz nowe borne and euerye of them, shall be from henceforthe reputed and taken the kinges naturall subiectes, as lawfull persones borne within this realme of Englande and as free persons, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as yf they and euery of them had bene borne within this realme of England, and also shall from henceforth by the saide auctoritie, be inable and adiudged able to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as well to demaunde chal-

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lenge haue and enioy landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as heyre or heires to any of his or their auncestours, by reason only of any diſcēt ryght or tytle, which after the fyrſt daye of thys parliament ſhall diſcende accrue come or growe vnto them or to any of them, and to haue and enioy landes tenementes, and hereditamentes by way of purchaſe or gyft of any perſon or perſonnes, as alſo for to perſecute and defende all maner of actions and ſutes, and all other lawfull thinges what ſoeuer to do as liberally, frankely, lawfully, ſurely and freely, as if they and euery of them had bene naturally borne within thys realme of Englande, and as anye other perſon or perſons naturally borne within thys realme of England may lawfully doe any lawe, acte, ſtatute, cuſtome, ordinance or other thynge what ſo euer had made, done, ordeined, proclaimed or prouided to the contrary hereof in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ An acte to make fruſtrate certaine conueiances, deuiſed by ſyr John Shelton. Cap. xxvi.

WHere ſyr John Shelton knighte deceaſed, beynge a man of greate poſſeſſyons in hys life tyme, by the aduiſe of ſiniſter counſel practiſed, deuiſed & made by couaine dyuers craftye dedes, eſtates, & other conueiances in the lawe, aſwell vnto him ſelfe as to other perſons, of and in his manours landes, tenementes and heredytamentes, in the counties of Norf. & Suff. not only to thentent to diſceiue and exclude the kinges maieſtie of his primer ſeaſon prerogatiue wardſhip & rightes of & in the premyſſes, but alſo to the intent to diſceyue and exclude the nobles, and other the kynges louing ſubiectes of their wardſhip releifes and ſuch like ſeruice, as ſhoulde accrue, growe and come vnto them by reaſon of theyr tenures in ỳ premiſſes, that is to witte: the ſayd ſyr John Shelton, by his dede indented, bearynge date the fiftene daye of December, in the .xxxi. yeare of the reygne of our ſoueraygne lorde kyng henry the .viii. dyd infeoffe of and in dyuers of his manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, in the ſaid counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Winnes, to haue vnto him and to his heyres vppon condicion, that the ſame John Winnes wythin fyfteene dayes then nexte enſuynge ſhould by hys dede indented gyue the ſame manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to ỳ ſayde ſyr John Shelton, and his aſſygnes for terme of xxxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowinge wythout impechemēt of waſte, the remainder therof after the ſame terme ended to Rauſe Shelton gentleman, ſonne and heyre apparant of John Shelton eſquier, ſon and heyre of the ſaid ſir John Shelton, and to the heyres males of the body of the ſayde Rauſe Shelton gentleman lawfully begotten: and for defaulte of ſuche iſſue the remainder therof to the heyres, males, of the body of the ſaid ſyr John Sheltō lawfully begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer, as by ỳ ſaide dede indented amonges other thinges there in con-

in cõteined moze plainly is shewed & may apperr: and also the said sir John Shelton, by one other dede indented bearinge date the saide fiftene day of September, in the saide .xxxi. yeare of our saide soueraigne lozde the kinges reigne, did giue diuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to the saide John Winnes to haue vnto him and to his heyres vpon condicion, that ẏ said John Winnes within fiftene daies then nexte folowing should by his dede indented giue the same manours landes, tenementes & hereditamẽtes to dame Anne then wife of the said sir John Shelton for terme of her life, the remainder therof after the decease of the sayde syr John Shelton for terme of his life, without impechement of waste and after his decesse the remainder therof to the saide John Shelton esquire without impechement of waste, for terme of .lx. yeares (if he so longe liued) and after the same terme determined, the remainder therof to the sayde Raufe Shelton gentleman, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begott ẽ and for defaulte of such issue the remainder therof to the heires males of the body of the sayde sir John Shelton, lawfully begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer. And moze ouer the said sir John Shelton by the same hys dede endented did giue diuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the said counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, to the saide John Winnes, to haue vnto him: and to his heires and assignes for euer vpon condicion that the same John Winnes, within .xv. dayes then nert folowing, should by hys dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the saide dame Anne for terme of .lxxxix. yeres, then nert folowinge, and yf the sayde dame Anne shoulde fortune to dye within the same terme, thẽ the remainder therof to the sayde syr John Shelton hys executours & assygnes duryng the residue of the same terme and after the same terme ended, than the same premisses to remayne to the said Raufe Shelton gentleman, & to the heires males of hys body lawfully begotten, and for the defaulte of such issue the remaynder therof to ẏ heyres males of the body of the sayd syr John Shelton lawfully begotten, wyth dyuers other remaynders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thynges therin conteyned moze playnly is shewed and may appeare.

And as it appereth as well by wryting as otherwise, the sayd John Winnes after that by hys seueral dedes indented, bearing date in the sayde moneth of September, executed seueral estates of and in all and synguler the premisses, according to the sayd seuerall dedes of feoffement with condicyons therin conteyned. And moze ouer the sayd syr John after that declared hys laste will of and in the premysses for and to thintent afozesayd. All whiche matters after the death of the sayde syr John Shelton, beynge reueled vnto the kinges most royall maiestie, was by his graces commaundement deliberately examined before the lozdes of hys most honozable counsell, before whome vpon the examinacion therof it plainly appered, as well by the confessions of the parties and deuisours of the same wrytinges and dedes, as otherwise, that the said dedes estates will & other cõueiances made in ẏ

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ffe of the saide sir John Shelton, were deuised had and made by coueine, for & to thintēt aforesaid, by reason wherof the said John Shelton esquier sonne and heire of the saide sir John sheltō, beinge aboue the age of.xxi. yeres at the time of the death of his saide father, did sue a speciall liuerie out of the kinges maiesties handes, of & in all the saide manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, as heire vnto the said sir John his father, as of recorde more plainly appereth. For the plaine declaracion of the auoidinge and adnichilatinge of the saide craftie and voide deedes, estates will & conueiaunces, deuised by fraude and couine as is aforesaide: Be it ordeined established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler the said dedes, estates, will, and other conueiāces had & made as is aforesaide, and the possession and liuerie of season therupon made and deliuered accordingly, & also al and singuler giftes granntes, remaynders, reuertions, articles, clauses and wordes in them and euery of them conteyned, be demed and adiudged clerely voide and of none effect, to all intentes constructions & purposes. And that the saide syr John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, be demed, reputed, & adiudged in actual & real possession at the time of his death, of and in all & singuler the sayde manours, landes, tenemētes, & hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inheritāce, as if no such dede or dedes, estates, will or other cōueiances had neuer bene had or made, & also of the same estate of enheritaunce, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as the same manours, landes, tenemētes & hereditamētes were in the said sir John shelton at or before the makinge of the said seuerall, dedes, estates, will, and other conueiances, the sayd dedes, estates, will, and conueiances or any of them, or any thinge in them or any of them conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therin cōteined, be not in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto the said dame Anne Shelton, for or concerninge any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes assigned or appointed sithen the death of the said sir John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reasō of a warde made by the highe and mightie prince Thomas duke of Norf. lorde Treasourer of England, or by any couenant bonde or agremēt had or made by the saide John Sheltō esquier sithen the death of ỳ saide sir John Sheltō, any thing in this act conteined to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ An act for leases of hospitals, colleges, & other corporacions to be good and effectuall with the consent of the more partie. Cap. xxvii.

ALL be it that by the common lawes of this realme of Englād all assentes, elections, graūtes and leases, had made & graūted by the deane wardē pronost maister presidēt or other gouernour of any cathedral church, hospital, college or other corporaciō, by what so euer name they be incorporate or foūded

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with the assente and consent of the more or greater parte of their chapiter felowes or bretherne of suche corporacion, hauinge voices of assent therunto as good and effectuall in the lawe to the graūtes and lesses of the same, as yf the residue or the hole number of suche chapiter felowes and brethern of suche corporacion hauinge voices of assent, had therunto consented and agreed: yet the saide common lawes not withstandinge, diuers founders of suche deaneries, hospitals, colleges, & corporacions within thys sayde realme haue vpon the foundacion and establishment of the same deaneries hospitals, colleges, and other corporacions established and made amonges other their peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordinaunces, that yf any one of such corporacion hauing power or auctorite to assent or disassent, should & would deny any such graunt or grauntes, that then no such leale, election or graunt should be had graunted or leased, and for the performance of the same euerye person hauinge power of assent to the same, haue bene and be dayly therunto sworne, & so the residue may not procede to the perfectyon of such elections, grauntes, & leasses, accordinge to the course of the cōmon lawes of this realme, oneles they should incurre the dāger of periurie. For the auoidinge wherof and for the due execution of the common lawe vniuersally within this realme & euery place in one confirmitie of reason to be vsed: be it ordeined established and enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all & euery peculiar acte, order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge, deanerie, or other corporacion, at and vpon the foundacion of any suche hospital, colledge, deanerie, or corporacion, wherby the graunt, leale, gift, or election of the gouernour or ruler of such hospitall, colledge, deanerie, or other corporaciō, with the assent of the more part of such of the same hospitall, colledge, deanerie or corporacion, as haue or shall haue voice of assente to the same, at the tyme of such graunt, leale, gift, or election hereafter to be made, should be in any wise hundered or let by any one or mo being the lesser number of such corporacion, contrarie to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of England, shalbe from henceforth clerely frustrate voyd and of none effect. And that al othes heretofore taken by anie person or persons of such hospital, colledge, deanerie & other corporacion, shalbe for and concerning the obseruance of any such order estatute or rule, demed, voyd & of none effect. And that from henceforth no maner person or persons of any such hospitall, colledge, deanerie or other corporacion, shalbe in any wise compelled to take any othe for the obseruing of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the paine of euery person so gruinge such othe, to forfaite for euery time so offendinge. x. li. the one moitie therof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the king, & the other moitie therof to any of ỹ kynges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde by action of det, bill, plaint, informacion or otherwise, wherin the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine, or any other delatorie plea admitted or alowed.

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¶ An acte for the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chauncellour of the augmentations, and certaine other noble men to retayne Chapleines. Cap. xxviii.

WHere in the parliament holden at westminster, in the xxi. yere of your most gratious raigne, it was amonges other thinges ordeined and prouided, that certain honorable persons and other of your highnes councellours & officers, as well spirituall as temporall, should & mought haue chapleins beneficed with cure, to serue and attend vpon them in their houles. whiche chapleines shall not incurre the daunger of anye penaltie or forfaiture made or declared in the same parliament, for none residence vpon their saide benefices, or for obteyning licences for dispensations of pluralities, in whiche acte is no prouision made for any the head officers of your graces seuerall courtes of your Duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentacions of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, the first fruites and tenthes, the maister of your mateslies wardes and liueries, the generall surueiours of your graces landes, and other your graces courtes. In consideration wherof it may please your mateslie, that it may be enacted by your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled & by the authoritie of the same, that the chauncellour of the said courte of the Duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of your highnes court of augmentacions, the chaūcellour of your graces court of first fruites & tenthes, the maister of your highnes wardes & liueries, & euery of your graces generall surueiours of your highnes landes, the treasurer of your graces chaumber, the treasorer of your highnes court of augmentacions, and the grome of your graces stoole & euery of them for the time being, shall & may retaine singulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chaplein hauing one benefice with cure of soules, whith may be absent from his said benefice, and not resident vpon the same, the said estatute made in the said xxi. yeare of your most gracious reigne, or any other estate acte or ordinance made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that euery of the sayde chapleines so being benefised as is aforesaide, and dwelling with any the officers afore named, shall personally repaire two times in euery yeare at the least to his saide benefice and cure, and there to tary & abyde by the space of. viii. dayes at euery such time at the leaste, to visite and instructe his saide cure, vpon the peine to forfeite for euery time so sayling xl. s. the one moytie thereof to the king our soueraigne Lorde, the other to suche as will sue for the same by action of dette bill plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which suite no essoine protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

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¶ An act to enable persones late religious to sue and to be sued. Cap. xxix.

WHere in the parliamẽt holden at Westminster, the xxviii day of Aprill, in the xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lord Henry the eight, by the grace of God king of England, Fraunce & Ireland, defendour of the faith, & of the church of England and also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: It was and is ordeined and enacted by authoritie of the saide parliament, that all & singuler suche religious persones, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite so euer they were, whiche then were or after that time should be put at their liberties from the daungier seruitude, and condicion of their religion and profession, whereunto they were professed, by reason of suppression dissoluing forfayture by attainder rendring or otherwyse geuinge to the handes of the kinges maiestie, their houses monasteries and possessions: should by authoritie of the sayde parliament, from and after the first daye of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme that they were or should be put at suche libertie, haue free libertie to purchase to theim and to their heyres, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life for yeares or at wyll, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditaments, and thinges what so euer they were, in like maner and fourme as though they or any of them had neuer bene professed nor entred into any suche religion, and that the same religious persons and euery of them, by authoritie of the said act of parliament, should be able to sue & to be sued in all maner of actions plaintes & suites, what so euer they were of and for any matter or cause growen sithens & after the time of their seuerall derainmẽtes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes places and iurisdictions within this realme of England, as other the kinges subiectes were, and that they and euery of them, should and might from that time vse & exercise, receiue, take, haue, and enioy all and euery lawful thing & thinges from thencefoorth to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of thē, after the said deraignemẽt or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer bene professed nor entred in to religion, this same profession or religiō, or any lawe custome or vse within the said realme of Englande, to the contrary thereof in any wise not withstanding, as by the sayd act among other articles clauses and prouisions more plainly appereth. And for as much as diuers ambiguities & doubtes daily do arise, whether the saide act extend vnto suche late religious persones as were in diuers late religious houses and monasteries, which by the kinges highnes were immediatly transported and translated from their religion and olde corporation into a newe corporation, and neuer came and remayned in his gracious handes, neither by suppression, dissoluing, forfaiture by atteinder, ne suche like, according to the woordes of the saide former acte.

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In auoiding of whiche ſaid ambiguities and doubtes: Be it nowe ordeined and enacted by the king our ſoueraigne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by authoritie of the ſame, and that the ſaid acte of parliament aboue remembred, made in the ſaid .xxvi. yeare, ſhall extende as well to all ſuch perſones, which be liuing, that were religious perſones in any of the ſaide houſes, whiche were ſo tranſlated and tranſported from one corporation into an other, whiche at any tyme was profeſſed or were religious perſones, in any of the ſayde houſes within this realme of England, and that they & euery of them from the tyme of their ſayde ſeuerall deraignement and diſcharge of their ſaid profeſſions and religions, ſhall be in lyke qualitie eſtate condition and degree: and alſo ſhall take, haue, and enioy, like benefite, commoditie, profite and aduauntage, and with like prouiſo onely, and not otherwyſe, to euery intent and in euery thing, as any other religious perſone or perſones, may and ſhall haue, take, and enioye by vertue of the ſayd former acte aboue remembred, the ſame profeſſion or religion, or any cuſtome or vſe to the contrary thereof in any wyſe not withſtanding.

¶ In acte confirming the authoritie of the Deane and chapiter of Lichefield, in making leaſes and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.

Where before this tyme the chapiter vnto the ſee and byſhoprike of Couentrie and Lichefield, was the priour and couent of the late priory or monaſterie of our bleſſed Lady of Couentre, within the countie of the citie of Couentre. And the deane and Chapitre of the Cathedrall churche of Lichefielde, in the countie of Staffordе, by reaſon whereof all leaſes, grauntes, and eſtates, made in any the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thyng belonging or appertayning vnto the ſayde ſee and byſhoprike, or whereof the byſhop of the ſayde ſee of Couentrie and Lichefield, for the tyme being, was ſeaſed in the right of the ſayde byſhoprike, or going out of any of the ſaid manours, landes, tenements or hereditamēts, belonging vnto the ſame biſhoprike, which ſhould be good or of any effect in the lawe, to binde his ſucceſſours in ſucceſſion after the death of the ſaid biſhop of the ſaid biſhoprike for the time being grauntour, leſſour, or gener of any the premiſſes, as is aforeſayde, ought to be made in writyng by the ſame byſhop for tyme being vnder his ſeale, and in his life time to be alſo by writing ſealed with the common ſeale of the priour and couent for the time being of the ſaide late priorie or monaſterie of Couentre, and alſo with the chapiter ſeale of the Deane and chapiter for the tyme being of Lichefielde, ratified and confirmed: which ſayde Priorie or Monaſterie of Couentre, diuers yeares nowe paſte, was lawfully diſſolued, extincte, and determined, all bee it ſithen that tyme, dyuers and ſundrye giftes, grauntes, and leaſes, haue bene made in writing of and in parcel of the premiſſes, or going out of

the same, by the nowe bishop of the sayd bishoprike, and also confirmed in wryting by the deane & chapiter of Lichfield aforesaid, vnder their chapiter seale. And for asmuch as it is in doubt & question amonges diuers persõs, whether the confirmation of the said deane & chapiter of Lichefielde is sufficient in the law, to make perfite and good suche giftes grauntes & leases, heretofore, sithen the dissolutiõ of the said late priorie, made or hereafter to be made in wryting by the bishop of the sayd see, or bishoprike of Couentre & Lichfielde for the time being, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thing belonging to the same bishoprike, or goyng out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wryting by the deane & chapiter of Lichefield aforesaid, should be good and effectual in the law, to bynde in succession the successours of the said nowe bishop, according to the tenour purport and effect of the same giftes grauntes, leases and other writinges, so made by the sayd bishop, and confirmed by the sayd Deane and chapiter of Lichefielde, as is aforesayde: by occasion whereof, diuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe, lyues and yeres, as other may be put to great verations, suites, troubles, and losse of their goodes, to their great empouerishment. In eschewing of which sayde ambiguities, questions, and doubtes, and of all suites verations and troubles, that might ensue by meanes thereof: Be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that al and singuler giftes grauntes, leases, & other writings, at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the said late priorie or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the bishop of Couentre & Lichfield for the time being, in wryting vnder his seale, of any manours, lãdes, tenementes, hereditaments, offices, fees, or any other thing belõging to the said bishoprike, or going out of any the same premisses, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapiter of Lichefielde for the tyme being in writing vnder their chapiter seale, shall be and stande good & effectuall in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayde byshop, accordinge to the tenours purportes and effectes of the same giftes grauntes & leases, made and hereafter to be made in wrytinge by the sayde byshop of Couentre and Lichefielde for tyme being, and confirmed by the Deane and chapiter of Lichefielde as is aforesaide. And that by the same authoritie the deane and chapiter of Lichfielde aforesaid, & their successours for the time being, shall be from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full entier and sole see and chapiter of the sayde byshoprike of Couentre, and Lichefielde, and belonginge and appertayninge vnto the same byshoprike, in name, nature, authoritie, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same byshoprike: And shall haue full power and authoritie to ratifie and confirme in wrytinge vnder their chapiter seale, all and all maner giftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to bee made or graunted in wrytinge by anye byshoppe of the

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said bishoprike of Couentre and Lichfielde for the tyme beinge, vnder his seale, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belonging vnto the said bishoprike, or of any rentes, offices, or other yearely profites, out of the same manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or anye parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane & chapiter of sainct Paule in London for the tyme being, may lawfully ratifie or confirme in writinge vnder their chapiter seale, any gifte graunt or lease made, or hereafter to be made in writyng by the bishoppe of London for the time being, vnder his seale of any landes, tenementes, offices, or other profites, belonging to his bishoprike of London.

Prouided alwayes, that this act or any thing therein conteined, do not extende to binde any founder or geuer of any manours, landes, tenemẽts, or hereditamentes of the said sea and bishoprike of Couentre & Lichfielde, or thereunto belonging, of for or concerning all suche actions and suites, as they or any of them may, should, or ought to haue by reason of any alienation in fee simple or in fee taple, hereafter to be made of anye the manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the saide bishoprike of Couentre and Lichefield, or of any part therof.

Prouided also, that this act or any thing therin conteined, extend not to any copiholde landes of the same bishoprike, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the estate & estates of the copyholders therin, shall continue, remaine, and be of such strength and effect, as al other copiholders be accepted and taken by and in the lawe of this realme, and of no other strength or effect.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to the bishop of Chester for the tyme being, nor yet to the deane & chapiter of Chester, for or concerning any office or offices, belonging or appertayning vnto the same bishoprike of Chester, or to the Deane and chapiter of Chester aforesayde.

An acte dissolueryng the bishoprike of Chester, and of the Ile of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canturbury, to the iurisdiction of Yorke. Cap. xxxi.

Where as the kinges highnes of his moste gracious goodnes, as well for the aduancement of Christes religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearing date the .xvi. daye of July, in the .xxxiii. yeare of his noble reigne, erected, founded & established in the late monastery of sainct Werberge, in his citie of Chester, a cathedrall churche, or bishops sea, willing the same to bee named and called the bishoprike or bishops sea of Chester, & to the same hath

appointed limites and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeigned & willing ȳ same to be named & called the diocesse of Chester. And amongs other thinges hath appropried, vnited, and annexed to the sayde diocese of Chester, that archdeaconry of Richemount, and al the iurisdictions therof, whiche archdeaconry was late parcell of the diocese of yorke, and moreouer hath the same hole and entier dyocese of Chester, with al the limmites & boundes, and all thinges annexed appropried and vnited to the same, decreed ordeined and established to be of the prouince of the archbyshoppe of canturburye, and vnder the iurysdiction metropoliticall of the same, as in the same letters patentes doth more largely appeare. For as muche as hys sayd highnes graciously consydereth, that the sayde archbyshop of Canturbury hath a sufficent number of dioceses, and suffragans vnder him and in his prounce, and that the archebyshop of yorke hath wythin the realme of Englande onely two suffraganes, and moreouer, that if the sayde diocesse shoulde remaine vndar the sayde archebyshop of canturbury, that than all his highnes subiectes of all that diocesse of Chester, and so of the archedeaconry of Richemount, should be constrained for appelles to resort to the audience of Canturbury, whych thynge to many of the saide diocese, and specially to them of the archedeaconry of Richemount, should be by reason of long iourney of almoste. iii.C. myles from some places therof, intollerable fatagacion and importable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a most gracious Prince studyeng and caryng for his sayde subiectes moste commodytye quietnes and ease: vppon further deliberacion hath wyth the aduyse of his most honorable counsaile determined and ordeined to remoue & dysseuer the sayde bysshoprycke and diocesse of Chester, from the sayde prouince & archbyshoprycke of Cantorbury, and to vnite and annexe the same to the prouince and arche bishoprycke of yorke, as a diocesse membre & bishoprycke of the same. Be it therfore ordeined enacted and established by the kynges highnes, and by the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the saide hole and entier diocesse or bishoprycke of Chester, and euery parcell and membre therof, be from henceforth vnited and annexed to the prouinte and archebishoprycke of yorke, as a diocesse and bysshoprycke of the same. And that from henceforth the saide diocesse of Chester, and euery parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken named and reputed to be of the prouince and archebishoprycke of yorke, & of the metropoliticall iurisdiction of the same, to euery effecte and purpose, according to the ecclesiastical lawes in this realme and that the bishop of the same, that now is, and all other his successours, shalbe suffraganes to the archebyshop of yorke that nowe is, and his successours, and to the same shall owe their obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitical of the same as well they as the deane and chapiter of Chester, and all the archdeacones and the hole clergye, and all other the kynges subiectes, beynge wythin the limyttes and boundes, of the saide diocese, any thyng comprised in the said letters

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patentes of the erection of the saide dioceſſe and biſhoprike of Cheſter, not withſtanding. And from hens forwarde nother the ſaid byſhop of Cheſter, nother the clergie, nor anye other the kynges ſubiectes, beynge of the ſayde dioceſe of Cheſter, ſhall recognife the archebiſhop of Canturbury as theyr Metropolitane, but onely the archebyſhoppe of Yorke, and his ſucceſſours and to the ſame ſhall obeye in all thynges accordinge to the lawes, as well temporall as eccleſiaſticall in thys realme.

¶ Be it alſo further enacted and eſtabliſhed by the kynges highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, and the commons in thys preſent parliamēt aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the byſhoprike and dioceſſe of Manne, in the Ile of Manne, be alſo annered, adioyned, and vnited to the ſaid prouince and Metropoliticall iuriſdiction of yorke, in all pointes and to all purpoſes and effectes, as the ſaid biſhoprike of Cheſter is annered adioyned and vnited to the ſame.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by our ſouerayne lorde the kynge with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, & by auctoritie of the ſame, that thys acte be not preiudiciall to the archebyſhop of canturbury nowe beynge, nor to his ſucceſſours, nor to the deane and chapiter of the ſame, ne to anye other biſhop or chapiter of this realme, but that all places, landes, promocions, poſſeſſions, as well ſpirituall as temporall, beyng and lieng without the boundes and limittes of the archedeaconries of Richemount and Cheſter, and without the boundes and limittes of the citie of Cheſter, and the countye of the ſame, and the countyes of Lancaſter and Cheſter, or anye of them, ſhall be ſtill of the prouince of Canturbury, and of ſuche dioceſſe and dioceſſes as thei were of afore the erection of the ſaid biſhoprike of Cheſter and of the iuriſdiction of the ſame, and not of the prouince of yorke, ne ſhall be accompted to be any parcell of the ſaide dioceſſe of Cheſter, any thing in this preſent acte, or in the boke of erection of the ſayd biſhoprike of Cheſter not withſtanding. Prouyded alſo, that the biſhop of Cheſter, and hys ſucceſſours, that hys houſe at Weſton, beynge wythin the dyoceſſe of Couentre and Lichefielde, ſhall be accompted and taken to be of his dioceſſe, and that he beynge reſidente in the ſame, ſhall be taken and accompted as reſydente in his owne dyoceſſe, and for the tyme of hys abode there, ſhall haue iuriſdiction in the ſame, likewyſe as all other byſhoppes haue in the houſes belongynge to theyr ſees, where ſoeuer they lye, in anye other byſhoprike within thys realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the ſame, anye thing in this preſent acte and prouiſion to the contrary therof in any wiſe not withſtandinge.

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An act for the parishe church of Whitegate to be made a parishe church of it selfe, & no part of the parish of Duer. Cap. xxvii.

WHere as by the dissolucion of the late monastery Vale royall, within the countie of Chester, a certain churche, standing at the abbey gate of the said late monastery, among other the possessions, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes of the saide late monasterie, is commen vnto the handes and possessions of the kinges highnes, by reason that the saide church was belonging to the sayde late monastery, whiche churche before the time of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and authoritie of the bishoppe of Rome, was made and ordeined to be a parish church, as well for all and every the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwelling of, in, and vppon the demeanes of the sayde late monastery, and of, in, and vpon al other the inclosed ground within the liberties of the saide late monastery, and the granges of the same, as for diuers other the tenauntes of the sayde late monasterie, dwellynge in Forwich, Gauil, Walterswal, Duer, Merton, the Blakehouses, & all other houses and graunges, woodes, waters, pastures, and medowes within the precinct of the parishe of Duer, whereof the saide late abbot was persone in the said countie of Chester, by reason whereof the said tenauntes and inhabitauntes haue continually come out of minde, come and resorted vnto the sayde parishe churche of Whitegate, within which time they haue continually receiued sacramentes and sacramentals as and in the saide parishe churche of Whitegate, and haue continually bied to marry, bury, & christen within the same: And nowe of late at the dissolution of the said late monastery, the saide bulles and other writinges, concerning the sayde vsurped authoritie, were by the kinges commaundement burned and destroied, by occasion whereof the inhabitauntes of the parishe of Duer, within the said countie, would now disturbe the sayd tenauntes and inhabitauntes of their sayde parishe church, and would debarre them from their said most accustomable parishe church of Whitegate, vnto his said churche of Duer, being foure or fiue miles distant from their sayd houses & tenementes, which not onely should be to the great payne, trauaile and discommoditie of the said tenauntes and inhabitauntes, but also thereby might growe, that suche lawfull mariages should be adnulled as haue heretofore ben solemnized in the face of the said church of Whitegate, being as hee affirmed, no parishe churche, women might also lose their dowers, with manifold other losses greuances and inconuenience, that were likely to ensue vpon the same. In auoyding whereof be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that the said church of Whitegate shall be the parishe churche for all and singuler the tenantes and inhabitauntes aforesaid: and that the saide churche shall be named and called from henceforth, the pa-

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riſhe churche of our bleſſed Ladie the virgin of Whytegate, and the aforeſayd tenauntes and inhabitauntes, ſhalbe diſcharged of any further reſorte or repaire to the ſaid church of Quer, and that the perſon vicar and curate, of the ſayd paryſh church of Quer, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſours of them and euery of them, ſhalbe diſcharged of the cure of the ſaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that one Rycharde Beuton clerke, now incumbent of the ſame church of Whitegate, and after him ſome other ſufficient and lawfull perſone to be named and appointed by the kinges highnes, ſhalbe vicar perpetuall in the ſaide pariſhe churche of Whitegate, and haue perpetuall ſucceſſion in the ſame, and that he & his ſucceſſours ſhalbe called vicars of the pariſhe churche of our bleſſed Ladye the virgin of Whitegate, and ſhalbe inhabled by authoritie of this acte, to ſue and be ſued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: and that the aduouſon donacion and preſentation of the ſaid vicarage, ſhal appertaine and belong to the kinges highnes his heires and ſucceſſours: and that as well the ſayd new firſt vicar named as aforeſayde, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the ſayde church of Whitegate, ſhalbe preſented inſtituted and inducted to and by the ordinary & ordinaries of the ſame place, where the ſayd churche is ſituate, as other perſons and vicars of this realme bene accuſtomed: And ſhall paye the firſt fruites and tenthes of the ſaide vicarages vnto the kings highnes his heyres and ſucceſſours, according to the rate and value thereof. And that alſo the ſame vicar and his ſucceſſours ſhal haue and perceiue all the tithes, offrynges, oblacions, obuencions and other eccleſiaſticall duties and rightes, that ſhall yearely growe and be due by the cuſtomes of the realme & eccleſiaſtical lawes of the ſame to be paied had or made by the aforeſaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes, excepte onely the tithe of corne, whiche ſhalbe payde and ſatiſfied from henceforth by authoritie of this acte, to the kinges highnes his heires ſucceſſours and patrones of the ſame.

¶ An acte concerning the priuilege of Kingſtowne vpon Hull. Cap. xxxiii.

FOr as much as the kinges towne vpon Hul is ſituate and builded in length vpō the hauen of the ſaid towne of ẏ part of the eaſt, and vpō the water of Humber of the parte of the South, and for the ſauegarde tuicion & defence of the ſame the ſayd towne is compaſſed & encloſed with great walles diches and bankes from the ſoutheaſt ende of the ſaide hauen, as wel towardes Humber as of the weſt & of the north vnto the north ende of the ſaid hauen. And towardes the maintenaunce ſupportacion and vpholding as well of the ſaide walles, diches, and bankes, as of other clowes, ſloweſes, getties, gutters, gootes & other fortreſſes ther made for the

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defence of the saide towne and of the saide hauen, the mayre burgeses and comminaltie of the said towne of Hul, haue vsed time out of minde by their officers or ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of all inhabitauntes of euery such townes in the counties of Suffolke and Norfolk, as pretende to be priuileged in the sayd kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last of hearinges brought thither by shippe to bee solde .xx. d. and for euery hundred saltfishe .iiii. d. and for euery last of sprattes .viii. d. And also of al inhabitauntes of all other townes in the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff. and els where, of euery laste of hearinges brought to the kynges sayde towne of Hull by shippe to be solde .ii. s. iiii. d. and for euery hundred saltfishe .iiii. d. and for euery last of sprattes .viii. d. Vnto nowe of late in the .xxvii. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the king that now is, it was enacted by authoritie of parliamente, that the mayre of the saide towne of kynges towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other officers and ministers, of and within the saide towne, should from henceforth permitte & suffer all the inhabitauntes of the said cōtties of Suff. and Norf. & from any other place thither repayring with vitayles, at all tymes for euermore betweene the feastes of all saintes & the Annunciation of our Lady, liberally & freely without interruption or impediment to conduct and bring their hearings and other fishe to the said towne, and there to vtter and sell the same, as wel by water as by land, by retaile or ingrosse, to whom soeuer & whan, within the said tyme before expressed, they or any of them shall thinke moste expedient for their own profittes and commodities, without any maner of toll custome impositiō or other exactions or charge to be demaunded leuied or taken of the seller and vier of the same by the sayde mayre or any other officers or ministers of or within the sayde towne or porte of the same, for the said hearing or other fishe, or for the ships or other vessels wherin the same hearing or fishe should so be brought or conducted to the sayde towne: except onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saye, of euery ship thither repayring with hearings or other fishe, as is aforesayde, being of the burden of .xx. tunne or vnder, and not aboue .v. s. And of euery shippe thither repayring with hearinges or other fishe, being aboue the full burden of .xx. tunne. vi. s. iiii d. and not aboue, as by the sayd acte or statute made in the sayde .xxvii. yere moze plainly may appeare. Sithens which act of parliamente made, as is aforesayde, the sayde walles, dyches, bankes, and also ietties, clowes, floweses, goottes, gutters, and other fortresses about the sayde towne, as is aforesayde, haue muche fallen in ruine and decay, because the mayre burgeses & comminaltie of the said town, whiche haue moste parte of their liuinges by trade of marchandise beyonde the sea, bee not able ne of power to maynteyne the sayde walles, dytches, bankes ietties and other the premisses against the said water, and to suppoze and beare such other great yerely expenses costes and charges, as yearely chance within the sayde towne, except they might haue towards the same charges such summes of money as they before time haue ben accustomed to haue of

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the said fisherman, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesaide. And if the said walles diches and other the premisses should not be mainteined suppoꝛted and defended against the said water, it would be in cõclusion the destructiõ and desolation of the said towne of Kingstowne vpon Hull, which God defende. In consideration wherof be it enacted bee the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that the saide acte and statute made in the saide. xxbii. yeare, concerning exactions taken by the mayre and comminaltie of the towne of Hull, and euery thing therein conteined, may be from henceforth frustrate and voide: And that from henceforth it shall be lawfull to the mayre and burgeses of the kinges said towne vpon Hull, and their successours mayres and burgeses of the same, and all other officers and ministers there for the time being from time to time, at all times hereafter, to receiue haue & take of all and euery the inhabitauntes and fyshermen of the saide counties of Holl. and of Norf. and all other places to the said towne of Hull, for such hearinges, sprattes, saltefishe, and all other vitailes by theim or any of theim hereafter to be broughte to bee solde vnto the kinges saide towne of Hull, such summes of money as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, for euery laste of hearinges of euery persone priuileged. xx. d. for the laste: And for euery hundred saltfishe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of sprattes. viii. d. And of euery persone not priuileged for euery laste of hearinges. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euerye hundred saltfishe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of sprattes. viii. d. as afore the said act so made in the. xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord the king, the said mayre and burgeses haue vsed and accustomed to take, any thing expressed or conteyned in the sayde acte to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this acte or any thing therin conteined or expressed, shall not extende nor in any wyse be hurtful or preiudicial to charge or onerate any citie boroughe or towne within this realme, or thinhabitauntes of the same, or any of theim, for any more or other custome, impoſicion, or paiment, other wise than they or any of them of righte were charged or chargeable before the making of the said act and estatute, made in the said. xxbii. yere, any thing expressed or conteined in this present act to the contrary in any wise not withstãding.

An acte for the towne of Line touching the reuocation of twoo faires. Cap. xxxiii.

Where the kinges maiestie of his moste abundant goodnes hath by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande, bearing date the. bii. day of July, and in the. xxix. yeare of his moste gracious reigne, graunted to the mayre and burgeses of his boroughe of kinges Lyne, in his countie of Norfolke, that they and their successours shall haue and hold within

within the said borough two faires or martes euery yeare frō thencefoorth: that is to say, one faire the next day after the feast of the Assumptiō of our blessed lady the virgin, to be holden & to endure by .vi. daies next, & immediatly following the same daye: the other of the saide fayres or martes to be holden the next daye after the feaste of the Purification of our blessed lady the virgin, and to endure by .vi. dayes next immediatly following the same daye, as by the saide letters patentes amonges other thinges more plainely may appeare. For so much that as well the burgesses and inhabitantes of the said borough of kinges Line, as many and diuers other persons dwelling nighe the saide borough of kinges Line, haue sins the saide letters patentes made, regrated and gotten into their handes possession great number of saltfish, as Ling, Loob, Codde, salt Salmon, Stockfish & Hearing, to the great hinderance and losse of many of the kinges subiectes, that perely haue repayred and comen to Stirbrige faire, Elie faire, and other faires and markets in the countie of Cambridge and Huntington, and other shires, for the prouision of saltfishe and hearing for their housholdes, and for the prouision of diuers other shires within this realme of England, which regrating is contrary to a common wealth, and to diuers statutes in that case prouided, and contrarie to the good intent and meaning of the graunt of the sayd faires and martes, comprised or specified in the sayd letters patentes. It be therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the grant made by the saide letters pattentes of the sayd two fayres or martes, with all liberties onely concerning the same shalbe from henceforth frustrate voide and of none effecte: Sauing alwayes & reseruing to the mayre and burgeses of the boroughe of kinges Line, in the countie of Norfolke, and their successours, al other liberties fraunchises, commodities, profittes, and all other thinges what soeuer comprised or specified in any letters patentes made by the king our soueraigne Lorde, or by any of his noble progenitours, or by any other concerning the borough or towne of Line, by what name or names soeuer it is or hath ben called, or concerning the burgeses and inhabitantes of the said borough or towne of Line, or any of them, or the successours of anye of thē, by what name or names soeuer they be or haue ben incorporate named or called, so that this act or any thing therin conteined, shal not in any wise extend or be expounded to make frustrate voide, or to take away any thing cause or matter but onely the said two faires or martes, any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerning the condites of Glouceſter. Cap. xxxb.

Where before this time the towne of Glouceſter, nowe lately called the citie of Glocester, & the inhabitauntes & reſiantes within the same, haue bene reſonably furniſhed, comforted & refreſhed with good pure

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and cleane running water, yssuing out of the heades of freshe springes, sytuate and beinge wythin one myle and halfe distante from the sayde cytie, in one hyll there called Matstones hill, otherwyse called Robyn hoodes hyll: And for the preseruacion and continuance of the said heades and springes, there is and long time heretofore hath ben erected and builded by the inhabytauntes of the same newe cytie, sundry condite houses of lyme and stone and from thense the sayd water hath bene conueied vnder erth in pypes of leade, into diuers places of the sayde cytie, and also to the cloister and houses of the late dissolued monastery of sainct Peter in the same cytie, now late ly translated & established by the kinges maiestie into a cathedrall church of a bysshop deane and chappter, whych sayde freshe runnyng water is & hath ben not onely a greate refreshing comforte and cõmoditie to al the kynges subiectes, inhabitinge within the sayde cytie, but also a singular pleasure to all estraungers repayring to the same: Tyll nowe of late the sayd springes haue ben and yet be much dryed wasted and consumed, so that through the debylitie and scarcytie of water in the sayde springes, lytell or no water at this daye commeth or renneth from these to the condites & vsuall places in the sayd citie or minster, by reason wherof if some spedy remedy be not foreseene and prouided for the conueyance bringynge and leadinge of other water springes nowe also beyng in the sayd hill, not far distant from the sayde olde heades, to the pypes gutters & trenches of the same olde heades, nowe leading and conueyinge the water to the sayde citie and mynster, the kynges subiectes inhabityng within the same citie, for lacke of the sayde water shall be muche greeued annoyed and molested, for as muche as freshe and pure runnynge water is and hath ben noted to be one of the moste necessaries comforte and refreshing to all cities and townes wythin this realme. In consideracion wherof be it enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte commyng it shall be lawfull to the mayre of the saide citie of Gloucester for the time beynge, and also to the deane of the sayde minster or cathedrall churche and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, at all times after the sayde feast of Easter, as nede shall require to dygge and breake grounde for the conueyaunce of the saide water in all places, in or vpon the saide hill, so that the place or places so broken dygged or trenched, be not aboue halfe a mile distaunt from the places where the saide olde conduites heades be nowe already builded and erected, & in such places where it shall be thought most apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the saide mayre or deane for the time beinge, to serche or synde any newe springe heades in any place within the sayd precinct afore mentioned. And vpon the same newe springes so founde lawfully to erecte & edify newe conduit houses, and there to dygge and make dikes vaultes and trenches and other conuenient and necessary thinges for the continuance therof at all times hereafter, at the libertie and pleasure of the sayd mayre and deane and

their ſucceſſours for euermore. And alſo from the ſaid newe ſprynges to cō-
uey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches vnto the other pypes of
leade apperteinyng to the ſayde olde conduites heades, and by ſuche or like
polycy and meanes to bringe and conuey the hole water from all the ſayde
heades and ſprynges, vnto the ſaide citie and minſter, for the common welth
vtilite and reliefe of the ſame cytye and mynſter, and the inhabitauntes of
the ſame. And thus to be done and executed with the yerely maintenance &
reparacions of the ſame, as nede ſhal require frō time to time alwaies here-
after. And further that the ſaid mayre and deane and their ſucceſſours, and
euery of them, for the dyggynge and breakinge of any ſuche ground or ſoyle
in anye the places aforeſaide, and for the purpoſes aforeſayde ſhall wythin
xl. dayes nexte after any ſuche grounde broken by the labourers or worke-
men of the ſayd maire or deane, for the ententes and purpoſes aforeſaid, ſa-
tiſfie contente and paie vnto the owners or poſſeſſours of the ſayd ſoyle or
grounde ſo broken or digged, as muche money for the ſame dyggynge and
breakinge, as ſhall be adiudged and tared by the determinacion and iudge-
ment of iii. or iiii. indifferent men, inhabitinge wythin the paryſhe, where
the place ſo broken buylded or trenched is or ſhall be, and that to be vſed for
euermore hereafter. And the ſame iii. or iiii. men alwayes hereafter ſhall be
choſen and named, as well by the owner or poſſeſſour of the ground ſo bro-
ken for the time beinge, as alſo by the ſayde mayre or deane for the tyme be-
inge, by whoſe commaundement any ſuche grounde or ſoile ſhall be at any
time hereafter ſo dygged or broken: And all ſuch ſummes as after the ſayde
feaſt of Ester ſhall be tared by the ſayd .iii. or .iiii. men for the time beynge
ſo named and choſen, for ſatiſfaction of any ſuche treſpaſſe or treſpaſſes ſhal
be payde and ſatiſfied by the ſayd mayre or deane for the time beinge, with-
in .iiii. dayes nexte after the ſaide taracion or iudgement ſo made and yel-
ded, vpon peine of the ſayd mayre or deane ſo offendinge denyenge or refu-
ſynge the payment therof for euery ſuche offence to forfaite .xiii.s.iiii.d. the
one halfe of whiche ſayde forfaiture ſhall be to the kinge our ſoueraygne
lorde, his heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges
ſubiectes that will ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recorde,
by action of dette byll plaint informacion or otherwiſe, in which action byll
or playnte no wager of lawe protection nor eſſoin ſhall lye. And neuerthe-
leſſe the parte, whoſe grounde hereafter ſhall be broken for none payement
of all ſuche ſummes of money, as by the ſaide .iii. or .iiii. men for the time be-
inge, ſhall be tared and adiudged for the doinge of any ſuche treſpas at any
time or times ſhall haue an action of det againſte the ſaide maire or deane,
by whoſe commaundement any ſuche ground ſhalbe ſo broken, in any of the
kinges courtes of recorde for the recouerie of the ſame det ſo tared, in whyc-
che action no wager of lawe protection or eſſoine ſhall lye. And if it ſhall
happen that the ſaid three or foure men hereafter ſo to be choſen as is afore-
ſayde, do not or ſhall not agre in makinge any ſuche taracion for any ſuche
offence or offences to be done wythin the ſayd tyme of foure daies to them

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afore limitted, nor that the said mayre or deane for the time beynge, do not offer or tender to the partie so greeued, reasonable amendes & satisfactyon for the breaking digging or trenching his or theyr sayde ground, that than the partie or parties so greeued, & whose landes or soyle shall be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shal haue his lawfull remedie against the sayd mayre or deane for the time beinge, by whose commaundement any suche soyle or grounde, shall be for the purpose aforesayde dygged or broken, by actyon of trespas, and to recouer damages for the same, any thing in this present act mencioned to the contrary thereof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if the said mayre or deane, their successours workemen or seruauntes, or any of them, at anye time or times after the sayde feaste of Easter, be or shall be disturbed letted or withstanded, to digge buylde heades of cõdites dyches or trenches in any place or places, in or vpon the sayde hyll, wythin the precincte to them afore limitted, or in any other place or places from the hyll vnto the saide citie, for the necessarye reparation and amendement of any the pypes of leade hereafter to be erased or broken, which doth conney the said water to the same citie or minster, by any owner owners or possessours of the same grounde, or by any other person or persons at any time or times hereafter: that then euery such person owner possessour or personnes so disturbinge, wilfully lettinge or molestinge any the workemen of the saide mayre or deane, shall forfaite and lose for euery such disturbaunce and denier .xx.s. The one halfe of which saide forfaiture shal be vnto the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same in anye the kynges courtes of record, at any time hereafter by action of det bylle plaint informacion or otherwise, in whiche no wager of law protection nor essoin shall ly or be allowed.

¶ An acte for repayring of Canturbury, Rochester, Stampforde and diuers other townes. Cap. xxxvi.

FOr as muche as in times paste diuers and many beautifull houses of habitacion haue bene wythin the walles and lybertyes of the cytye of Canturbury, the citie of Rochester, the boroughes and townes of Stampforde, and great Grimesby in the countye of Lincolne, the towne of Cambridge in the countie of Cambridge, the borough or towne of Derbye, in the countye of Derby, the borough or towne of Gilforde in the countye of Surrey, the towne of Dunwyche in the countye of Suffolke the boroughes or townes of the fiue portes with theyr membres, the towne of Lewes in the countie of Susser, & the town of Buckingham in the countye of Buckingham, which now are fallen downe decaied & at this tyme remain vnrecedified, lying as dissolate and boyd grounides, & many of them adioyning nigh vnto the high streetes replenished with much order filth & vnclean-

vnclennes, with pittes sellers and vaultes lieng open and vncouered, to the great perill and danger of all the inhabitantes & other the kinges subiectes passinge by the same, and some houses be very weake and feble redy to fall downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the great decaye and hinderaunce of the saide cities boroughes townes and sinke portes. It may therfore be enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by ꝑ auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons or bodies politike, beyng owners & possessioners of any such desolate or void groundes, that at any time within fiue & fortie yeres next before the making of this act, haue ben builded for houses of habitacõ, or for any house or houses of habitacõ nowe or hereafter being in decay and not fully fallen downe, within the libertes and precintes of any of the said boroughes townes and places, doe not sufficiently reedefie builde and repaire, or cause to be reedified builded and repayred the said desolate void groundes and decaied houses conuenient for habytacion and dwelling, within two yeres next after proclamacion to be made in and vpon the same void ground or groundes, decaid house or houses, by the maires aldermen and burgesses, or other hed officers wythin the precincte of their owne auctorities, that than it shall be laufull for the chiefe lorde or lordes immediate, of whom such desolate and voide groundes, decaied, and ruinous houses be holden after the saide two yeres be expired, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the curtilage backeside and gardeine adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the saide decaied house or grounde, & excede not one acre of grounde, to them and to their heyres or successours, or to theyr owne proper vse for euer, so that the said lorde or lordes immediate entring by the auctho̅rite of this acte, doo sufficiently reedifie builde or repaire the same voyde grounde or decaide houses, wythin two yeres and an halfe, next and immedyately folowing the determinacõ of the foresaid first two yeres. And in case such lorde or lordes, as may enter by this act, do not enter and well & sufficiently reedifie builde or repayre the same voyd groundes or decaied houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them lymited by this acte: or if suche lorde or lordes immediate, as maye enter by thys act, do sufficently reedifie builde and repayre the same void groundes or decaied houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them limitted, and after thei their heires or successours suffer the same houses or voyde groundes to fall in ruine and decay, and do not build or reedifie the same sufficiētly within two yeres and an halfe of suche ruine or decay: that than it shalbe lefull to all person or persons or bodies politike, as shall than haue any rent charge ioyntly or seuerall goinge out of the saide voyde grounde or groundes, or decaied house or houses, in any of the said cities boroughes, townes or places immediatly after the said two yeres and an halfe expired, to enter into the same, and to haue to such of them theyr heyres and successours, to theyr owne proper vse, as shall so builde the said voide groundes or decaied

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houses, by auctoritie of this acte, the same voyd groundes or houses, with the curtilage backeside & gardeins adioyninge to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the said decaied houle or ground, & extede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goynge out of the saime groundes or houles, as well against the saide lorde & lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, haynge any rent or rents charges or rent secke out of the same, other then the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodies politike, haunge the saide rent charge, entrynge by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedify builde & repaire the same desolate and voide grounde or groundes, or decaied houle or houses, within one yere and .iii. quarters next & immediately folowing the determinacion of the said two yeres and an halfe, to the saide lorde or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person or persons or bodies politike, hauing any of the said rentes charges, as may enter by this acte, do not enter and well and sufficiently reedifie builde or repayre the same void groundes or decayde houles, within one yere & three quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte: or if they or any of them haunge suche rente charge, and that may enter by this acte, do sufficiently builde and repayre the same voide ground or groundes, or decaied houle or houles, within the saide one yere and three quarters to them limitted, and after they their heyres or successours, suffer the same void ground or groundes, houle or houles to fall in ruine and decaie, and do not builde or reedifie the same sufficiently wythin one yere & three quarters after such ruine or decaie: that then it shalbe leful to the mayres aldermen and burgesles, & other the head officers of the saide cities boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated and their successours, and euery of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediately after the saide yere and .iii. quarters expyred, into euery such desolate and voide groundes decaied or ruinous houles, to enter, & to haue hold & enioy to them and their successours for euer, to theyr owne vses, the same groundes or houses and euery of thē with the curtelages, gardens, & backside to the same, if thei be of thenheritāce of the owner or owners of the said decaied houle or grounde, and extede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houles, as well against the saide lorde or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, haynge suche rente charge or rent secke as before is said, other then the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place or parcell therof. So that the same maires aldermen & burgesles or other head officer as is aforesaid, or theyr successours for the tyme being, do reedifie builde or repayre, or cause to be reedified builded or repayred, the same grounde or groundes houle or houles within .iii. yeres next, & immediately folowing the determinacion of the said yere and .iii. quarters, limitted or appointed to suche ꝑson or persons or bodies politike, that haue or shall haue any rente as is aforesaid: And in case the sayd mayres aldermē

and burgesses, or other head officers as is afore said, or their successours, do not enter and reedifie builde and repayre the same void ground or grounds decaid house or houses in forme afore said, within the sayd term of iii. yeres after their saide entree, or if they sufficiently reedifie buylde and repayre the same voyd ground or grounds or decayed house or houses within the sayde thre yeres to them limitted by this acte, and after they or their successours, suffre the same house or houses, voyde grounde or grounds, to fall in ruine and decay, and do not builde and reedifie the same sufficiently wythin thre yeres after suche ruine or decay, that then it shalbe leful to the firste owner or owners, possessour or possessours of such voyd grounde or grounds, decaied house or houses, their heyres or successours, immediately after the said thre yeres, to the sayde mayres aldermen & burgeses, & other head officers as is afore, limitted, erpyred into the same houses ground or grounds, curtilages, gardeins, and backesides to entre, and the same to retaine to them, theyr heyres and successours, as in their fyrst estate, any thyng conteined in this present acte to the contrary not wythstandynge.

☞ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, beyng at the time of the sayde proclamacion made vnder the age of xxi yeres, or beynge feme couert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other lefull affayres, or to any person or persons, not beynge than of hole and perfect memory, durynge the time that suche person or persones shalbe wythin age maried, in prysonne, or of no perfect memory, or beyonde the sea, so that the same person or persons, theyr heyres or successours, after that he or they come to theyr full age of xxi yeres or be vnmaried, out of prison, or come agayne within this realme, or be of hole & perfect memory, within iii. yeres than nert ensuinge, doe reedifie the same desolate or voyde grounds, or repayre the saide decayed houses.

☞ An acte touchinge the honour of Ampthyll. Cap. xxxbii.

COnsiderynge that the kynges most excellent maiestie myndeth and intendeth by the grace of god to erecte builde and edifie vpon his graces manour of Ampthyll in the countye of Bedf. sumptuous stately beautyfull and princely buyldynges structures and edifyces, & the same as his highnes hath alredy with goodly & parkely parkes, so hereafter w diuers and sundry other like thinges of pleasure delite and commodytye, to beautifie adorne, and decorate, mete apte and conuenient for the long conseruacion of the kinges most royall person at such time and times as hys maiestie shall haue accesse to the same: It semeth therfore very behoueful expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace royal, manours possessions and other hereditamentes should be knyte vnyted & annexed, correspondent and agreable to the worthines and dignitie therof, but also ought

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of all conueniency in reason to be ornated and set forth with the name and title of an honour, therby insinuating and declaring, that the thinge shall be no lesse honourable and princely in riche and fayre possessions, than stately & commodious, as well in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely buildynges. Wherefore be it enacted ordeined and establisshed by the kyng our souerayngne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all and singuler manours, parkes, messuages, sites of monasteries, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices & all other hereditamentes, liberties & commodites, lienge or beinge in the hamlets, townes, and parishes of Ampthyll, Wilbroke, Fletewike, Walden, Stepingley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wilhamstede, Littelington Hulbondcrauley, Rigemond cum Sageno, Aspeley, Geys, Cliphill, Caynoo, Shelforde, Cranesfielde, Pollorthyll, Harlyngton, Todington, Batton, Shitlington, Chalgraue, Mariston, Wooburne, Euershall, Milton, Brian, Warden, Elstowe, Caudewell, Donistable, Salforde, Holcoote, Bedforde, Wotton, Kemston, and the manour of Colmeworthe in the said countie of Bedforde or in any of them, or els in the hamlettes, townes or parysshes of Newportpanel, Tikforth, Wolso, greate Lidforth, litel Lidforth, Stewkley littel Brickhill, Woobrickhill, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Swanborne, or in any of them in the countie of Buckingham, or els where within the realme of England, belonging or appertayninge to any manour lyenge or beyng in any of the townes or parishes aboue mentioned, wherof and of the which our saide souerayngne lorde the king is at this present seased of an estate of inheritance, shall from henceforth be perpetually knit annered and vnited to the said manour of Ampthyll, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell & member of the same manour: and that the same manour of Ampthyl, together with al maner landes, tenementes and other the premisses aboue recited, so vnited & annered to the same manour, according as is aboue expressed, shall from henceforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyl. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Ampthyl, shal frõ henceforth be taken and adiudgede the chief principall and capitall parte and place of the hole honour of Ampthyll, and also that all and singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenemẽtes, rẽtes, reuercions, seruices and other hereditamentes, lieng or beinge in any of the hamlettes, townes, or parishes aforesaide, wyth theyr rightes members and appurtenances, wherof, & of the which the king our sayde souerayngne lorde, his heires or successours, shall be at any time hereafter seased of estate of inheritance by purchase, eschete forfaiture or otherwise, shall immediately after such purchase forfeiture eschete or otherwise cumming to the handes of his hyghnes, his heires or successours, be from time to time vnyted annered demed and adiudged to all ententes and purposes, as parte parcell and member of the said honour of Ampthyll.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that all and sin-

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guler the tenauntes, as wel freeholders and copiholders, as other, and all and singuler persõs, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, & the heires successours and assignes of euery of the saide tenauntes shal do their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rentes to the said sundry manours, & in such time as they did and ought to do before the making of this present act. And that the said tenantes and suiters and euery of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or euery of them, at any time, hereafter shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices, suites, customes rẽtes or other charges, nor be cõpelled to doe or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor anye of the seueral tenures chaũged altered or charged otherwise than they were or ought to doe & before the makinge of this acte any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

Prouided alwaies, that this act or any thinge therin conteined shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, theyr heyres executours successours or assignes, for any leases, demises, graũtes or couenaũtes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof, or of any leases graũtes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, wherof the kinges hyghnes his heyres or successours shal hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfaiture eschete or otherwise, as is aforesayd lying or beynge in any of the saide hamlets, townes or parishes, by the owners of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses or any parte or parcell therof, or by anye of their auncestours or predecessours, or by anye person or persons lawfully auctorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Sauing alway to euerye person and pesons bodies politike and corporate, their heires, executours, successours, and assignes and euery of them, other than such bodies politike and corporate, and other persons as were or hereafter shalbe partes and priuy to the bargaines, sales giftes or grauntes of the saide manours and other the premisses or any parte therof, and theyr wyues being examined accordynge to the lawe of this realme, theyr heyres and successours, and the wiues so examined and theyr heyres, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest, possession, lease, leases, ferme, fermes, for terme of life liues yeres, or otherwise, and al grauntes liberties, priuileges iurisdictions auctorities, fraunncheles, rentes charges profittes couenauntes & al other commoditie or commodities, which they or any of them, haue mighte or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or should haue, in of or to the premisses or any parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present act to ỹ contrary therof not withstanding.

Be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde honour of Ampthyll, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes

mentes and other the premisses aboue reherſed, ſhall from henceforthe be in the order ſuruey rule and gouernaunce of the courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our ſouereigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be granted let and ſette to ferme by the officers & miniſters of the ſame courte, in ſuche maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenemētes appointed to the ſame court ben and ought to be letten or graūted. And that al ỹ fermes iſſues, reuenues and profittes comming and growing of the premiſſes and of euerye parte thereof, ſhall be taken and receiued to the kinges vſe by the miniſters and officers of the ſame court, in ſuche manour & forme as is vſed and had of other manours landes, tenementes, cōmitted to the order ſuruey and gouernance of the ſaid court of augmentacion, anye act ſtatute ordinance cuſtome or vſe heretofore had made or vſed to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ An acte concernyng the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.

FOr diuers ſundry vrgent and neceſſarie cauſes and conſideracions the kinges maieſtie ſpecially mouing: be it enacted ordeined and eſtabliſhed by the kinge our ſoueraygne lorde, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall and the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that all thoſe hys maieſties hundreds of Wimberſley and Alforde how, and all thoſe his graces forreſtes whittilwood & Hawley, and all that his chace of yardſley in the countye of Northampton with al and ſingular theyr members rightes and appurtenaunces: and all that hys highneſſe chaſe of Waddon in the countye of Buckingham, wythe all and ſynguler his rightes, members, and appurtenances, and all and ſinguler manours, parkes, meſſuages, ſcites of monaſteryes and prioryes, graunges, landes, tenemētes, rentes, reuercions ſeruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodyties, lyenge or being in the hamlets, townes and pariſhes of Grafton, Yertwel, Alheton, Roode, Cortuall, Alderton, Stoke bꝛewern, Shittill anger, Shorefley, Bliſworth, Hilton, Hallelworth, Tikilde, Pallifery, Tolletour, Eiſton Hulcote, Abthorp, Foſcot, Greinſmorton Blakeſley, Woodend, Colehighā, Grimſcot, Gaiton, Patſel, Eſcot, Aſcot, Daleſcot, Bugbroke, Ruddiſthrup Collingthrigh, Hardyngſton, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denſager, Yardeley Potterſpery, Furthoo, Colgroue, Caſtel aſhby, Wyken and Delapre in the ſaid county of Northamton: and in the hamlettes townes & pariſhes of Lukilde. Hanſlappe, Caſtelthorp, Harſham, Sheneley, Lytlehorewood, Sneſloo, a littell Lidforth, in the ſaid county of Buckingham, and els where within the realme of England, belonginge or appertaynynge to any manours or hundred, lyeng or beinge in any of the townes or pariſhes aboue mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our ſaide ſouereigne lorde the king is at this preſent ſeaſed of an eſtate of inheritance, ſhal from hence-

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forth be perpetually knit, annered & vnited to the said manour of Grafton, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the premisses aboue recited, so vnited and annered to the same manour, according as is aboue expressed, shall from henseforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: & that the same which heretofore hath ben take for the manour of Grafton, shall from the first day of May next comming be taken and adiudged the chief principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, rētes reuercions, seruices, and other hereditamētes lienge & beynge in any of the hamlets, townes or parishes aforesaide, with all the rightes membres and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kinge our souerayne lorde his heyres or successours, shall be at anye time hereafter seased of estate of inheritaunce by purchase eschete forfaiture or otherwise, shall immediately after such purchase, forfaiture, or otherwise comming to the handes of hys highnes, his heyres or successours, be from time to time vnited, annered demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as parte parcell & membre of the sayd honour of Grafton.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorities aforesaid, that all and singular the tenantes, as well freholders & copiholders as other, and all and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the saide manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holde, within the precinct of any of them, & the successours and assignes of euery of the said tenantes, shal doe their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rētes to the said sundry manours, and in such time as they did & ought to do before the makinge of this present acte. And that the saide tenantes & suiters or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or anye of them, at anye time hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be cōpelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise thā they were or ought to do, or be before the making of this act, any thing ther in contcined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act or any thing therin conteined, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heyres executours successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell therof, or of auy leases grantes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, wherof the kinges highnes his heyres or successours shal herafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfaiture eschete or otherwise, as is aforesayde, lienge or beyng in any of the saide hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte or par-

parcell therof, or by any of their auncestours, or predecessours, or by any other person or persons lawfully auctorised by thē or any of thē, for any demise lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Sauing alwaies to euerye person and persones bodyes politike and corporate, their heires successours, executours, and assignes, other then such bodies politike and corporate, and suche other persons as were or hereafter shall be parties and pryuies to the bargaines sales, gyftes or grauntes of the sayde manours and other the premisses or any parte therof: & theyr wiues being examined of ỳ same according to the lawes of this realme, their heyres and successours, & the wiues so examined, and the heires and successours of euery of them all such right title vse interest possession, lease, leases ferme, fermes for terme of life, liues or yeres, or other wise: and all gralites, liberties, rentes charges profites, couenauntes and all and euery other commodite or commodities which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue of in or to the premisses or any parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this act, or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary therof had neuer bene had nor made, any thinge in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that the said honor of Grafton, and al the manours landes tenementes hereditamētes and other the premisses aboue rehersed, shal from henceforth be in the order survey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentation of our saide souerayne lorde the kinges crowne, and to be graunted, let and sette to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenemētes appointed to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted: And that al the fermes issues, reuenues, and profites comming and growing of the premisses & euery parte therof, shalbe taken and receiued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, committed to the order survey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte of Augmentation, anye act statute, ordenance custome or vse heretofore hadde made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforsayde, that this act ne any thinge therin conteined be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to the iustices, wardens, stewardes, leuetenantes and clarkes of the swanmotes of any forrestes, parkes, or chases, conteined in this acte, for or concerning any of theyr offices powers or auctorities, but onely for and cōcerning surueiyng of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of ỳ said parkes forrestes or chases, & the punishment of the offendours therin, and the naming ruling and ordering of the verderours therof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the minister of the woodes of the saide courte of Augmentacions, or other officers of the same courte, shall yerely pay or cause to be payde of such summes of money as

as shall yerely rise and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the sayde parkes forestes and chases aforesayd all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde time hath bene accustomed to be payde for the exercisynge of any office wythin the sayd parkes, forestes and chases, accordinge to a certifycate by writting therof to be made vnto the saide maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the forestes or any of them or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde maister of the woodes for the time beyng, shall make payment of all and al maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in and vpon anye pale, rayle and lodge, wythin anye of the sayde parkes, forestes and chases, and assigne tymber for the same vpon any request therof to be made in writinge, by and from the sayde Justices of forestes: And the sayde maister of the woodes shall allowe all maner of fewell and vyoule to be spent and occupyed wythin the sayd parkes, forestes and chases, as it hath bene of olde time there vsed and accustomed.

¶ And it is also prouided and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chases and forestes aforesaide or any of them, but by the assente of the iustyces of forestes for the time beyng, within whose auctoritie suche forestes chases and parkes bene, any thynge in this acte conteined to the contrarye not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that the fermers, rentes, suites, and seruices of suche and as many of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, mencioned in thys acte, belonging to the duchie of Lancaster, and countie Palantine of Lancaster or to either of them, shalbe answered and payde in the courte of the duchye chaumber at Westminster, or to the receivours general and other ministers of the same courte, in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed. And that al leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamētes belonging to the sayde duchie, shalbe made vnder the seale of the duchye of Lancaster in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed, this acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge

¶ In acte concerning the erection of the courte of Surueiours. Cap. xxxix.



Were in the parliamente holden at London, the .xb. daye of Apryll, in the .xiiii. yeare of the reygne of our moste dread soueraigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thence proroged to Westminster the laste daye of July, in the .xb. yere of the reygne of our saide soueraigne lorde, & there then holden, one acte or statute was made and ordeined by our said soueraigne lorde the kinge, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the commons in the saide parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as well in England & walles, as in Calys and the marches of the same, which in a cedule to the sayd acte annexed be expressed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey lettinge & lettyng of diuers persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whiche by the saide acte be named and called, the kinges generall Surueiours of all and singuler the premysses, before whom all receiuours bayliffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persons should be accomptable, of and for all and euerye the premisses, as by the saide act more plainely at large may appere. The saide acte to endure vntill the laste daye of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuynge, which sayd nexte parliament, begonne at London the thyrde daye of Nouembet. in the .xxi. yere of his graces most noble reigne, & from thense adiourned vnto Westm. and there also vpon diuers prorogations continued and holden the fourth day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his sayd reygne. It was then & there by auctoritie of the same parliament ordeined and established, that the sayd former acte shoulde from thenceforth continue for euer, as by the same acte amongest other thinges therin conteined, more plainly is shewed and may appere. And for as much as all and synguler the premisses be appertaining to the kinges moste royall maiestie, as in the right of his imperiall crowne of this realme, whiche crowne so beinge imperyall, it is very necessary & expedient, that all possessions landes tenemetes & other hereditamentes, beinge in any part parcell or membre therof, should be of suche nature qualitie & condition, as one hole and perfect body vndismembred: so that the officers therof appointed by the kinges highnes, should haue no necessitie, to haue ayd or assistence of the auctoritie and power of any other courte or iurisdyction, of or for the ordering surueying lettinge lettinge of any of the premysses, or for leuieng of all and singuler the fermes rentes yssues profyttes and commodities of the premisses, or for the determination and iudgment of any maner cause or causes that might happen to growe insurge or ryse in or or about the same or any part therof, wherin the kinges maiestie is partye. Therfore as well for the good ordering, and for more spedie and due administracion of Justice to be had of and concerning all and singular suche the

kinges honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, prests and summes of money comprised in a cedule signed or hereafter to be signed with the kinges signe manuell, withe the issues and profites of the same, to be truely answered to the kinges highnes hys heyres and successours. And to thentent the kinges saide excellente maiestie, hys heyres and successours may the more truely and spedely be answered cōtented and paid of the rentes issues fermes reuenues and profites, risynge comyng and growing, or which hereafter shall rise come or growe, of in and vppon all and singuler the honours castelles lordeshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, with other the premisses, whiche be comprised in the sayde cedule, signed with the kinges signe Manuell, or hereafter shalbe expressed in any other Cedule hereafter to be assygned, as is aforesaid, in such courte place maner fourme and condicion, as hereafter shall be declared ymitted and appointed. Be it enacted ordeyned and established, by thassent of the kinges saide maiestie, hys lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys hys present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, in maner and fourme, as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to saye.

¶ Fyrst the kinge our soueraigne lorde, by auctorite aforesaide, ordeyneth maketh establisheth & erecteth a certaine court, cōmonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, which courte, by auctorite aforesaide, continually shall be a courte of recorde, and shall haue one priue seale to be engrauen and made after such fourme facion & maner as shall be appointed by the kinges highnes, which said seale shall remayne and be in the order and kepinge of the same Surueyour, that shall be fyrste named in the kinges letters patentes, and in his absence to be lefte to the nexte officer to be named in the saide letters patentes, and in his absence to the thirde officer to be named in the said letters patentes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that there shalbe certaine persons to be named by the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, which shall be called the kinges generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, and they so named by the kinges highnes his heyres & successours, shall be one entier officer, and shall be the fyrst and principall officer of the sayde courte

¶ Also it is ordeined by auctorite aforesayd, that such persone as now is and hereafter shall be Treasourer of the kinges chaumber, shalbe alwaies Treasorer of the reuenues of the said court, and shall be officer of the same court nexte vnto the said Surueyours.

Also there shall be one other person learned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shall be called the kinges Attorney of the sayd court, and shalbe the thyrde officer in the said court.

Also there shalbe one person to be named by the kinges highnes and his heyres, whiche shalbe called the maister of the woodes comming growyng and beinge in and vpon the premisses or any part parcell or member therof, and shall be in the fourth officer of the same court.

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Also there shalbe as many auditours in the same court, as by the kynges highnes and his heyres shalbe appointed, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the saide courte.

And there shalbe likewise as many receyuours in the same courte, as by the kinges highnes and his heyres shall be named and appointed, whyche shall be called receiuours of such reuenues, as to them shall be appoynted by the kinges letters patentes.

Also there shalbe one person in the said court, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called clerke of the same court: And one other person which shalbe called vsher of the saune courte: And one other persone, which shall be called messanger of the same court, which clerke vsher and messanger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, and euery of them shall haue suche yerely fees rewardes and profites, for the exercising of the said seuerall offices, as the clerke vsher and messanger of the duchy chamber at westm. haue had and perceiued before this tyme.

Also the sayde surueyours, whiche shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, shal take a corporal othe before my lorde chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge after the tenour ensuinge: ye shall swere that ye well and truely shall serue the king in the saide office of the generall Surueyours of the reuenues of his courte, called the courte of generall Surueyours of hys graces landes, and shall minister equal iustice to ryche and poore, to the best of your cunninge wytte and power: And that ye shall diligently procure al thinges, whiche may honestly and iustely be to the kinges aduantage and profite, and to the augmentacion of the rightes and prerogatiues of hys crowne: and truely vse the kinges seale appointed to your office. And also endeuour your self to the vttermost of your power, to se the king truely answered of all suche rentes reuenues issues and profites, which shall or may ryse or growe in your office, and from time to time deliuer wyth spede such as shall haue to doe before you. And that ye shall not take or receiue of anye person, any gyfte or rewarde, in any cause or matter depending before you, or wherin the kinges highnes shall be partie, whereby anye prindice hynderance, losse, or dishersion shall growe or be to the kinge highnes, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that the sayd treasorer shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chancellour, accordinge to the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge our soueraygne lorde and his people, in the office of Treasourer of his highnes courte of generall surueyours, and ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and do right to all maner of people poore and riche in those thinges, whiche touche your office, and the kinges treasour ye shall truely kepe and dyspende, and true declaracion and accompte therof shal make from time to time without any concelement, to and before such person and persons as shall be named, and appoynted by the kinges highnesse, his heyres and successours for the same. and further shall do euery thing, that of ryght apperteineth to your office,

so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the said Attorney shall take a corporal othe before the said generall surueyours according to the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye wel and truely shall serue the kinge in all places, for or concerninge any matter or cause that shall concerne or touche the possessions and hereditamentes limitted to the suruey and gouernance of thys courte, and procure the kynges profite therof: And ye shall truely counsell the kinge and the Surueyours & Treasourer of this court in all thinges concerninge the same, to the beste of your conynge witte and power, and withe all spede and diligence from time to time, at the calling of the said surueyours and treasourer, you shal endeuour your selfe for the hearing and determinacion indifferently of suche matters and causes, as shall depende before the saide surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shall not take any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same court or els where, wherin the king shalbe partie, whereby the kinges maiestie shalbe hurted hindred or disenherited: and further do all and euery thynge, that shall appertaine vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that the maister of the sayde woodes shall take a corporall othe before the sayde generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuynge: ye shall sweare that ye well and truely shall serue the kynge our soueraigne lorde in the office of maister of the woodes in this court, and that ye shall make true sale and saleg of al woodes and vnderwoodes, belonging to your office, according to the auctoritie giuen vnto you by thys acte of generall Surueiours or any other act or actes to be made concerning the said general surueiours for the kinges most aduantage, and nothinge concele, but trewe accompte make of all summes of money, receiued for the same, and all other profites, wherwith ye shalbe laufully charged by reason of your saide office: ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowance, but suche as shalbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shall do all and euery thinge and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also that euery of the sayde auditours shall take a corporall othe before the saide generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing: ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office, and shall not take or receiue of poore or suche, any gyft or reward, in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same court, but such as shal be your ordinarye fees, and ye shall do all and euery other thinge, which shall apperteine vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also that euery of the saide receiuours, shall take a corporall othe before the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing. ye shall sweare, that ye truely shall serue the king in your office, & nothing cõcele, but true accõpt make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profyttes, wherwith ye shalbe laufully charged by reason of the saide office, you shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iust & true

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and reasonable, and ye shall do all and every thinge and thinges, whych ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so god you helpe and all sainctes.

¶ Also the said clerke of the court shall take a corporall othe before the saide generall surueyours after the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the said court, and truely do and execute all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the sayd generall surueiours frō time to time, as they shall require you, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that the sayde Messanger shall take a corporall othe before the sayde generall surueyours of the saide courte, after the tenour ensuinge. ye shall swere, that ye shall well & truely serue the king in your office of Messenger of this court, as well in spedie serupnge all and singuler processe to you to be deliuered without fraude couin guile or deceite, as also making true and spedie certificate to this court of the same, and that you well & truely doe & execute all and euery other thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your said office, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that as well all the said honours castels lordeships manours meses landes tenemētes rentes seruices tithes pensiōs portiōs aduoulons patronages forestes parkes chases wastens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, also all other thinges and thinges mencioned in the saide Cedule, sygned with the kinges sygne manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be comprysed in anye other cedule hereafter to be signed by the kinges maiestie, as is aforesaide, and deliuered to the saide generall surueiours, shall be onely in the order surueye rule and gouernaunce of the saide courte.

Also be it enacted by thauctorite aforesaide, that the said generall surueiours Treasourer attourney and maister of the woodes, or three of them, whereof the one of the sayde generall surueyours to be one, shall haue full power and auctorite from henceforthe, to call before them all and syngular tenauntes, bailiffes, and all other officers, and minysters, accomptable to the kinges highnesse, and euery of them, and all and euerye other persone and persones that nowe bee, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or aunswerable to the kinges highnesse, of or for any thinge or thinges comprysed or conteyned in the sayde cedule, or that hereafter shall bee comprysed in anye other Cedule, sygned with the kynges sygne Manuell, and deliuered to the same Surueyours, as is aforesayde, and shall haue full power and auctorite from henceforthe, to compelle the sayde accomptauntes, to accompte before them and also to examine, here, and determyne theyr accomptes, and all circumstances therof, and to doe, and execute all and euery thinge and thinges, in and vpon euerye of the sayde accomptes as well for the sure paiment and satisfaction of suche rentes, fermes, pfuies, profyties, reuenues, dettes, and duties, as bene or shall growe vnto the

kinges highenes by reason of the same, as in and for allowaunce and payemētes of fees wages dettes reparaciōs vacacions rentes resolute rewardes or other thinges what so euer by them thought requisite and conuenyente by theyr discrecions. And generally shal haue ful power and auctho-ritie, to leuy or cause to be leuied to the kinges vse by al waies and meanes by theyr discreacions, all and singuler the rentes fermes issues reuenues profittes arrerages dettes and duties, that shall growe and be due to the kinge, of in or by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, committed or to be committed by auctoritie of this acte, to the suruey rule order and gouernaunce of the saide courte of surueyours, and of the officers & ministers therof aforesaide. And that the saide generall Surueyours Treasourer Atturney and maister of the woodes, or three of them, as is aforesaide, from henseforthe, shall haue full power & auctoritie, to commit al and euery the said accomptantes, and other persōs, owynge any dettes or dutie to the kinges highnes, by reason of the premisses or any of them, to prison, as well if they be founde in arrerages vpon theyr accomptes, or if any of them do refuse to make theyr accomptes, as is aforesaid, or pay theyr sayd dettes, & to let them to bayle and mainprise or to any other suretie at all times as they by theyr discreasions shall thinke reasonable, as well for the sure payment therof, as also for the contentation and paymente of all suche arrerages forfaittes dettes and peines as of any the sayde accomptantes, or other shall be founde in: and all other thinges concerninge the premisses, and euery parte of them, as to them shall seme conuenyēt. And that the said generall surueyours treasourer attourney and maister of the woodes, or three of them, as is aboue sayde, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to acquite and discharge al & euery accomptant and accomptātes, that haue or shall finishe and determine his or their accompte or accomptes before them, and all and singuler other persons, that shall paye iustely and truely their dettes due vnto the kinge by reason of the premisses or any of them. And that all and singuler acquitaunces and Quietus est, sygned by the saide generall Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and mayster of the woodes, or three of them, as is aboue said, shall be enrolled in the recordes before them, and shall be a good sufficient aquitance and discharge to the partie or parties, to whom they shal be made, to and for al maner such accomptes dettes and other thinges, for or concerninge the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof.

Be it also enacted, by the said auctoritie, that the said general Surueyours, shall haue full power and auctoritie from henseforth, to couenant bymit let or set to ferme, for terme of xxi. yeres, or vnder, to any person or persons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamētes or other profites what so euer they be, conteined in the saide cedule, or which hereafter shall be compriſed in any other cedule, to be signed & deliuered as is aforesayde, or knowen reputed or taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes or hereditamētes conteined in the saide cedule, or in any other Cedule hereafter to be signed

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and deliuered as is aforesaide. And also all and euery the landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, which be or hereafter shalbe conceined and specyfied in anye chaumberlaines accompte, receiuours accompt, baillifes accompte, ministers accompte, or the accompt of any officer or officers, which may by force of this acte, or by auctorite of any Cedule, signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesaid, be viewed examined sene or controled by the said surueiours, by what so euer name or names the said landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and fourme folowing, that is to sai, that all and euery bill or billes of leases of anye of the premisses, for terme of .xxi. yeres or vnder, wherof the yerely ferme or rente reserued shall extende and amount to the yerely value of .vi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d. or aboue, that shall be hereafter signed with the handes of the said general Surueiours, shalbe a sufficiente & immediate warrant vnto the kinges principall secret offyce for the time being, to make or cause to be made in the kings name, letters of warrant sealed with the kinges signet, according to the tenour forme and effecte of the sayde bill or billes, to the lorde keper of the kynges priuie seale: and therupon the lorde priuye seale shal make or cause to be made other letters of like warrant, sealed with the priuie seale to the lorde Chauncellour of England, or lorde keper of the kinges great seale, chauncellour or chamberleines of any of his counties Palantines and principalitie of Wales: & that the same warrant vnder the priuie seale, shalbe a sufficiēt & immediate warrant to the chauncellour of Englād that now is, or that hereafter shal be, & to the chauncellour and chamberlaines, & other officers of the counties Palantines and principalitie of Wales that now be, & that hereafter shalbe, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges greate seale and other his graces seales, being in their custody, in due forme to be made according to the tenour effect purport and course of the sayde priuie seales, to them in that behalfe directed according to the acte therof made, in the xxvii. yere of the raigne of our said souereigne lorde the kynge, payenge and yeldyng suche fees for the same, as well to the signet and priuye seale, as in the kinges Chancerie, as hath ben vsed and accustomed: and also payinge such fees to the saide Chauncellour and Chamberlaines: and other officers of the said counties Palantines, Cheter, Walles and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben vsed for the same. And that all and euery bill and billes of leases of any the premisses, for terme of xxi. yeares, or vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserued shall be vnder the yerely value of .vi.li. xiii.s.iiii.d. and signed as is aforesaide, shall be a sufficiente and immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and to all other the kinges Chauncellours, chaumberlaines and other officers in the countie Palantine of Chester and Wales, and the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale and other seales, according to the tenour purporte effecte and course of the sayde bill vnto all and euery the aforesaide parties.

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Prouided alway that the said generall Surueyours for the time beinge shal not hereafter, by auctoritie of this acte, make any lease of the reuersion of any of the said landes tenementes, and other the premisses beynge then in lease, vnlesse they haue a bill or warrant therof signed by the hande of the kynges maiestie, hys heyres or successours. Also the sayde Clarke for the time beinge of the saide courte, shall enroll and regester in a great booke of parchment, all and every lease and leases, and all other wrytinges, whiche shalbe made and graunted as is abouesayde, of for or concerninge the premisses, or any parte or parcel therof: whiche regester of enrollementes shall remaine and be safely kept in the said courte, as a recorde to the kinges vse by the appointment of the said generall Surueiours. And that also the said clarke shall entre into a booke the appatances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the said court: and all actes decrees and orders that shall be made by the saide court, taking suche fees for the same, and for wryting & enrollyng of any leases, letters patentes, or other wrytinges as the clarke of the duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

Also the said generall Surueiours, Treasourer, attorney, and mayster of the woodes, or thre of them, as is abouesaid, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisances for all causes and matters nowe dependynge before the said generall Surueyours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of generall surueiours, of for or cõcerning the premisses, or any parcel therof: or of and for any dettes, to be due to the king, or for any apparaunce to be made in the saide court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all such recognisances by theyr discrecions. And also shal haue full power and auctoritie, to award vnder the pryuy seale appointed to the same court, in the kinges name such processe & preceptes, with reasonable paines to be therin limitted, as be nowe commonly vsed in the courte of the kinges duchy chamber of Lancaster, against euery person or persons what so euer they be, for or concerning any thing or thinges limitted or appointed to the order or suruey of the saide court, for any the causes or matters aforesayde, and vppon any contempte to punisshe the offendour by imprisonment, or otherwise by theyr discrecions.

Also it is ordeined by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayde officers appointed to the said courte, shall diligently from time to time attende vppon the sayd generall surueiours, in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the sayd surueiours, for the hering and ordering of matters and causes concerning the same.

And be it also enacted, that euery of the said receiuours generall & particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuye to the kinges vse all suche issues, fermes, dettes, and profittes as shall be limitted to hys or their charge, and distraine for the same, if nede so require: and that euery of the said receiuours and auditours generall and particuler, so ioyned together by the appointment of the said courte, or the most parte of them, shall well and truelye surueye all maner of reparations, nedefull to be don in or

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vpon any of the sayd manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, limitted and appointed by his or theyr charge: the sayd reparacion to be done to the kinges most profit and least charge.

And also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that all rentes, fermes fines, dettes & profittes of the said honours, castels, lordshyppes manours landes, tenementes, and of all other premisses, whiche be assigned to the vyder survey and gouernaunce of the saide courte, as they shal grow due & be payable, shall be payed and delyuered at suche tyme, as hereafter in thys acte shall be declared, to the handes of the sayde Treasourer, by euerye of the saide receyuours generall and particular, or by suche other as shall be inderred to the king, to be safely kept to the kinges vse, vpon peyne of forfayture of his or theyr offices and fees.

And also it is enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that the saide auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ride to the partie to him or them to be limited, betwene the feast of saincte Michaell the archaungell and the Natiuitie of our lorde, & take the accompte of all bailliffes, reues, fermours, tenauntes and occupiers of the manours, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, within the limittes of his or theyr assignement. And immediatly vpon euery suche accompte, so to be made and determined, or before the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde, the sayd accomptantes and euery of them, shall well and truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payed to the receiuour therunto deputed, or to be deputed, all suche dettes duties and arrerages, as they and euerye of them shalbe founde in, & charged with vpon euery such accompt, vpon peine of forfaiture of his or their offices and fees.

Also be it enacted by auctorytie aforesaide, that all receiuours and Chamberlaines nowe accomptantes, and all other receiuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter shalbe accomptantes, of or for any the premisses conteined in the sayd Cedule, vpon like paine as is aforesayd, shall yerely before the first day of Marche make and finisshe their accomptes, before the auditour or auditours, therunto to be assigned, of and for all thinges belonging to theyr offyces, for the hole yeare ended at the feaste of saincte Michaell tharthangell next preceding the sayde fyfth day of Marche: And immediatly vppon the same accompte so to be made finished and determined or before the .xx. day of Marche then next folowinge, shall contente and paye to the sayd Treasourer, all suche duties, dettes and arrerages, as they or anye of them shalbe charged with and founde in, vpon the determinacio of euery such accompte, vpon like payne, as is aforesaid.

Also it is enacted by auctorytie aforesaide, that the saide auditours Receiuours generall and particular, at all times vppon warnynge gyuen to them by the saide court, shall assemble together, as well for the ordering of the said honours castels, lordshyppes, manours, landes, tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same, from time to time, as ye cause shall require, as for the viewing and determinacio of the said accomptes

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¶ Also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that all the accomptes of euery yeare to be ended at the feast of sainct Michaell the archangel, of the sayde receiuers Chamberlaines, bayliffes, reues, fermours and occupiers of the said honours, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes aforesaid, shalbe wel and perfectly engrossed in parchement by the sayde auditours, and deliuered into the said courte, safely to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptist next ensuing the saide feast of sainct Michaell tharchangell, vpon peine to forfaite theyr office and fees.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Treasourer of the sayd courte shall yerely accompte before the sayd generall Surueiours attourney & maister of the woodes, or afore the moste parte of them, or afore suche person or persons, as the kinges highnes his heyres and successours, shall therunto name and appointe, as well of for and concerning all and euery, the receites, issues and profits of his office of Treasourership, of this courte, as of all and euerye the receites, issues, profits, dettes, and thinges concerninge his office of treasourership of the kinges Chaumber: and that they so hering the same accompte, shall haue full auctoritie and power, to alowe and disalowe vnto the said Treasourer all & euery thing or thinges to be alowed and disallowed vppon his accompte, as by theyr discretions shalbe thoughte mete and conuenient.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the clarkes of the peti bagge in the kinges Chaunceric, shall extracte and certifie into the sayd courte of generall Surueiours a true and iust transumpt of all offices and inquisicions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concerning any castels, honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes or other possessions, whiche at any time hereafter shall come and be in the kinges handes and possessiō by reason of any attaindour cōuiction or other forfaiture be it by wryt commission or otherwise retornable in the said Chauncery, in like maner & fourme as they haue bē accustomed to do in the kinges eschequer in such cases, and vpon like paines, and shall not from henceforth be cōpelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offices or inquisiciōs into the kynges Eschequer as they were accustomed, any law statute custome or other thing or thinges to the contrary therof had or made in any wise not withstanding. And that al inquisicions hereafter to be taken Virtute officii. for or concerninge the premisses or any of them, shall be immediately returned and certified into the said courte of Surueyours and not els where, vpon like paine as is limitted and hath ben vsed for none certificate of such offyces into the kinges eschequer, any lawe vse or custome to the contrary not withstanding.

And also be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that the saide mayster of the saide woodes for the time beinge, shall surueye or cause to be surueyed as wel al the woodes & vnderwoodes, which be or hereafter shalbe wyth

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in the order suruey and rule of the said court, as al and singuler the woodes and underwoodes in the kinges forestes, chases, parkes and landes, of his highnes olde enheritaunce of his crowne from time to time, as he shall thinke conuenient by his discreeion, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by the assent of the saide court, without warrant of the kinges highnes, to make sale and sales of all and singuler the said woodes and underwoodes, vpon open proclamacions therof to be made in the churche market or other place nerte adioyninge to the same woodes so to be solde, forseynge alwaies that the said woodes be fensed from tyme to time, as nede shal require, for the increase therof.

Prouided alwaies that the said sales of woodes do not extende to great timber, without the kinges warrant for the same.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler such summes of money as shall be receiued for the sale of the saide woodes, and underwoodes or any parte of the same, shalbe deliuered yerely before the feast of all sainctes by the saide maister of the woodes, to the Treasourer of the said court for the time beyng to the kinges vse.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no tymber or wood requisite and necessary for ỹ reparacions of any the castels, manours, places, messuages, tenementes, pales, and rales of parkes, alwell such as be in the occupacion, tenure and holdinge of any the kinges fermours and tenauntes, as also al other which be in the kinges handes, beinge any of the castelles, mayours, places, messuages or tenementes aforesaide, shal be taken for the same, onelesse they be appointed and deliuered by the Mayster of the sayde woodes for the time being, with the assent of the said courte, within whose suruey the said woodes are growyng.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the Mayster of the sayde woodes, shall make yerely in the terme of sainct Michael tharchangel a ful true and perfect accompte before the said court of al and euery the woodes as well of for and concerning all and euery summe and summes of money, concerning the said office, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges that shall belong and appertaine to the same.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide generall surueyours and maister of the said woodes for the time beinge, shal declare yerely to the kinges highnes the profites and summes of money cõminge growyng and rysyng of and vpon the sale of all and singular woodes wythin hys sayde office.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte ne any thinge therin conteined, be in anye wise preiudiciall or hurtful to the iustices, wardens ste wardes, lieuetenauntes or clarkes of the swãnimotes of anye forestes, parkes or chases, for or concerninge anye of their offices powers or auctorities; but onely for and concerninge surueying of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any parke forest and chase, and the punishment of the offendours therin, and the naming rulyng and orderyng

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¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall yerely pay or cause to be payed of suche summes of money, as shall yerely rise & come of the said woodsales, so to be made in parkes, forrestes and chases of the kinges olde inheritance of his graces crowne, all and all maner of fees and wages, as hath bene of olde time accustomed to be paied by the kinge for the exercising of any office within the said parkes, forrestes and chases, according to a certificat by writing therof to be made vnto the said maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of forrestes or any of them, or any theyr deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said maister of the woodes for the time being, shall make paiment for all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in & vpon any pale raile & lodge within any of the sayd parkes, forrestes and chases, and assigne timber for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in writing by and from the saide Justices of forrestes. And the saide maister of the woodes shall alowe all maner of fewell and house to be spēd and occupied within the said parkes, forrestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vsed and accustomed.

And it is also prouided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wod sale within the parkes, chases and forrestes aforesaide or any of them, but by the assent of the Justices of forrestes for the time being, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes, chases and parkes bene, any thinge in this acte contened to the contrary not withstandyng.

Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges Eschequer to or against any person or persons, for any fermes, rentes, issues or profyts, or other thynges concernynge the premisses, or any parte therof limytted by this act to be in the suruey order & gouernaunce of the sayde court and the ministers therof shalbe clerely voyde and of none effecte.

Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd generall surueyours and Treasourer shall yearely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the xiere yerely value of the sayd honours castels, lordshyps manours landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, portions, tythes, & other hereditamentes, and other the premisses, and what remaineth therof in the handes of the sayde Treasourer.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that al such manours messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions and other hereditamentes, which in any maner of wise heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our said soueraigne lorde the kyng, his heyres or successours by auctoritie of any attainder forfeiture, settleing & beinge in the countie Palantine of Lancaster, may at the free will libertie and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lorde be assigned, limytted and appoin-

appointed vnto the order surueying letting and setting of the chauncellour & officers of his said duchy, in as large & ample maner and forme as the said chauncellour & officers of the said duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vsed and exercised of or vpon any the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes apperteining or in any wise belonging to the sayde duchy, thys act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that as wel the said acte of the generall Surueiours, made in the saide .xiiii. and .xv. yeares, as also the said acte therof made in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraygne lorde kinge Henry the eight that nowe is, and euery article clause & matter therin conteined, shall be from the fyrst day of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xlii. vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctho̅rite aforesaid, that al leases grauntes processe orders decrees and al & euery other thinge or thinges heretofore laufully executed and done by the saide generall surueiours and all and euery other thinge or thinges nowe remaynynge or dependinge before them vndiscussed and vndetermined by vertue of the said former actes, shalbe of the same force value strenghte and effecte, as they now be or should haue bene, yf this acte had neuer bene had or made

¶ Prouided also that this acte nor any article clause or thing therin co̅teyned, shall extende to any landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, whiche now be or hereafter shal be in the suruey rule order, & gouernaunce of the kinges court of the Augmentacions of the reuennes of his crowne, nor shall giue any power vnto the saide courte of Surueiours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thing conteined in thys acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

Prouided also that this acte ne any thinge therin conteined, extend or be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any the generall surueiours nowe beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receiuour or receiuours, surueiour or surueiours, or to anye other officer or officers, of for or concerninge any of the said castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profites or casualties, or any other the premisses, or any parte therof: but that they & euery of them shall & may haue & enioy their offices, accordinge to the purport tenour and effect of their seuerall letters patentes & grantes as well of the kings maiestie as of any other person, therof to them & euery of them heretofore made any article clause or matter in this present act me̅cioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctorite of parliame̅t holden at westm. in the .xxvii. yere of his graces raign, hath erected a certain court called the courte of Augmentacions of the reuennes of his crowne, and by the same made the same a court of record: and by the same act hath assigned limitted and appointed diuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order surueye & gouerna̅ce of the same court, with diuers other articles and clauses in the same acte expressed & declared. And

where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at westm. the xxviii. day of Aprill, in the xxxi yere of the reigne of the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the .xxv. daye of Maye, in the .xxxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lorde: It was enacted and established that certain liberties fraunchises iurisdictions & preheminences concerning the same manors landes & other hereditamētes, should be reuiued & be in the order rule and suruei of the same court, to al intentes & purposes as by the same act made in the said xxxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraine lord, at large doth & mai more plainly appere: Be it now ordeined established & enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the same act concerning the establishment of the said court of augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne. And also the said act for reuiuinge of liberties, shal frō henceforth for euer stand & abide in their ful strēgth effect & vertue after & according to the true intēt & meaning of the same seueral actes aforesaid. And where the kinges maiestie for diuers consideracions & respectes hath taken boughte and purchased diuers & sundrie his graces subiectes for redy money, promised to be paied by his graces officers & surueyours diuers manors lādes tenemētes rētes reuercions woodes & other hereditamēts, as wel by smal parcels or otherwise, & part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes or orchardes or gardeins, & the partie or parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande & haue ben cōpelled oft & sundrie times to resort to officers of the said court of augmentacions for the spedi paiment of their said dutie or duties, to their inestimable costes & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late gouernors & rulers of houses of religion now remaininge in the kinges hādes were & be iustly & truly indetted, & do yet owe to sundry of the kings subiectes being very poore mē aswel for wages vitailes prouision of theyr houses & money lent & other iust true and good causes, conuerted to the vse of their houses, many & great sūmes of money, for the paimēt wherof the same parties haue made & daiely do make continual complaintes & suite to the same court of augmentacions, for their spedy paiment: & many of the same parties satisfied and cōtented by the said court of augmentacions, & as yet a great number of thē be to be satisfied cōtented and paid, which paimētes & satisfactions as well made as to be made, do require especial warrantes signed with ỳ kinges most gracious hād, ỳ lacke wherof hath ben and is like to be not only a great delay to ỳ kinges true and louing subiectes, for the spedye paimēt of theyr dets & duties to thē due, but also shuld and shalbe a tedious & a cōtinual traueil, vnto the kings maieste for the oftē signing of the same In cōsideracio wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by thauctorite of this presēt pliamēt, that as well al paimentes and satisfaction heretofore paid as hereafter to be paid by the treasorer & particuler receiuers for ỳ tyme being of the same court, by the decre or cōmandemēt in writing of the chancelor, by the assēt of the cousel of the same court, or the more part of thē, for the purchasing or bying of any manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes

tamentes alredy bought purchased or enclosed by the kings commaundement his heires or successours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchased or inclosed, as is aforesaid, as also for the recompence and satisfaction of all laufull good true and iuste dettes and expences, as well payde as hereafter to be paid by the said treasorer or particular receiuour or receiuours, by the warrant of the said Chancellour in writing, by the assent of the said councell or the more parte of them, as is aforesaid (not exceding to any one person. CC. li) shall be good and effectuall in the lawe againste our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge hys heyres and successours for euer, to all ententes and purposes: And that the said treasourer and perticuler receiuour, theyr heyres executours and administratours, for the saide seueral paimentes by warrant written of the saide Chauncellour in fourme aforesaide, shall be clerely exonerated acquited and discharged to all ententes and purposes And ẏ the same treasorer and receyuour & receyuors theyr heyres executors and administrators, shalbe allowed discharged & acquited therof vpon his or theyr declaracion of accompte before the Chancellour and counsayle of ẏ same court, or vpon his or theyr accompte And to the auditor appointed or assigned by the said Chancellour, to take and here the accompt of the same Treasourer or receiuour or receiuors, theyr executours or administratours ¶ And where diuers and sundrye obligacions and specialties heretofore haue ben made to diuers persons, part of them to the vse of king Henry the vii. father of our now moste gracious soueraigne lorde: and parte of them to the vse and behouke of our sayde soueraygne lorde: Be it enacted by the king our soueraygne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that all obligacions and specialties, which after the fyrst. day of May next comminge, shalbe made for any cause or causes touchinge or in any wise cõcerning the kinges most roial maiestie or his heyres, or to his or theyr vse commoditie or behouke, shalbe made to his hignes & to his heyres kinges in his or theyr name or names by these wordes, Domino regi, & to none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to hys hyghnes by these wordes, Soluend. eidẽ domino regi hered. vel executoribus suis, with other wordes vsed & accustomed in cõmon obligaciõs. And that al such obligaciõs and specialties so to be made shalbe good and effectuall in the law to al purposes and intentes, and shalbe in ẏ same nature kind qualitie force and effect to all intẽtes and purposes, as the writinges obligatori takẽ and knowleged according to the statute of ẏ staple at Westm. hath at any time before ẏ making of this present acte, ben takẽ vsed exercised and executed against any persõ or persõs, any lawe vsage or custome to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And ẏ al such obligaciõs & specialties, the det wherof being not paid nor cõtented in the life of ẏ king, shal come remain and be to the heyres or executours of the king, at the fre libertie disposicion assignemẽt & appointment of the same king, to whõ such obligaciõs or specialties shall be made as is aforesaid, And if any person or persons in hys or theyr owne

proper persō or persōs, after ẏ saide fyrst day of May, make or take any obligation or obligations to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or of hys heyres kinges, otherwyse then before is expressed, that then such person or persons only that shall offende, contrary to this present act, for his or theyrs so doing, shal haue and sucker such imprisonment as shalbe assessed and adiudged by the kinge or his honorable counsaile, dayely attendant vppon his highenes most royall person. And that all suites to be made after the fyrst daye of Aprill, next comming for the recouery of or for any the kinges dettes, in any the kinges courtes mencioned in this acte, of or vpō any obligacion or specialty dated or deliuered before the makinge of this present acte, or whyche shal be dated and deliuered to the kinge or to his vse, afore the seconde daye of May next cōming, shall be taken sued and pursued in the name of ẏ kyng and in the name of none other person or persons, to what so euer person or persons the sayde obligacyon or specialties or anye of them, be haue bene or shalbe made to the kinges vse. And that all suites processe iudgementes decrees & execuciōs hereafter to be taken pursued or geuen for the king in any the kinges courtes, mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any the same obligacions last afore mentioned, shalbe of the same or like strength force effect and intent in the law to all purposes onely against all and all maner suche person and persons as ben bounden in suche obligacions or specialtyes, as well spirituall as tempozall, as against theyr heyres successours executours and administratours and euery of them & against none other, as writinges obligatories taken and knowledged accordinge to the statute of the staple at Westm. at any time before the making of this present act, haue ben vsed to be taken exercised and executed against any lay person or persones. And that the king in al suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligacion or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kinge, or any to his vse shall haue and recouer his iust dettes costes and dammages, as other common persons vse to doe in suites and pursuites for theyr dettes. And that al such suites as nowe be dependynge in the name of any common persone to hys graces vse, wherof no verdict is or before the feast of Easter nert commyng shall be geuen or passed or no erigende awarded, shall abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuertheless the kinge by the auctozitie afozesaid, shal haue his suite and remedie for the sayd dette so being in action and proces, in fourme as is afozesaid, in any of the courtes in this acte mencioned, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctozitie abouesayd, that all and euery suite and suites, whyche hereafter shall bee hadde made or taken, of for or vpon any det or duties, whiche heretofore hath growen or be dew, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the king, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Escheker, Duchy of Lancaster, Augmentaciōs of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueiours generall of his manours landes and tenementes: Maister of the wardes and liueries, and courte of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, or in anye of them, or by reason or auctho̅ritie of anye of them, shall

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be ſeuerally ſued in ſuche one of the ſaide courtes and offices, in the whiche court and office, or by reaſon of the which court and office, the ſame det or dutie bydde firſte growe or become to be due, or hereafter ſhall growe or become dewe, or in the which office or courte the recogniſance obligaciō or ſpecialtie is or ſhall be or remaine. And euery ſuch ſeuerall ſuite and ſuites ſhal be made in euery of the ſaide ſeuerall offices and courtes vnder the ſeuerall ſeales of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes by Capias, Extendi facias, Sub pena attachemente, and proclamacions of allegeance, if nede ſhall require, or anye of them, or otherwiſe, as vnto the ſaide ſeuerall courtes ſhall bee thought by their diſcreacions expediente for the ſpedie recouerie of the kynges debtes And that the ſaide courte of Eſcheker, and all and euery of the ſaide courtes, ſhall haue hole and full auctorītie and power, to here and determine al and euery ſuche ſuite and ſuites as hereafter ſhall be taken commenſed and purſued for the intente aboue ſpecified, and therupon awarde make and doe execucion by and vppon the bodie landes and goodes of the partie or parties that ſo ſhal be condemned accordingly. And alſo ſhal haue full power and auctorītie, to here and determine al and al maner of dettes detinues, treſpalles, accomptes, reconinges, waſtes, diſceites negligences defaultes contemptes compleintes ryottes quarelles ſuites ſtrykes controuerſies forfaitures offences and other thinges what ſo euer they ſhall bee, whiche hereafter ſhall growe be moued ſtered procured purſued or ariſe in for or vpon any matter cauſe or other thinge aſſigned cōmitted or appoynted or hereafter to be aſſigned cōmytted or appoynted to the ſeuerall dyrections orders and gouernances of the ſame courtes or any of them, or for or vpon any maner of thinge or thinges, which maie or ſhall touche or in any wiſe concerne the ſame, wherein the kinge ſhall be onely partie, And alſo all maner of itates for terme of yeres betwene partie and partie concerning the premiſſes, and to correct and puniſhe by their diſcreasions all and euery perſone and perſonnes, which before them ſhall be conuicted of any of the premiſſes, accordinge to the nature qualitie and quantitie of his or their offence or offences, cauſe or cauſes, matter or matters, al and al maner of treſons murders felonies eſtates rightes titles and intereſtes, as well of inheritaunce as of freholde, other then ioynters for terme of life onely excepted and alwaies reſerued.

And be it enacted by auctho rītie aforeſaide, that if anye perſonne or perſons ſhall make or pretende any claime right title intereſt or poſſeſſion, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned ſold or exchaunged, or hereafter to be bargained ſolde or exchaunged by the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, to any perſon or perſons in fee ſimple fee tayle, by hys highnes letters patētes made or to be made therof vnder his great ſeale of England, vpon whiche letters patentes there is or ſhalbe reſerued any annuall rentes or fermes payable to the kynges hyghnes his heyres or ſucceſſours in his ſaide courte of Augmentacions, or demaunde or akſe any rentes annuites offices fees or other profites in out or of anye ſuche manours

landes tenementes or hereditamentes, conteined or to be compriſed in any ſuche letters patentes, made or hereafter to be made as is aforeſaide. Or if our ſaide ſoueraigne lorde his heires or ſucceſſours, ſhall make or pretende any clayme right title intereſt or poſſeſſion, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargained ſolde or exchaunged, or to be bargayned ſolde or exchaunged, by the kinge his heyres or ſucceſſours, to any perſone or perſons in fee ſimple or fee taile, by his or their letters patentes therof made or herafter to be made vnder his or their great ſeale of Englād vpon which letters patentes is or ſhalbe reſerued any annuall rentes or termes paiable, or which ſhalbe paiable to the king his heires or ſucceſſours, in his ſaide courte of Augmentacions: Or if the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, demaunde or aſke any rentes annuities or other profites or hereditamentes of any eſtate of inheritaunce, in of or out of any manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes conteined or compriſed, or to be conteined or compriſed, appointed or to be appointed or aſſigned, to the ſaide courte of Augmentacions, in any letters patētes made or hereafter to be made, as is aforeſaide: That than the Chauncellour of the ſaide courte of Augmentacion, by the aſſente of the counſaile of the ſayde courte, or the more parte of them, ſhall haue power & auctorite by auctorite of this acte, to examine all ſuch demandes rightes titles intereſtes and poſſeſſiōs, rents annuities, offices fees and other profites & hereditamentes, what ſo euer they ſhalbe & euery of them ſo to be demanded pretēded claimed or aſked, as is aforeſaide and by witnes profes and other waies and meanes by their diſcreaciōs, to here and determine the ſame: And in caſe the kinges patentes in any ſuch letters patentes as is aforeſaide, or any of them their heires ſucceſſours or aſſignes, ſhall be compelled by the auctorite of the ſaide court of Augmentacions, by decree or iudgment of the ſame court, to render and yeld to any perſon or perſons in fee ſimple or fee taile, the landes tenementes or hereditamentes compriſed or ſpecified in any ſuche letters patentes, or any parcel of them, or to ſuffer any perſon or perſons to haue and enioye any offices rentes annuities or other profites or hereditamētes in fee ſimple or in fee taile out or of the ſame, or out of any percell therof: And that it ſhall appeare in the ſaide letters pattentes, that the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, is or ſhall be bounden, or of right and equitie oughte to recompence and ſatiſfie the ſaide pattentes, their heires ſucceſſours executours or aſſignes, or any of them, of or for ſuche manours landes tenementes or hereditamētes annuities rentes offices fees or other profites recouered in fee ſimple, or fee taile, by decree or iudgement of the ſaide court, as is aforeſaid, or els to diſcharge and acquite the ſaide patentes, their heires ſucceſſours executours and aſſignes, of or for any rentes annuities offices fees or other profites aforeſaide recouered by decree or iudgement in fee ſimple or fee tayle, as is aboue ſaide. Or if it ſhall appere vnto the ſaide coutte of augmentacions, or vnto the more part of thē, that the king his heires or ſucceſſours of right and equitie oughte to haue recouer or enioy, in fee ſimple or fee taile, anye

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manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in any such letters patentes compriſed, or rentes annuities offices, fees or other profites in oute or of the ſame: that then in all and euery ſuch caſe and caſes the ſaide Chauncellour of the augmentacions for the time being, with the aſſent of three or more ſuche perſons as hereafter ſhall be named by the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours ſhall haue full power and auctorite without any bylle or warraunt to be ſigned or ſued from the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours for the ſame, as well to recompence and ſatiſfie the partie or parties greeued, ſo much in money of the kinges treaſure remaining in the ſaid court of Augmentacions, as the ſaid manours, landes tenementes rentes, annuities offices, fees, or other profites or hereditamentes, loſte or recouered by decree or iudgment of the ſaide court of Augmentacions, as is aforeſaide, ſhall be worthie to be ſold or otherwiſe diſcharge and acquite ſuch perſon or perſons therof according to his or their letters pattentes, as alſo to make and take order direction decree and iudgemente for the kynge hys heires and ſucceſſours, for the recouerye attayninge and haupnge of all and ſingular ſuche manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuites, offices, fees, profittes, & hereditamentes, and all and euery other thinge and thinges, which the kinge his heires and ſucceſſours by and vppon ſuche examinacion and examinacions, ought ſhould & ſhalbe iuſtly intitled to haue recouer poſſede or enioy in fee ſimple or in fee talle: And the ſame decree direction order and iudgement to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to binde all parties and priuyes to the ſame to all intentes & purpoſes. And where any decree or iudgement which ſhalbe giuen in the ſaid court of augmentacions for any the premiſſes, ertende to the loſſe of the kinges patente or patentes, their heires ſucceſſours, executours or adminiſtratours, but for terme of life or liues of the demaundant or demaundants, plaintif or pelaintifes, or for terme of yeres the loſſe wherof the king is bouden and ought to recompence diſcharge or acquite by his letters pattentes: than the ſaide Chauncellour of the augmentacions ſhall haue ful power and auctorite to recompence or diſcharge the ſame in money, as is aforeſaid, or els to recompence the ſame of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, & poſſeſſions limitted to the ſuruey and gouernaunce of the ſaide courte of agmentacions, to be graunted vnder the ſeale of the ſame courte by the diſcrecion of the ſaide Chauncellour, as ſhall ſeme to him beſt for the kinges profit, without any bill or warrant to be ſued or ſigned by or from the kinge for the ſame, And that euery ſuche recompence ſatiſfaction and diſcharge to be made by auctorite of this acte, to anye perſon or perſons by the ſaide Chauncellour as is aforeſaide, ſhall be good and effectuall againſt the kinge his heyres and ſucceſſours, any lawe vſage or cuſtome to the contrary not withſtandinge.

☞ And it is further enacted by the auctorite abouesaid, that euery of the ſaide courtes ſhall haue full power and auctho̅itie, by force of this acte, to ſet ſuch fines, penalties, and amerciamentes vpon parties, ſhiriffes officers and other perſons, for his and their defaultes, contemptes, negligences or mide-

mysdemeanours, as vnto the saide courtes or vnto any of them shalbe reasonably considered and thought expendient. And that al and euery trial and trialles of all and all maner of suites, billes, plaintes, informacions, declaracions, cõplaintes, answers, replecacions, allegacions, causes, matters, & issues or any of them, to be pursued made or tried in the said seuerall courtes or any of them, shalbe made and tried by due examinacion of witnes wrytinges, proues, or by such other waies and meanes, as by the saide seuerall courtes, or by any of them shalbe thought expedient. And that all and euerye suche iudgement and iudgementes decree or decrees examinacion and examinacions shalbe good perfect and in full strengthe force and effecte in the law to all intentes constructions and purposes.

And where diuers and sundry persons stand boundē to the kinges highnes in diuers great and notable summes of money, by recognisaunce or other bondes, in the sayde seuerall courtes or dettes due to the kinges highnes, aswell for the purchase of landes and woodes and performance of condicions, as also for diuers and sundrie other causes: and all be it the same persons haue wel and truly satisfied, contented and payed the same dettes or performed the condicions of the same recognisaunce or other bondes, yet the same recognisaunces or other bondes cannot be made void without the kinges especial warrant, which should be much vnquietnes to the kynges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes from time to time for the same. In consideracion wherof, and for as much as the saide persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, or in other bondes, may by diuers casualties lose their acquitāces, wherby greate daunger and peril may growe to them their heyres executours and successours: Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that vpon ỳ sighte of the acquitances, made or to be made for the patement of the said dette or dettes or summe or summes of money, growen or to be growen, or due and sufficient proufe made or hereafter to be made before the said seuerall head officers for the time being of the saide seuerall courtes, as the case shall rise or growe, or if the condicion of the same recognisaunce or bonde be performed or kepte: That than euery such seuerall head officer, for that recognisance taken or to be taken by him or any of hys predecessoures, or of any other bonde for the time being within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make voyde the saide recognisance or other bonde, callinge to him suche of the same courte as to him or them shall seeme moste conuenient for the cancellacion of the same recognisaunce or bonde.

And bee it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the same cancellacyon so made, shall bee a sure and sufficiente dyscharge of the same recognisaunce or other bonde, to all and euerye suche personne or personnes, as dooe or shall stande bounden in the same recognisaunce or bonde

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so cancelled againste the kinges highnes his heyres executours and succes-
sours for euer.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the same seue-
rall head officers for the time beinge, in euery of their said seuerall courtes
shall haue full power and auctoritie to discharge cancele or make voyde by
his or their discretion, all and singuler recognisaunces nowe made or here-
after to be made in the said court, for any aparance or other contempte: and
that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be
bounden, to be discharged against the kinge our sayde soueraigne lorde hys
heyres executours & successors for the cancellacō of the same recognisance.

And where the kinges maiestie sithen the makinge of the same estatute
in the saide .xxvii. yere of his noble reigne, of his owne mere mocion lybera
litie and benignitie, hath freely giuen and graunted by his sundry letters pa-
tentes vnder his great seale of England, vnto diuers and sundry of the no-
bles and lordes, as well spirituall as temporall of this hys realme, and also
vnto diuers & many other persons & bodies politike, to theyr heyres or suc-
cessours, and to the heyres of theyr bodies, or for terme of life or lyues dy-
uers and many sundry honours, castels, manours, landes, tenemētes rec-
tories, pencions, porcions & other hereditamentes, which than were in the
order gouernaunce and survey of the same courte of the augmentacions of
the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the sayde seuerall
courtes, reseruing vnto his maiesty his heyres and successours by the same
letters patentes, one yerely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth parte
of the yerely value of the same premisses, or any other tēnth paiable and to
be paied in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes deputed
and assigned for the same, at one certaine feaste or daye in the same letters
patentes mencioned and declared, whiche saide persons so aduaunced, not
withstanding they haue sithen & after the makinge of the same letters pa-
tentes peacible enioied the same manors landes tenemētes & hereditamē-
tes so geuen, and therof haue quietly perceiued and taken the issues, reue-
nues and profittes thereof: yet neuertheles diuers of the same persones
haue not at the daies and feastes assigned and limitted vnto them in the
same letters patentes, nor yet in longe tyme after the same daies & feastes
of paiment therof, contented and paid in the same courtes, or to the officers
of the same courtes assigned & deputed for the saue, the saide yerely rent or
rentes so reserued to the kinges highnes, contrary to their dueties, and a-
gainst all reason and good conscience. In consideracion wherof be it ther-
fore nowe ordeined enacted and established by the assent of the kinges ma-
iestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente
parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person
of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, or body politike, to whom
the kinges maiestie hath by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale of
Englād, or vnder the great seale of the same court of augmentacion, geuen
or graunted, or hereafter shall geue or graunt, with like reseruacion of rent

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or rentes, any manours, landes, tenemētes, rectories or other hereditamentes what soeuer, which were or hereafter shall be in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same courtes, or any of them, to be had to them and theyr heyres or successours, or for anye other estate of inheritance, or for terme of life or liues, yelding and reseruing to the same our said soueraygne lord the kyng his heyres or successours, one yerely rente at one certaine day or feast in the same letters patentes, expressed, mencioned and declared, and to be payde into the same courtes, that if the same persons bodies politike theyr heyres or successours or assignes, or any of them, do not truly cōtent or paye or cause to be contēted or payde vnto the treasourer of the said seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particular receiuour of the same seuerall courtes, deputed and assigned for the same for the time beinge, to the vse of the kynges highnes, at the daye or feaste limitted by the same letters patentes, or within three monethes next and immediatly after the same daye or feast of payment therof, all suche summes of money, whiche bene or hereafter shall be due reserued to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successours, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficiēt tēder therof to ỳ sayde Treasourer or general or particular receiuor that then euery of ỳ same persons, bodies politike, theyr heyres successours or assignes, for lacke & default of paiment of the same rent, to forfayte and lose to the kinges maiestye hys heires & successours as much money as the fourth parte of the same rente so reserued or hereafter to be reserued for one yere, doth or shall amoūt vnto for and in the name, of one peyne, ouer and aboue the same rent reserued or hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persons bodies politike theyr heires successours or assignes or any of thē do not within on half yere next after the day or feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender vnto the same Treasourer, or general or particular receiuour, to the vse of the kinges maiestie his heyres or successours, as wel the sayd yerely rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued, as also the sayde summe of money forfaited for and in the name of a peine, that thē the same persons bodies politike, their heyres successours or assignes, so offendinge, shall forfaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heyres and successours, so much money as the moity and halfe deale of the same rent reserued or to be reserued for one yere, doeth or shal amount vnto, ouer and aboue the sayde rent reserued or to be reserued, and to forfaite and lose for euery halfe yeare after, so muche money as the hole rente reserued or to be reserued, for one hole yere, doth or shall amount vnto, vntill the same rente reserued or to be reserued, and the arrerages of the same, & also the sayde summes of money so forfaited and loste for a peine, ben vnto the same Treasourer or generall or particular receiuour truly satisfied contented and payd, to the vse of the kinges highnes his heyres and successours.

☞ And be it also enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull to the same Treasourer and generall or particular receiuour, to distraine as wel for the same rent so reserued or to be reserued, and for the arrerages of the

the same, as also for the saide summes of money so forfayted or to be forfayted and lost, for and in the name of the paine aforesaide. And also the head officer or officers of either of the same courtes for the time being vpon certificate to him made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempt, shall and may awarde suche proces out of the same courtes against the same offender for not paying of the said rente so reserued, or to be reserued, and also for the same summes of money forfaited and to be forfaited by thys acte as by his or their discrecion shall seme conuenient.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons hereafter make lawfull paiement to any of the sayde Treasourers or generall or perticuler receiuour of anye of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kings highnes his heyres or successours for any yerely rente or tenthe, and vppon or after suche payement offer vnto the same Treasourer or generall or particuler receyuour, one lawful and sufficiente acquitance ready made to be assigned by the same treasourer or generall or particular receiuour, wytnessinge the receipte of the saide summe or summes of money so payde: that then the saide Treasourer generall or particular receiuour, shall withe hys owne hand assigne the same acquitãce, without taking any fee or rewarde for makinge of the same acquitance, vppon peine to forfaite, and lose for euery time offending contrary to this acte .xl.s. one moitie wherof to bee to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to paye to the same treasourer or general or particular receiuour, anye suche summe or summes of money and do not bring an acquitaunce with hym to be signed as is beforesaide: that then if the same treasourer or generall or particular receiuour, vpõ request to him made, shal make and deliuer vnto ỹ same partie one sufficient acquitance, testifyeng the same receipt, that then the same Treasourer or generall or particular receiuour or anye of his clarkes, shall not receiue or take of the same partie for the making of the said acquitance not aboue foure pence, vppon peine to forfaite for euery suche acquitaunce, xx.s. for which he or they shall happẽ to take aboue the saide summe of iiii.d to be recouered as is aforesaide, that is to saye, the one moitie therof to the vse of the kinges highnes of his heyres and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that will pursue for the same.

And be it also enacted, that the same acquitance shall be a sufficient discharge accordinge to the tenour and effect of the same.

And be it also further enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the same generall or particular receiuour, whiche nowe be or hereafter shall be within any of the said courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuitie pencion or other rent: that then if the same person or persõs vpon the receipt therof deliuer vnto the same generall or particular receiuour one sufficient and lawfull acquitaunce sealed and sygned testifieng the same receipte: that then the same generall or particular receyuour

nour, shal receiue the same acquitance, without taking or receiuing any fee or rewarde for the making of the same. And if the same partie, to whom the saide generall or particuler receiuour hath so contented and paide any suche annuitie, pencion, or rent, do not bringe with him one sufficient acquittaunce signed and sealed, testifieng the receipt of the same money, by reasō wherof the same generall or particular receiuour by him selfe or his clarke maketh one acquitance for the receipt of the same annuitie penciō or rent that than the same receiuour or his clarke, shall not receiue or take for the makyng of any suche acquitance, whiche he shall so happen to make, not aboue .iiii.d. vpon paine to forfaite for euery such acquitance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, being redy made and offered to be deliuered to him as is abouesayd xx. shillinges: and for euerye acquitaunce which hee shall here after happen to make for any of the payments aforesayde, and to receiue for the makinge of the same acquitaunce aboue the sayde summe of .iiii. pence, to forfaite xx. shillinges, the one moitie to be to the king, and the other moitye to the partye that wil sew for the same. And also that the same general or particuler receiuours or their deputies which hereafter shall happen to paye any such annuitie pencion or rente, shall not reteine or take of the partie, to whome he shall happen to pay the same, in the way of rewarde or otherwise, not aboue the summe of foure pence for euery pounde, whiche the same generall or particular receiuour shall so happen to paye, vpon payne to forfaite .vi.s. viii pence for euerye penie, whiche he or they shall happen to receiue aboue the saide summe of foure pence for euery pounde, whiche he or they shall so happen to paye: the one moitie of the same forfaiture to be to the kinge, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same. And that al the said suites concerning the saide forfaitures, may be commensed and pursued by bill informacion or action, in which suite none essoine protection or wager of lawe to be admitted.

☞ And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons hereafter happē to tender or offer vnto any of the auditours of the same seuerall courts for the time being, any of the kinges letters patentes, decrees of any of ꝑ same seuerall courtes, grauntes, indentures of leases, as well for terme of yeres, as for terme of life or liues, so to be enrolled before the same auditour, accordinge to his office: that than the same auditour, vpon the same tender or offer, shall enroll the same, or as much of the same letters patentes decrees grauntes or indentures, as shall apperteine to his sayd office. And if any of the same auditours or any of theyr clarkes, or any other to theyr vse, or to the vse of anye of them, receiue and take for the inrollement of anye of the same letters patētes decrees, grantes or indentures, or for the allowance of the same aboue the summe of .iii.s. iiii.d. that then the same auditour or his clerk so offending shall forfaite .vi.s. viii.d. for euery peny, whyche the same auditour or any of thē, shal happen at any time hereafter to receiue cōtrarye to the fourme aforesaide, the one moitie of the same forfaiture to be to the kinges highenes, and the other moitie to him that will sewe for the same

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by ſuche maner and fourme as is aforeſaid.

¶ And be it alſo further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that euery auditour of euery of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes yerely in euery countie within theyr ſayde ſeuerall limittes, by the ſpace of twentie dayes or more before theyr audite, ſhall proclayme and declare in .iiii. ſeuerall marketes or other places, the place and date, where and whan they will kepe theyr ſeuerall auditours in the ſame ſhyre, vppon paine to forfaite for euery time ſo doing the contrarie .v.li. the one moitie wherof to be to the kinges hyghnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will ſue for the ſame in fourme aforeſaid. And that alſo euery of the auditours of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes being ſeuerally aſſigned to their ſeuerall limittes, and euerye of the particular receyuours of the ſame ſeuerall courtes, beinge alſo ſeuerall aſſigned and ioyned with the ſame ſeuerall auditours in theyr ſaide ſeuerall limittes, after and betwene euery of the feaſtes of ſainct Michaell the archangell and Chriſtmas, ſhall directe and awarde their ſeuerall warrantes and preceptes vnder theyr ſeales, to euery of the receyuours bayliffes, reues, and other officers what ſo euer accomptable before the ſame auditours, and by the ſame warrant or precepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, euery of the ſaide receiuours, bailiffes, reues and other officers, to appeare before them at one certayne daye and place in the ſame warrante or precepte to them preſcribed, there to declare and make a iuſte and true accompte of all ſuch receiptes, wherof they be acuſtomable, and owe to accompte. And after if the ſame auditours and particular receiuours do repayre vnto the ſame place, and there kepe theyr audite, accordinge to the ſame proclamacions precepte and warrant: that then if any receiuour, bailiffes, reue, or other officer, beinge accomtable of or for anye of the manours landes tenemētes or other what ſo euer hereditamētes, now repayringe or which hereafter ſhal be and remaine in the order gouernance or ſuruey of any of the ſame ſeuerall courtes, be laufully warned, as wel by the ſame proclamacion, or by precepte or warrant in writinge and ſealed, as in the name of any of the Auditours of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes, perſonally to appere by him ſelfe, or by his ſufficient and lawfull deputie before the ſame auditour and receiuour at one certaine daye and place, in the ſame warrante or precepte preſcribed, there to make and declare a iuſt and a true accompte of all receiptes of his ſaid office. And if the ſame receiuour, reue, bailiffe and other officer, ſo beinge lawfully warned, doe not appere before the ſame audytour and receyuour at the ſame daye and place in the ſayde warrante expreſſed: Or if the ſame receiuour, bailyffe, reue, or officer, do at the ſame date and place to them preſcribed, appeare, and will not accompte before the ſame auditour, accordinge to the tenour and effecte of the ſame precepte or warrant, or if the ſame receiuour bayliffe, reue, or other officer accomptable, do by him ſelfe or by his ſufficient and laufull deputie appeare before the ſame auditour and receiuour, and than and there enter into hys or theyr accompte before the ſaide auditour, and after the ſame accompte

finished and ended, if the same receiuour, bayliffe, reue, or other officer, doe not contente and paye vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particuler receiuour of the same countie for the time beynge as the case shall require, within thre wekes nexte & immediately after the same accompte fully finished and ended, all such summes of money whiche vpon the determinacion of his said accompte he shall happen to be founde in arrerages, and the same defaulte and contempte beyng duely proued before the head officer or officers of the saide seuerall courtes for ỳ time being: that thou euery such receiuour bayliffe reue or officer, so offendynge to forfaite and lose hys sayde office, and also hys fee, which he or they had & perceiued for the exercising of the same office.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctorite of thys present parliamente that if any of the said receiuours bailiffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaracion of their saide accomptes, do willingly concele and withdraw any rente, reuenue, fine, heriet, or other casualitie what so euer it be, of the whiche he ought to haue made accompte; and the same duely approued before the saide head officer or officers for the time beinge: that then euerye suche receiuour bailiffe, reue, or other officer so offendinge, to forfaite and lose his said office and fee, which he had for the exercisinge of the same, and also three times as muche as he hath so conceled & withdrawen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courtes for ỳ time being immediatly vpon certificat to him made of the same defaulte contempte or offence, shall awarde processe in nature of attachement against the same receiuour bayliffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arrerages remaynynge in the handes of the same receiuour bailiffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of theyr recognisaunce or bonde, in whiche the same receiuour bailiffe reue or officer standeth bounden to our sayde souerayngne lorde the kinge, as also for the contempt and peyne lymytted and appoynted by this acte.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pursued in any the courtes aforesaid, for the recouerye of anye dette or debtes, whiche nowe be or that hereafter shall happen to apperteine accrue remaine or be to the king, by reason of any attaindour outlawry forfayture gift of the partie, or by any other collaterall way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and alledge in the saide suite generally, that the partie, to whom the said det or debtes was due or dyd belonge, suche yere and daye did geue the same dette or dettes vnto the kynge, or was attainted outlwaed or other offence, forfaiture, dede acte, or thinge committed or did, by reason wherof the saide det or dets did accrue and ought to remaine come and be to the king. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alledged or declared in a generalite, without shewinge & declaring the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effecte in the lawe to all ententes constitucions and purposes, as if the hole matter ther-

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of had ben or were alleged and declared at large in euery point, accordinge to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any suite be cõmensed or taken or any proces be hereafter awarded for the kinge, for the recouerie of any the kinges dettes: that then the same suite and pcotes shal be preferred before the suite of any other person or persons. And that our said soueraigne lorde his heyres and successours, shall haue fyrste execution against any defendant or defendauntes, of or for his sayde debtes, before any other person or persons, so alwayes that the kinges said suite be taken and comenced, or proces awarded for the saide det, at the suite of our sayde soueraigne lorde the king his heyres or successours, before iudgement geuen for the saide other person or persons.

And be it enacted also by auctoritie aforesaid, that all manours, landes, tenementes, possessions & hereditamentes, the which nowe be or that hereafter shal come and be in or to the handes possessions occupatiõ or seasen of any person or persons, to whom the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamẽtes, haue hereto fore or hereafter shal descende reuert or remain, in fee simple or in fee taile, generall or special, by from or after the deathe of any his or their auncestor or auncestors, as heyre, or by gifte of his auncestors, whose heyre he is, whiche said auncestor or auncestors was is or shall be indetted to the king, or to any other person or persõs to his vse, by iudgement recognisaunce obligacion or other specialtie, the det wherof is or shall not be contented and paid: that than in euery such case the same manours landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes shalbe & stand by auctoritie of this acte, from henceforth, charged and chargable to and for the paiment of the same det, and of euery parte therof. And that our sayd soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, at anye tyme hereafter shall not be barred delaied forclosed or excluded, to demaunde haue and recepue hys or their iuste due and lawfull dettes & dueties against any of his subiectes, as heyre or heires to anye persone or persones endetted to his highnes, or to other persons to his vse, or whiche shalbe indetted to his highnes, his heyres or successours, all be it this worde Heyre be not or shall not be comprysed in suche recognisaunce obligacion or specialitie, or that any such person or persons shall saye or allege, y he or they haue not anye manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to them descended, but only such manours landes tenementes, hereditamentes, as be or shall bee entayled, or giuen to them by anye their auncestours, to whom they be heyres, anye lawes, vses, or customes before thys tyme vsed or had to the contrarye not withstandynge.

Prouided alwaies that the kinges maiestie, hys heires and successours, may at his or theyr libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer hys or their said dette or dettes, of and against anye executour or executours, administratour or administratours, of any such person or persons, whyche is hath ben or shalbe indetted in manour and fourme aboueland, if the same executour or executours, administrator or administratours, shal haue assets

in his or their handes in dede, or in lawe, any thinge before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that if the saide manours landes and hereditamentes, or any of them, shall hereafter be recouered or euicted out of or fro the possessiō of any suche person or persons, by any title or former title, without fraude or coulne, whose manours landes tenementes or hereditamētes be or shall be charged or chargeable as is abouesaid, that then al and euery suche manours landes and hereditamentes, shall be clerely aquited and discharged of and for the patment of the said dettes, and euery part therof, any thynge before mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that yf anye personne or personnes, of whom any suche dette or duetie is or at any time hereafter, shall be demaunded or required, allege pleade declare or shewe in any of the said courtes good perfite sufficient cause and matter in lawe reason or good conscience, in bar or discharge of the said dette or duetie, or why suche personne or personnes ought not to be charged or chargeable to or with the same, and the same cause or matter so alledged pleaded declared or shewed, sufficientlye proued in suche one of the saide courtes as he or they shall be impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same: that then the sayde courtes and euery of thē, shall haue full power and auctorite to accept adiudge and allow the same proufe, and wholy and clerely to acquite and discharge all and euery person & persones, that shal be so impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same, any thinge in this present acte before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that yf any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, which be or at any time hereafter shall be charged or chargeable to or with the dette of our said soueraigne lord his heires or successours, and be or at any time hereafter shall be in the season and possession of diuers and sundrye personnes, other then the obligour or obligours, that then all and singuler the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euerye parcell of them, shall bee wholy and entierlye, and in no wise severally, liable and chargeable, to and with the paiment and paymentes of the saide dette and duetie, any thynge before rehearsed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that thys acte nor anye thynge therin conteyned, shall in any wise extend to minishe abrogate or take away any realties, lybertyes, priuileges franchises preeminēces iurisdictions fines issues or amerciamē tes, appertayning or belonging to the saide duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine of Lancaster or any of them, but that the same liberties realties priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdictions fines issues and amercyamentes and every of them, shall stille continue remaine and be to the sayde Duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine and to every of them, as fully wholy and plenarly as they were before the making of this present act, any thing in the same contained to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd that al maner of proces and executions for debtes, onely commynge or growinge in the courte of the Esthequer, shall bee made in the same courte of the Esthequer by suche officer and officers, clerke or minister of the same courte, as hathe bene afore this time vsed to be made, after and withe suche kynde of proces processes and executions, as by this acte is limitted and declared, any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrarie not withstandinge.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

Tho. Berthelet regius impressor excudebat,

cum priuilegio.

ANNO XXXIIII.
ET XXXV. HEN-
rici Octaui.



CTES MADE IN THE Seſſion of this preſent Parliamente holden vpon prorogation at weſtminſter the xxii. day of Januarye in the. xxviii. yeare of the raigne of oure moſte dread ſoueraigne Lord Henry the eight by the grace of God kynge of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the Faith: and of the Churth of Englande and alſo of Irelande in earth the Supreame heade, and there continued and kepte tyll the xii. daye of Maye in the xxxv. yeare of our ſaid ſoueraigne Lorde, to the honour of God and for the common weale and profite of this hys Realme.

An acte for the aduauncement of true religion, and for the abolishment of the contrary. cap.i.

¶ An acte concerninge collectours and receiuours. cap.ii.

¶ An acte for the assise of cole and wood. cap.iii.

¶ An acte against suche persons as do make bankrupt. cap.iiii.

¶ An act for the explanacion of the statutes of willes. Cap.v.

An act for the true makinge of pinnes. cap.vi.

An acte to auoyde certayne of the kynges maiesties speciall, to sette prices vppon wynes to be solde by retayle. cap.vii.

¶ An acte that personnes beynge no common surgeons maye mynyster outwarde medy-cines. cap.viii.

¶ An acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Seuerne. cap.ix.

An act for the true making of coueriettes in Yorke. cap x.

An acte for the true makinge of fryses and cottons in wales. cap.xi.

An acte for pauinge of certaine stretes & lanes in London and Westminster. cap.xii.

An acte for knightes and burgeses to haue places in the parliamente for the countye palan-tine and citie of Chester. cap xiii.

An acte for the certificat of conuictes to be made into the kinges benche. cap.xiiii.

An acte touchinge the deane and chapiter of Welles, to be one sole chappter of it selfe. cap xv.

¶ An acte for shyryffes to be discharged vpon theyr accomptes, and to haue allowaunces of theyr reasonable expenses in the courte of escheker. cap.xvi.

¶ An acte for the newe erected bishoppes to paye theyr tenthes into the courte of fyrste fruites cap.xvii.

¶ An acte for Canturbury concernyng the priuileges of the same. cap.xviii.

An act for the paiment of pencions and porcions, graunted out of the late abbeyes. cap.xix.

¶ An acte to imbarre feyned recouerye of landes, wherein the kynges maiestye is in re-uercion. cap.xx.

¶ An acte for the confirmacion of letters patentes, not withstandynge mysnamyng of any thing conteyned in the same. cap.xxi.

¶ An acte that fynes in townes corporate shall be made as the same heretofore haue bene cap.xxii.

¶ An acte for the true execucion of proclamacions. cap.xxiii.

An acte for the assuraunce of certayne landes to John Hynde sergeante at lawe, and to his heyres payinge therefore yerely ten poundes towardes the charges of the knyghtes of the parliament for Cambridge shyre. cap.xxiiii.

An act that the inhabitauntes of Poole maye erecte a windemill and a conduite wythin the kynges maiesties wast grounde of Bayter. cap.xxv.

FINIS TABVLAE.



herd the kinges moste royall maiestie, ye gratefull
and diuine gouernour vnder god, supreme head of the
churche of England, and also of Ireland, in this po-
ticonable reuniuple, perceiuing and ignominiously bolde
typonous, erroures and blindnes of bishop of Rome
hyding secretes of his bad practise, to abolishe and
not withstanding, not forbearinge the roiall admonitions,
preceptes, and lawes of kinge god, and the true and perfecte reu-
gion of Christe, not withstanding suche moste wicked doctrines, and doc-
trines abhominably hath heretofore vsurped to be set forth for that purpose
beside the great libertie graunted to them in hauing them amongest the
and in their handes the olde and newe testament, onely not withstan-
ding studyng seditiously people, arrogantly and ignorantly presumed
some pretendinge to the contrary, and to haue the perfecte and certayne
ledge, vnderstanding, and doctrine of the sacred and holy scriptures, and
some other of their peruerse, fonde, and malicious minders, whiche are to
tent as, that rendring to finde out the vnsyncere and priuie operation, doctrine,
and darke meaninge of the holy scripture, after their peruerse sentences, vaine ma
ken vpon them, not onely to preache, teache, declare, and set forth the same
by woordes, sermons, disputacions, and argumentes, but also by printed
bookes, printed balades, playes, rimes, songes, and other phantasticall deuyse
and fonde wise in structyng and instructyng people, and specially the youthe of
hys realme, vntruely, fonde, and vtterly vaine the scriptures ought to be vnder
taught, declared, or expounded, & contrary to the veray sincere, and godly mea
nyng of the same, inducyng ouer blindely of ignorance, sophistry, vntrue
argumentes, & fonde wise shewes, to be nothyng and myche amonge his said
subiectes, within this his realme, to the great, inquietation of his said peo
ple, and gret displeasure of his maiestie, and contrary to his graciouse mea
ninge, good intencion, & moste godly purpose.

For reformacion wherof, his maiestie moste vertuously and prudently
considereth, and thinketh that it is & shalbe moste expedient, yea & moste
necessarye, not onely for the louers, dreadfull and perfect, to take away, & ex
clense this his highnes realme, territories, regiones, dominions, and coun
tries, of all suche bookes, writinges, sermones, disputacions, argumentes,
balades, plaies, rimes, songes, treatises, and fonde deuises, as be pernici
ous, and noysome, but also to make and establishe a certain forme of pure and sincere
teachinge, agreable with godes lawe, and the true sincere doctrine of the ca
holike and Apostolicall churche, whereby to remedie hereafter the vnsyncere
perfection of some such controuersies as haue in tymes past been moued, and

amonges them. And therefore be it enacted, ordeyned and eſtabliſhed, by our ſayde ſouerayne lorde the kynge, the lordes ſpyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that all manner of bookes of the old and newe teſtament in engliſhe, beynge of the moſte falſe, and vntrue tranſlacion of Tindall, and all other bookes and writinges in the engliſhe tongue, teachinges or compilinges, any matters of chriſten religion, articles of the faithe, or holy ſcripture, or any part of them, contrary vnto that doctrine, which ſins the yere of our lorde, M.D.xl. is, or any time durynge the kynges maieſties lyfe, our ſayde ſouerayne lorde that now is kynge Henry the viijth, whiche our lorde longe preſerue, ſhalbe ſette forthe by his highnes, with ſuch ſuperſcription and ſubſcription, as hereafter ſhalbe declared, ſhall be by auctoritie of this preſent acte clerely and vtterly abolliſhed, extinguiſhed, and forbidden, to be kept or had in this realme, as is before in anie the kynges dominions.

And alſo be enacted by the auctorities aforeſaide, that if any printer bokebynder, bokeſeller or anie other perſon or perſons, ſhall after the firſte daie of Auguſt enſuinge, printe or cauſe to be printed, or bye, ſell gyue or deliuer within this realme or elſe where within anie the kynges dominions anie of the bookes or writinges afore ſpecified or prohibited, or plaie in enterludes, ſinge or rime anie matter contrarie to the ſaid doctrine, which ſins the ſaide yere of our lorde M.D.xl. is past and that (as is aforeſaide) ſhall be ſet forthe by the kynges maieſtie, our ſayde ſouerayne lorde that now is and be of any the offences aforeſaide conuicted, by ſufficient witnes, before anie iuge of the kynges reuenſale, or the ordinarie of the dioceſſe, where anie ſuch offence ſhalbe committed, and iuſtice of peace of the ſhire ſhyre where any ſuch ordinarie ſhall ſitte within his dioceſſe, for that purpoſe, as before anie other perſon or perſons, whome for this purpoſe the kynges maieſtie ſhall appoint by his highnes commiſſion ſhall haue and ſuffre for the firſte time, impriſonment of his bodie for ſyxe monethes, and alſo loſe and forfaite for euerie ſuche booke or writing, printed vttered, and ſolde, gyuen or deliuered (as is aforeſaid) the ſomme of x li. ſterling. And for the ſecond time ſo offending in anie of the ſaid offences, and being therof conuicted, as is aforeſaide, ſhall loſe and forfaite all his goodes, and his bodie, to be committed to perpetuall priſon.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, after the firſt daie of Iulye next comminge, receyue in his handes or cuſtodie, anie engliſhe bookes or writinges, concerninge matter againſt the holy and bleſſed ſacrament of the aulter, or for the maintenaunce of the deteſtable opinions of the fayth of the biſhop of Rome or anie other engliſhe bookes or writinges, which heretofore haue bene abolliſhed and condemned by the kynges proclamations, and ſhalbe therof conuict, in maner and formes aforeſaide: That then euery ſuch offendour ſhall for euerie ſuch booke or writinge ſo receyued as is aforeſaide, loſe and forfaite the ſumme of x li. ſter-

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lyng. And if any person or persons, after the first daie of Octobre next comminge shall retaine in his handes or custodie, within this realme or elles where within any the kinges dominions, anie other of the said bookes or writinges before prohibited, and shalbe therof convicted, in maner and fourme aforesaide: that than the saide person or persons, so beinge convicte shall for euerie such booke or writinge, conteininge speciall treatie or chapiter against anie doctrine, set forthe or to be set forthe by the kinges maiestie as is aforesayd, so by him or them retayned, forfait & pay the summe of .x.li. sterling. And if the booke or writing haue onely wordes or sententes enterlaced, contrary to the sayde doctrine. Then the fine to be moderate by the discrecion of the iudge: so it excede not .xl.s.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the bibles and newe testament in englishe, not beinge of Tindalles translacions, shall stande in force, and not be comprised in this abolicion or acte. Neuertheiesse if there shalbe found in anie such bibles or newe testamentes, any annotacions or preambles, That than euerie person and persons, hauinge anye bibles or newe testamentes, with any suche annotacions or preambles, shall before the sayd first day of Octobre, cutte or blotte the same, in such wise, as they cannot be perceiued nor red, vpon payne to lose and forfaite for euerie bible and newe testament that any person or persons shall haue in their handes or custodie, after the sayd first date of Octobre, with any such annotacions or preambles as is aforesayd, contrary to this acte. .xl.s.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nerte aboue specified, do not extend to the blotting or cutting out of any quotacion or summaries of chapters expressed or conteyned in any suche bibles or newe testamentes, any thinge aforemencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that all bookes in englishe, printed before the yere of our lorde, M.D.xl. intituled, the kinges highnes proclamacions, iniunctions, translacions of the Pater nostre, the Aue maria, and the Crede, the psalters, primers, prayers, statutes and lawes of the realme, cronicles, Canturbury tales, Chaucers bookes, Gowers bookes, & stories of mens lines, shall not be comprehended in the prohibicion of this acte, onelesse the kinges sayde maiestie shall hereafter make speciall proclamacion for the condemnacion and reproouing of the same, or any of them.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that al printers maye lawfully printe all suche bookes, conteyninge matters of religion as the kinges maiestie shall by his bill assigned allow and approue, whereunto the same printers, shalbe bound to put the superscripcion and subscripcion in this fourme, that is to saye, by the kinge & his clergie, with adicion in the ende of the printers name, his dwellinge place, the date & yere of the printing of the same; which if the same printer do omitte, he shal incurre such penalties as before is limitted for printing, selling, geuynge, or delyuerunge of vnlawfull bookes.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it

shall be lawfull to all and euerie person and persons, to sette forthe songes and plaies and enterluds, to be vsed and exercised within thys realme, and other the kinges dominions, for the rebuking and reprochinge of vices, and the settinge forthe of vertue: So alwayes the said songes plaies or enterludes medle not with interpretacions of scripture, contrary to the doctrine set forth or to be set forth by the kinges maiestye, our sayd soueraine lorde that now is, king Henry the eight in fourme aforesaide. Anye thing conteyned in thys acte to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or persons after the first daye of Octobre nert ensuinge, shall take vpon him or them to read preach or teach openly to other, in anye churche or open assembly, within anye the kinges dominion, the bible, or anye parte of scripture in englishe, or by anye other person or persons cause it or any parte therof openly to be red preached or taught to other, in anye churche, or open assembly, as is aforesaide, onelesse he be so appointed therunto by the kynges maiestie, or by any ordinarye, or by such as haue rule gouernement and auctoritie, to make deputacion or assignement for the same, vpon peine that euerye suche offendour, beinge therof conuicted as is aforesayde, shall suffre imprisonment of one moneth.

¶ Prouided alwayes that the chauncellour of England, Capitaines of the warres, the kynges iustices, the recorders of any Citie, borughe, or towne, the speaker of the parliament, and all other Justices officers and ministers, whyche heretofore haue bene accustomed to declare or teache anye good vertuous or godlye exortacions, in any assembles, maye vse anye part of the bible or holy scripture, as they were wont and haue bene accustomed so alwayes it be not contrary to the doctryne set forth or to be set forth as is aforesaide, anye thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that it shalbe lawfull to euery noble man and gentleman being a householder, to rede or cause to be reade by any of his familie seruauntes, in his house orchyardes or gardeine, and to his owne familye, any tert of the bible or new testament, so the same be doue quietely and wythout disturbance of good order. And also that it shalbe lawfull forenerye marchante man being a housholder, and occupiyng the feat of marchaundyse, to read to hym selfe priuately, the bible and new testament, anye thynge in this acte to the contrarye hereof not withstanding.

¶ And where the kynges maiestye, of hys moste gracious and blessed disposicion, hath heretofore caused to be set forth the bible and newe testament in the Englyshe tonge, to be read by hys louing subiectes, to the intent that they myght therby the better know theyr dutye to almightie god, and to his maiestie, and also increase in vertue, for the welth of their soules. All be it his maiesties sayd most godly purpose and intent, hath taken good effecte amonges a great multitude of his subiectes, & specially amonges the highest and most honest sort, accordynge to hys highnes good expectacion therof: yet for as much as hys highnes perceiueth, that a great multitude of his

saide subiectes. moste specially of the lower sorte, haue so abused the same that they haue therby growen and increased in diuers naughty and erroneous opinions, and by occasion therof fallen into greate diuision and dissencion among them selfes, to the great vnquietnes of the realme, & other his maiesties dominions. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from and after the first day of July nexte commynge, no women, nor artificers, prentyses, iorneymen, seruyng men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husband men, nor labourers, shal reade wythin thys realme, or in any other the kynges dompynons, the bible or new testament in Englyshe to hym self, or to any other priuatly or openly, vpon payne of one monthes imprysonment for euery tyme offendyng contrary to thys acte, and beynge therof conuicte in such maner and fourme as is aforesayde, onlesse the kynges maiestie, our sayd soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eight, perceiuing suche reformacion and amendement in theyr lyues and behauiour, by the diligent and discrete readyng, and imprinting in their hartes of the moste blessed doctrine, set forthe, or hereafter to be set forthe by his sayde maiestie shal of his clemency thinke good otherwise, to enlarge and to giue libertie for the reading of the same.

¶ Prouided alway that all maner of persons, other than women, artificers prentises, iourneymen, seruyng men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husband men and labourers, may reade to them selfues, and to none other, any tert of the bible and new testament, for theyr owne edefieng and increase of vertue, any thing in thys acte to the contrary not wythstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that euery noble woman & gentilwoman maye reade to them selfues alone and not to others, any tertes of the bible or new testament any thyng in this act to the contrary not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull, to euery person and persons what so euer, to reade and teache in their houses, and in the houses of theyr husbandes, parentes, or maysters, all suche doctryne, as lyng the sayde yeare of our lorde. M. D. xl. is or shall be set forthe by the kinges maiestye, our souerayne lorde that now is, as is aforesayd. And also the psalter, primers, Pater noster, Aue and Crede in English, and all suche bookes and writynges, whiche be aboue specyally named, to be referued and not to be abolished and prohibited by thys act: So they do the same quietly, and wythout disturbance of good ordre, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not wythstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, other than be aboue limitted, shall take vpon him openly to dispute or argue, to debate discusse or expounde holy scripture, or any parte therof, whiche with all reuerence ought to be communicated amonge christen men, vpon the peynes of one monethes imprisonment.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the one moitie of all the penalties and forfaitures of summes of money aboue specified, shall be to the king our souereigne lorde, and the other moitie therof

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to suche person or persons as will detecte and sue for the conuiction of anye of the offendours contrary to this acte, in such fourme as is aboue limitted by this acte, and that the moitie of suche forfaitures limitted to the partye detectinge and suinge as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied of the offendours, that shall be conuicte by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforesaid, after suche fourme fashion and order of processe, as shall be deuised by the iudge or iudges, afore whome any suche conuiction shalbe had: and the other moitie of suche forfaitures, limitted to be to the kinges maiestie, shall be estreated by writyng into the kinges escheker, by the sayde iudge or iudges, within .xl. dayes next after suche conuiction had: if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within .xx. dayes nexte after the begininge of the terme folowing after suche conuiction.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any spyrituall person or persons shal after the fyrst day of July next commyng, preache, teache defende or maintaine any matter or matters, thinge or thinges contrary to the godly instrucions or determinacions, which syns the yere of our lorde aforesayd, is or shalbe set forthe by his maiestye, as is afore mencioned: that than euerye suche offendour beinge therof conuicted before the ordinarye of that dioceese within the whych the sayd offence shal be commytted, and two Justices of peace, as is aforesayd, or before two of the kynges maiestyes counsayle, or suche commyssyoners as hys maiestye shall apoynte for that purpose: shalbe for the fyrst tyme admitted to recante and renounce his sayde errours, after suche maner and fourme as shalbe apoynted by the ordinarye or iudges, afore whome suche offendour shall be conuict. And if suche offendour refuse to recante, in suche fourme as is aforesayde, or if he recant, and after eftsoones offende: that than he shall for the seconde tyme, or for refusall to recante, abiure and beare a fagot, after such maner and fourme as shalbe assigned by the ordinarie or iudge and two Justices of peace, as is aforesayd afore whome suche offendour shall be conuict. And if such offendour refuse to abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforesayd, or if he abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforesayd, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act and be therof conuict in maner and fourme as is aforesayde: That than euery suche offendour, for the thirde time, or for refusall to abiure, shall be demed and adiudged an heretike, & shall suffer therfore paines of death by burnynge, and losse and forfaitures of all his good and catteles. And if any lay person or persons, shall after the sayde first day of July nexte commyng, teache defende or maynteyne any matter or matters, thinge or thynges, contrary to the godly instructions and determinacions, which since the yere of our lorde aforesayd, is or shalbe set forthe by his maiestie, as is aforesayde, euery suche offendour, being therof duly conuicted before the ordinary of the dioceese, within the whiche the saide offence shall be committed, and two Justices of peace, as is aforesaid, or before two of the kinges maiesties counsayle or suche commissioners, as the kinges highnes shall appoint for that purpose, shall renounce and forsake his saide errour before

the said ordinarie or iudges, before whome the saide offendour shall be conuicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kinges prisons by the space of xx. dayes. And if such offendour refuse to renounce and forsake his saide errours, or if he renounce and forsake his saide errours, and after eftsoones offende: That than he shall for the seconde time, or refusynge to renounce, abiure and beare a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinarie or iudge before whome such offendour shalbe so conuicted, shall be appointed: and if such offendour refuse to abiure, and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, or if he abiure and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act, or refuse to abiure, and be therof conuicte in maner and fourme that is aforesaide: that than euery such offendour shall forfaite all his goodes and cattalles, and haue perpetual imprisonment.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the offence of readinge, preachinge, teachinge, defendinge or maintetining matter, contrary to the determinacion set forthe or to be set forth by the kinges maiestie our saide soueraigne lord kinge Henrie the eight, be obiected against the offendour, within one yere nexte after suche offence committed and done, or els the offendour therin to suffer no punishment by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in triall by witnes of any of the matters or offences aboue specified in this acte, the person, or persons, beinge detects or complained on, shalbe admitted to purge and trie his or their innocency by other witnesse, as many or mo in number, and of as good honesty and credence as those be which deposed against them or any of them, in whiche case the saide iudge or iudges, which shall haue auctoritie to examine here and determine the offentes aboue saide, by auctoritie of this acte, shall aduisedly and deliberately survey and consider the wayes brought in by bothe partes, and their dispositions and circumstances therof, and there vpon condempne or dismisse from punishment and lose, the person detects or complayned vpon, as to his owne discretion shall seeme best to agree with conscience and equitie.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte be vnderstand, that no person or persons shall incurre any payne or penaltie in this acte, for offending of any doctrine hereafter to be set forthe by the kinges maiestye, as is aforesaide, till one moneth be past and expired nexte after such doctrine shall be put in printe, within which time of a moneth, next after such doctrine emprinted, euery person may haue notise of the same.

¶ Prouided also that this acte concerning the sixe articles, shall still remayne and continewe in the same forse strenght and effecte, as it was before the making of this acte, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further prouided by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges maiestie our soueraigne lorde that nowe is kinge Henry the viii. may at any time hereafter at his bigines libertie and pleasure, chaunge and alter this present act and prouisions of the same, or any clause or article therin conteyned

ned, as to his highnes moſt excellent wiſdome ſhall ſeme conuenient, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that for the more ſpedie execution of this act, euery ordinary aforeſaid, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to giue notice to two iuſtices of peace, being vnder the degree of barons, and being reſiaunt and inhabitaunt within ſuch ſhyre where any ſuch ordinary ſhall ſit for the execucion of this acte and require them to come to ſuche place, and at ſuche time as ſuche ordinary ſhall name and aſſigne, to ioine with the ſaid ordinary in examinacion and determinacion of any offence or offences committed or done againſt the tenour of this act. And in caſe any ſuche iuſtices, being ſo required, as is aforeſaide, hauing conuenient and reaſonable warning and knowledge in writinge from and at ſuche time, of the day and place appointed, do not come to ſuch place and at ſuche time, as ſhalbe appointed, hauinge no lawfull and iuſt impediment to the contrary, ſhall forfaite and loſe to the kinges highnes, for euery ſuch offence ſo to be executed, as is aforeſaide.

¶ An act concerning collectours and receiuers. Cap. ii.

WHere diuers and ſundry highe collectours of the .xv. and ſubſidy, one to the kinges highenes, and diuers other his particuler and generall receiuours of his reuenues and duties, being within the ſtiruey rule and order of his maieſties court of the Eſchequer, the duchy of Lancaſter, the court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, the court of the generall ſurueyours, the court of the wardes and liueres, and the court of the tenthe and firſt fruites, haue heretofore, after the collection leuying or gathering of the kinges rentes, ſubſidies, rentes, debtes and other his money and duties, reteined occupied and conuerted the ſame to their owne ſingular profite and commoditie, as in leuing or leying out the ſame for gaynes in purchaſing landes of great value, and in byeng of woolles, & other marchandiſe, whereby the kinges maieſtye hath oft times loſt great parte of his debtes and duties, and ſome time forborne the ſame by a long ſeaſon, after ſuch time as the ſame haue ben due and gathered. For reformacion wherof be it enacted ordeined and eſtabliſhed, by the kinges highnes with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thauctoritie of the ſame, that euery highe collectour of any .xv. ſubſidie or other taxe or leue, and all and euery other the kinges ſaid particuler and generall receiuours, of any the ſayde ſummes of money, and other duties belonging to the king, from and after the firſt day of July next ſuccedinge, ſhal within the ſpace of three monethes next after ſuch dayes and times, as any the ſayd rentes ſubſidies, rentes, ſummes of money, or other yerely profites, ſhall be due and payable to the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, by any ſtatute ordinaunce or other meane,

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and by the same collectour particuler or generall receiuour, or any of them receiued or gathered, truely content deliuer and pay the same to the kinges vse, at suche place or places, and to suche person or persons, as he or shalbe named and appoynted and limitted for the same, vpon payne to forfait to the kinge hys heyres and successours, for euery pounde so beinge receiued, & after that reteined kepte or layde out for gayne, and not payd within thre monethes, to the kinges vse, as is aforesayde .iiii. shillinges for euerye moneth that the same money shall be so reteined kepte or layde out for gayne as is aforesayde, and also shall lose and forfaite his or theyr saide office, concerning the same, and al profites therunto belonging. And that the kynge shall at his pleasure charge the said collectour particuler or generall receyuour vpon his or their accomptes with the penaltie and forfaitures aboue rehersed, or els at his pleasure demaunde aske and recouer the same by action bill plainte or suite of debte, against the same collectour or collectours. particuler or general receiuour, their heires, executours or administratours: In which action bill plaint or suite no protection, essoine or wager of law shall be allowed nor admitted.

Prouided alway, that if any of the sayd collectours, particuler or generall receiuours, tender payemente of all suche money by theym receyued to the kinges vse, within the sayde three monethes; in suche place, and vnto suche person and persons, as he or shall be charged with the receipte of the same, and do as muche as in him or them is, or than shalbe for to make true payment therof: and can not be therunto admitted, by reason of importunate busines, or other lawefull impediment or cause in him or them that shoulde accepte or receiue the same, that in euerye suche cause, the same, collectour, particuler or generall receiuour or receiuours, as shall so make tender of all suche money by him or them receiued or gathered to the kinges vse, as is aforesaid, & cannot be therunto admitted for any the causes abouesayde, shal not be charged with, or incurre any danger or penalty cõteined in thys act: this act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstãding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the heire or heires of any collectour or receiuour aforesaid, shall not be charged or chargeable, by reason of thys acte, but onely for and in suche landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche the sayde heire or heires haue or shall haue by discent in fee simple or fee tayle, or by gifte or els by any other assurraunce had or made to any such heire or heyres only by couin from the said collectour or receiuour, or any of them, or any theyr assignes. And that in all and euerye suche case and cases, the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, to haue executiõ only of & in such lãds tenemẽtes or hereditamẽts discended, giuẽ or otherwise assured, as is aforesaid, vntil suche time as hys maiestie, his heires & successors, be fully satisfied & paid of al and euery suche sum & sũmes of money, due or to be due by any such collectour or receiuour.

And it is further enacted, that the executour or executours, administratour or administratours of euerye suche collectour or receyuour, shall not

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be otherwise charged or chargeable by this act, but as executours and administratours be or shoulde be charged and chargeable by the order of the common lawes of this realme, in actions of debte, bied and commensed against them, as executours or administratours.

¶ Prouided also and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where the heyre and heires of any of the kinges receiuours or collectours or debtours, is or shalbe charged of and for his fathers or auncestours debtes or dueties, whose heire he is, wherby the landes descended or giuen to him by couine, to defraude the kinges execution of suche lande vnto him or them from the saide father or auncestours is put in execution, that than such heire or heires shall and may haue his or their action of debte agaynste the executours or administratours of his sayde father or auncestour, and shall haue execution of the goodes and cattalles of the sayd father or auncestour, being in the handes of the saide executours or administratours, at the time of the said action brought: In which said action none essoine protection nor wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act shall not extende to the collectours of the kinges custome, and of the subsidie of tonnage and poundage, whiche be accomptable yerely in the kinges maiesties eschecker.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that thys acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not extende or be preiudiciall to any the sayde generall or particular receiuour or receiuours, to or for the paymentes of anye pencions, fees, annuities, rentes, or other allowances, by them or any of them payde, or to be paide, to any person or persons, accordinge to suche allowance order or decree, as be or hereafter shalbe allowed, ordered, or decreed in anye of the sayde courtes, any thinge in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the assise of cole and wood. Cap. iii.

Where of late yeares not onelye the kinges highnesse, but also all hys louinge subiectes, haue beene muche dysceyued in theyr fuell, that they haue broughte by the greedye coueteous mindes of the sellers of the same, as well by the vntrue measures of coles, littell and lyttell continuallye minished, as also in the vntrewe lengthe and quantitie of faggotte, talwood, and billette, to the greatte disceite and losse, as well of our sayde soueraygne lorde, as also of all hys fayethfull and trewe subiectes. For reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and by the commons in thys presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no persoune, from the feaste of the purtficacion of our blessed Ladye, that shall bee in the yeare of our lorde, a thousande fyue hundred fortye and three, shall bargayne, sell, bringe, or conuey, to be vttered or solde,

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within the citie of London, or elles where within this realme of England, ne to Caleys or the marches of the same, anye cooles, fagottes, billetes, or talwood, but of the measures quantities lengthes and assises hereafter ensuinge, that is to saye, that euery quarter of cooles shall contayne in cleane cooles viii. bushels at the least, and euery shyde of talwood to conteyne in length iiii. foote of assise at least, besyde the carfe: and euerie talle shyde of one, to be in greatnes in the middes xx. inches of assise at the least: and euery talle shyde named of two, to conteine in greatnes in the middes xvi. inches of assise at the least: and euerye talle shyde, name of iii. to conteyne in greatnes xvii. ynches of assise at the least, And euerye talle shyde, named of iiii. to conteyne in greatnes in the middes xvi. viii. yches of assise at the least, & euery tale shyd, named of v. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes, xiiii. yches of assise at the least. And that no pece of talewood be made of anye moe shydes than onely v. and that no halfe shyde be made but onely of him selfe not marked with an other. And euery fagott bedde, with all that belongeth therto, to conteyne in length iii. foote of assise at the leaste, the bonde of euery whiche faggotte to conteyne three quarters of a yarde at the leaste, besyde the knotte. And euery billette to be onely of one cast and not above. And the halfe of euery loode of suche billettes, to be singles, and euery single billette to conteyne aboute the middes iii. yches of assise at the leaste, and in length with the carfe iii. foote and an halfe of assise. And euery double billet to be in greatnes in the middes xiii. yches of assise at the least. And euery person, that so shall bargayne sell bringe or conuey to be vttered or solde, any cooles, fagotte, billette, or talwood, contrary to the true meaning and intent of this present acte, shall forfaite all suche cooles, faggot, billette, and talwood, or the value therof, The one halfe of the sayde forfaitures to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that will sease the same, or sue therfore, in anye of the kynges courtes, by writte, bill plainte or informacion: wherin none essoine protection nor wager of lawe to be allowed. And further, the sayde offender within anye citie borough or towne to be punished by the discrecion of the Maire or other head officer of the same citie borough or towne, for the tyme beinge. And the sayde offendour, out of the sayde citie borough or towne, to be punished by the discrecion of two Justices of peace, inhabiting within the shyre, where the offence shall be committed or done. And the sayde offendours in Caleis, or the marches of the same, to be punished by the discreacion of the mayre & his bretherne there. and the offendours contrary to the premisses in the houshold of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, and hys heires or successours, to susteine suche further punishment, as shall seme expedient to the head officer of the same household for the time beynge, or three of them, whereof the treasourer or the comptroler for the time beinge to be one,

An acte against suche persons as do make bankrupt. Cap. liii.

Where diuerse and sundrie persons, craftily obteynynge into theyr handes great substance of other mennes goodes, doe sodeinly flee to parties unknowen, or kepe theyr houses, not myndynge to paye or reborde to answere their creditours, their debtes and billes, but at their owne willes and pleasures consume the substance obteined by credite of other men, for their owne pleasure and delicate liuinge, against all reason equitie and good conscience. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the lorde Chaūcellour of England, or keper of the great seale, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde Presidente, lorde Priue seale, and other of the kinges most honorable Priue counsayle, the chiefe iustices of eyther benche, for the time beinge, or three of them at the least, whereof the lorde Chauncellour or keper of the great seale, lorde Treasourer, lorde Presidente, or the lorde Priue seale, to be one, vpon every complaynte made to them in writyng by any parties greued concerning the premisses, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to take by their wisdomes and discreacions, suche ordres and directions, as well with the bodies of suche offendours aforesayde, where so euer they may be had, or otherwise, as also with their landes tenementes fees annuities and offices, whiche they haue in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of life terme of yeres, or in the right of their wiues, as muche as the interest, right and title of the same offendour shall extende or be, and maye than lawfully be departed wyth, by the sayd offendour, and also wyth their money goodes cattelles, wares, marchaundyses, & debtes, where so euer they may be found or knowen. And to cause their saide landes tenementes fees annuities offices goodes cattelles wares marchaundises, and debtes to be serched viewed rented and appraised, and to make sale of the saide landes tenementes fees annuities and offices, as muche as the same offender may than lawfully geue graunt or depart wyth, or otherwise to order the same for true satisfaction and paiement of the said creditours: that is to saie, to euery of the saide creditours, a porcion rate and rate like, accordinge to the quantitie of theyr debtes. And that euerie direction order bargaine sale and other thinges done by the saide lordes auctorised, as is aforesaid, in writinge signed with their handes, by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe good and effectual in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes against the said offenders, their heyres and executours for euer, as though the same order direction bargayn and sale had bene made by the saide offendour or offenders, at byg or their owne free poyll and libertie by writinge indented enrolled in any the kynges courtes of recorde.

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¶ And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if after anie suche acte or offence committed and complainte thereof made to the saide lordes as is aforesayde, anie partie greued concerninge the premisses knowinge, suppolinge, or suspectinge any of the goodes, cattalles wares, marchaundises or debtes of suche offendour or offendours, to be in custodye vse, occupienge kepinge or possession of any person or persons, or anie person or personnes to be endebted to any suche offendour or offendours, doe make relacion therof to the sayde lordes, to whom auctoritie is geuen by this presente acte as is aforesayde: that then the saide lordes shall by vertue hereof, haue full power and auctoritie to sende for and conuente afore them by suche proces, waies or meanes, as they shall thinke conuenient by their discreacions, all and euery suche person and persons so knowen supposed or suspected, to haue anie suche goodes cattalles wares, marchandises or debtes in his or their custodie vse occupacion kepinge or possession, or supposed or suspected, to be indebted to suche offendour or offendours: and vpon theyr apperaunce to examine them and euery of them as well by theyr othes, as otherwise by suche wayes and meanes, as the sayde lordes by their discreacions, shall thinke mete and conuenient for and vpon the specialtie, certeyntye, true declaracion and knowledge, of all and singuler suche goodes, cattales, wares, marchaundises, and debtes, of anye suche offendours as be supposed or suspected to be in his or their custodie, vse occupacion or possession, and of all suche debtes as by them or anye of them, shall be supposed or suspected to be owinge to anye suche offendour. And if anye suche person or persons vpon such examinacion do not disclose, plainely declare and shewe the whole truthe of suche thinges as he or they shall be examined of, concerninge the premisses: than euery suche person or personnes so examined, and not declaringe the playne and whole trouthe, concerninge the premisses, vpon due proofe therof to be made, before the sayde lordes therefore auctholiled as is aforesayde, by witnesse, examinacion, or otherwise, to the same lordes shall seme sufficient in that behalfe, shall lose and forfaite double the value of all suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises, debtes, by them or any of them so conceled and not wholy and playnly declared and shewed, whiche forfaiture shall be leuied and recouered by the sayd lordes, hauinge auctoritie as is aforesayd, by suche wayes and meanes as to them shall seme requisite and conuenient. And the same forfaiture to be distributed and imploied to and for the satisfaction and payemente of the debtes of the sayde creditour or creditoures, in suche like maner rate and fourme as is aboue declared, concerninge the orderinge of the goodes and cattelles, of the sayde offendours, kepinge their houses, or fleynge to places vnknowen. as is aforesaide.

¶ And be it also further enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that if anye suche persone or personnes shall kepe his or their houses, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforesaide, any person or personnes doe fraudulently by co-

ueine or colluſion, claime or demaund anye debt duetye or other thinge by writinge or otherwiſe, of anye ſuche offendour or offendours, other than ſuche as he or they can and doe proue to be due by right, and conſcience, in fourme aforeſayde, before the ſayd lordes hauing auctheritie by this preſent acte, as is aforeſaide, and the ſame to proceede bona fide, wythout fraude or coueine: that then euery ſuche perſon and perſons, ſo craftely demaundyng or claiminge any ſuche debt, duetie or other thinge, as is aforeſayde, ſhal forfaite and loſe double as muche as he or they ſhall ſo claime or demaunde.
And the ſame forfaiture to be leuied recouered and emploied in maner and fourme as is afore reherſed.

¶ And be it alſo further enacted, by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that if anye ſuche perſon or perſons, which ſhall kepe his or their houſes, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforeſayde, of entent to delaye or defraude their creditours diſceitfully by couyne or colluſion, ſuffre or cauſe anye other perſon or perſons, to recouer agaynſt him or them any debtes, goodes, cattelles, wares, or marchaundiſes wythout iuſt cauſe and title ſo to dooe, procedinge bona fide without fraude or coueine, that than vpon complainte therof made to the ſayde lordes hauinge auctheritie by this preſent acte, as is aforeſayde the ſame lordes, ſhall haue power and auctheritie by vertue hereof to conuent and call before them the ſayde recouerer or recouerers, and after ſuche fraude diſceite coueyne or colluſion ſhall playnely appeare or be duely proued before the ſayde lordes auctheriſed, as is aforeſayde, all the ſayde goodes and cattelles of the ſayde offendour ſo recouered, ſhall be chargeable imployed ordered and deliuered towarde the payment of the trewe and due debtes of the ſaide creditour, after the maner fourme and rate as is afore ſpecified, by the diſcretion of the ſaide lordes, hauinge auctheritie by thys preſent acte, the aforeſaid falſe and fayned recouereies not wythſtandynge, ſo that alwayes ſuche falſe and fayned recoueries ſhall not be in force, or anye execucion therby had of or vppon any goodes cattelles landes, or tenementes of any ſuche offendour or offendours, vntill ſuche time as all his or their true and due debtes and duties, ſhall be fully ſatiſfied contented and payed to his or their creditours. And neuertheleſſe after that the ſayde true debtes and duetyes, ſhall be fully ſatiſfied and payde, as is aforeſayde as well the bodie of the ſayd offendour, as hys landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, ſhall be charged & lyable to the execucion of the ſayde recouery accordinge to the tenour force and effect of the ſame.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the ſame auchtoritie, that if any ſuche perſon or perſones whiche ſhalbe indetted, do withdraw him ſelfe out of this realme and other the kinges dominions, into anye foreine realme, or countrey, to the intent therby to abyde and remayne, in defraude of hys creditours: that than vppon complaynte in writinge concerninge the premiſſes, thereof made to the ſayde lordes hauinge auctheritie, as is aforeſayd, the ſame lordes

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shall by vertue and auethoritie of this present act haue power & auethoritie to award proclamacions to be made in such places as to them shalbe thought mete and conuenient, commaunding by the same such offendour in the king our soueraigne lordes name, to returne with all conuenient spede into this realme, and to yelde hys bodye before the sayd lordes, hauinge auethoritie as is aforesayd or one of them. And if the sayd person within three monethes next after he shall haue knowledge of such proclamacion, or as sone after as he conueniently may, do not repaire and yelde hys bodie as is aforesayd, that than the bodie of all and euerie suche offendour and offendours shall be adiudged taken and deemed to al intentes and purposes out of the kinges protection, and that also all goodes catteles landes tenementes and debtes of euery such offendour shall be by the order and discrecion of the sayd lordes imployed and distributed amonges hys creditours equallie and indifferently rate for rate, in like maner and fourme as is afore declared. And that also euerye person or persones that shall willingly helpe to ayde imbesyll or conuey any such person or persons, theyr said goodes, catteles, wares, or marchaundises out of this realme, and other the kinges Domynyons, in to anie forreyne realme or place, knowinge the sayde person or persons to depart or withdraw them selues, or conuey their said goodes, catteles, wares and marchaundises for the cause and intent aforesayde shall suffre suche peines by imprisonment of their bodies, or paye suche fine to our soueraygne lorde the kinge, his heires or successours, as to the sayde lordes hauinge auethoritie by vertue of this present acte, shall seme mete and conueniente for their sayde offence or offences.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if the creditours of any such offendour or offendours, whiche shal kepe his or their house or houses, or which shal absent or withdrawe them selues into places vnknowen, for the cause aforesayd, be not fully satisfied and payed or otherwise contented for their debtes and duties, by the wayes and meanes afore specified and declared, that than the sayd creditour and creditours, and euerie of them, shall and maye haue their remedie for the recouery and leuieng of the residue of the same debtes or duties, wherof they shall not be fully satisfied & payed, or otherwise contented in forme aforesayde agaynst the sayde offendour or offendours in like maner and fourme as they shoulde or myght haue had, before the makinge of this acte. And that the sayde creditour and creditours, and euerie of them, shalbe onely barred and excluded by vertue of this act, of and for all and euerie suche parte and porcion of the sayde debtes and duties, as shalbe payed satisfied distributed or deliuered vnto hym or them by the sayde lordes, hauinge auethoritie as is aforesaide, and of no more porcion or parcell there, anye thinge herein specified that maye be taken or construed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An act for the explanacion of the statutes of willes. Cap. b.

WHere in the last parliamet, begun & holde at westminster the .xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and there by diuers prorogacios holden & continued vnto the .xxiiii. daye of July, in the .xxxiii. yere of his sayde reygne: It was by the kinges most gracious & liberall disposicion shewed toward his moste humble and obedient subiectes ordeined and enacted, how & in what maner landes, tenemētes & hereditamētes, might by will or testamēt, in wrytting or otherwise by any act or actes laufully executed in the life of euery person, geuen disposed willed or deuised, for the aduancemēt of the wife preferrement of children, payment of debtes of euery such person, or otherwise at his will or pleasure, as in the same acte more playnelye is declared. Sithen the making of whiche estatute diuers doubtes, questions, & ambiguities, haue risen, ben moued and growen, by diuersitie of opinions taking in and vpon the exposicion of the letter of the same estatute.

¶ For a playne declaracion and explanacion wherof, and to the intent and purpose, that the kinges obedient and louinge subiectes shall and maye take the commoditie and aduauntage of the kinges sayde gracious and lyberall disposition, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, moste humblye beseche the kinges maiestie, that the meninge of the letter of the same estatute, concerning such maters hereafter rehersed, maye be by the aucthoritie of this present parliament enacted, taken, expounded, iudged, declared, & explaned, in maner and fourme folowinge.

¶ First where it is conteyned in the same former statute, within diuers articles and branches of the same, that all and singuler person and persons, hauing any manour landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the estate of inheritance shoulde haue full and free libertie power & auctoritie, to geue wil, dispose, or assygne, as well by last wyll & testament in writinge or other wise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in hys lyfe hys manours landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, or anye of them, in suche maner & fourme, as in the same former act more at large it doth apere. Whiche wordes of estate of inheritaunce, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, is and shall be declared, expounded, taken, and iudged, of estates in fee simple onelye. And also that al and singular person and persones hauing a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in copercenery, or in common in fee simple of and in any manours, landes, tenements, rentes, or other hereditamentes, in possession, reuercion or remainder, or of rentes or seruices incident to anye reuercion or remainder, & hauing no manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes holden of the king, his heires, or successours, or of any other person or persones, by knightes seruice, shall haue full and free libertie, power, and auctoritie, to giue, dispose, will, or deuise to any person or persones (excepte

cept bodies politike & corporat) by his last will and testament, in writinge or otherwise, by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe solye or by him self & other ioyntly severally or particularly, or by all those wayes or any of them, as muche as in him of right is or shalbe, all his sayde manors landes tenementes, rentes and hereditamentes, or anye of them, or any rentes commons or other profittes, or commodities, out of or to be perceived of the same, or out of anye perceil therof, at his owne free will and pleasure: any clause in the sayde former act not withstanding.

¶ And further be it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and singuler person and persons, hauinge a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in copercenery, or in common in fee simple of or in any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, in possession reuertion or remainder, or of & in anye rentes or seruices incident to any reuertion or remainder, holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in cheife, or of the nature of knightes seruice in chiefe, hath and by the auctho-ritie of this present parliament shall haue full and free libertie power & auc-thoritie, to give, dispose will or assigne to any person or persons (except bodies politike and corporate) by his last will and testament in wrytinge, or other-wise by anye acte or actes, lawfully executed in hys life by him self solye, or by him selfe and other ioyntly severally or particularly, or by all those wayes or any of them, as muche as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes as well of all the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, & hereditamentes, as of all and singuler his other rentes and hereditamentes, or of any of them or anye rentes commons, or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of any parcel therof, in three partes to be deuided, or as much therof, as shall amounte to the ful and clere yere-ly value of two partes therof, in three partes to be deuided, of what per-son or persons so euer they be holden, at his free will and pleasure. And that by the authoritie aforesaide, the saide will so declared, shalbe good and effec-tuall for two partes of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes and here-ditamentes, although the will so declared be made of the whole, or of more than of two partes of the same. The same deuision to be made and set forth by the deuisour or owner of the same manours, landes, tenementes & here-ditamentes, by hys last will in wryting or otherwise in wryting. And in de-faute therof by a commission to be graunted out of the kings courte of the wardes and liueries, vpō the inquery of the true value therof, by the othes of .xii. men and returne or certificat therof had in the same courte of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, diuision to be made by the mayster of the wardes and liueries, if the mayster of the wardes and ly-ueries for the tyme beynge, & the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision. And that the issues and profittes of the two partes of the same manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, vpon euery such deuision, to be restored to them, that shall haue ryght or title to the same from the death of the owner or deuisour therof.

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¶ And further be it enacted and declared by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler person and personnes, hauinge a sole estate interest and fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in coparcenerye, or in common in fee simple of & in any manors, landes, tenementes, rentes or other hereditamentes in possession, reuercion or remainder, or of and in any rentes or seruices, incident to any reuercion or remainder holden of the king, hys heyres or successours, by knightes seruice, and not in cheife, or holden of anye other person or persons by knightes seruice, shall haue ful & free liberte power and auctoritie, to giue dispose will or deuise to anye person or persons, exepte bodies polytike & corporate, by his last will and testament in wrytinge, or otherwise by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life by him self soly, or by him self and other ioyntly seuerally or particularly, or by all those wayes, or anye of them as muche as in him of righte is or shalbe, two partes of al the saide manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, anye of them so holden by knightes seruice, or any rentes cõmon or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of anye parcell therof, in thre partes to be deuided, or as muche therof, as shal amount to the full and clere yerely value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be deuided, at hys free will and pleasure. And that the sayd will so declared by auctority aforsayde, shalbe good and effectuall for two partes of the said manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, although the will so declared be or shall be made of the whole landes and tenementes, so holden by knightes seruice, or of more than of two partes of the same. And also for the whole of all other such manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, or any of them not holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in cheife, or otherwise by knightes seruice, nor of any other person by knightes seruice, & of any rentes cõmons or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same, or out of anye parcell therof, at his free will and pleasure. The same diuision to be made & set forth by the owner of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last will and testament in wrytinge or otherwise in wrytinge. And in defaulte therof, for as muche of the same manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as shall concerne the kinges interest, by commission to be directed out of the kinges courte of wardes and leueries, in maner and fourme as is aforesaid, if the maister of the wardes and liueries for the time beinge, and the parties therunto cannot otherwise agree vpon the same deuision: And that restitucion of the issues and profites of the two partes therof, shalbe had & made in maner and fourme abouesayde. And for such of the same manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamẽtes, as shall concerne the interest of any other lorde or lordes, by commission to be graunted out of the kinges court of the Chauncery, to enquire therof by the othes of .xii. men, if the same lorde or lordes, and the parties thereunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by auctoritie aforesaide, that the sauinges reseruinges and prouisions, concerninge saufuge of the custodie

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wardshyp relieſe and ymmet ſeaſon to the kinge, of ſuche manours, landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or as much therof as ſhal appertayne vnto him by vertue of the ſaide former act, and by the declaracion & expoſicion therof, declared by this preſent acte, durynge the kynges intereſt therein: And alſo of the cuſtodie and wardshyp to other lordes, of as muche of ſuche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes holden of them, as ſhall amount and extende to the clere yerely value to the thirde part therof, ouer & aboue al charges, without any diminution or abridgement of the thyrde parte, or of the full profittes therof, compriſed and mencioned in diuers articles in the ſayde former act conteined, by the auethoritie aforeſaid, be & ſhall be intended expounded and taken, as hereafter enſuethe: that is to ſay, that the kinge ſhall haue and take for hys full thirde parte, of all ſuche manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, wherunto he is or ſhalbe intitled by the ſayde former acte, and by this preſent acte, ſuche manours, landes, and tenementes, as ſhall by anye meanes deſcende, or come by diſcende, as well of eſtate of enheritaunce in fee tayle, as in fee ſimple, or in fee tayle onely to ỹ heyre of anye ſuche perſon, that ſhall make anye will, gifte, diſpoſicion, or deuiſe by his laſt will in wrytinge, or by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, immediatly after the death of the ſame deuiſour or owner therof. And that the will gifte and deuiſe of euery ſuche deuiſour or owner, of and for the two partes of the ſayde manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes reſidue, ſhall by the auethoritie aforeſaide, be & ſtand good and effectuall in the law, albeit the ſame will gifte, or deuiſe be had and made of all his fee ſimple landes, tenemetes and hereditamentes, or of the more parte therof. And in caſe the ſame manours landes, tenementes & hereditamentes whiche after the death of any ſuch owner or deuiſour, whiche ſhall make any ſuche gifte diſpoſicion or deuiſe by his laſt will in wrytinge or other wiſe by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, to hys wife, children, or other wiſe, as is aforeſayde, whiche ſhall immediately after hys death deſcend reuert remaine or come to his heire or heires, as well of eſtate of inheritaunce in fee tayle, as of eſtate in fee ſimple, or fee tayle onely, be not or ſhall not amount or extende to the full clere yerely value of the full thyrde parte with the full profittes therof, of all the ſayde manors, landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of the ſaide deuiſour or owner, according to ỹ true intent and meaninge of the ſayde former acte, and of this preſent acte: that than the kinge ſhal and maye haue and take into his handes and poſſeſſyon to make vp his full thirde part, with the full profittes therof according to his intereſt therin as muche of the other manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes willed, giuen, diſpoſed or aſſigned by any ſuch perſon, to his wife children or otherwiſe, as is aforeſayde, as with ſuche of the ſame manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes deſcended, or by any meanes come vnto the heire, as heire of any ſuche deuiſour or owner, ſhall make vp the clere yerely value of the ſayd full thyrde part, with the full profittes therof, of all the ſayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, of euery ſuche

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owner or deuisour, so to be had to the kinge, in title of wardeship or primer seasou, as the case shall require. And the deuision therof to be had and made & with the restitucion of the profits of the two partes of the said manors, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes in suche maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed. And like benefite and aduantage to be giuen had and taken by the sayde auctoritie, to euery lord and lordes, of whom any suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes be or shall be holden by knightes seruice, in maner and fourme as is abouesayde, concerninge onely his or their thyrde partes therof, according to their said interest therin.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if it happen the same thirde parte, or any parte therof, lefte, willed, or assigned, to ỳ kynge or other lorde, at any time during the interestes therin, to be lawfully euicted or determined: that than the kinge and the other lorde, shall haue as muche of the two partes residue, as shall accomplishe and make vp a full thirde parte in clere yerely value, after the rate & porcion of suche manours landes, tenementes and hereditaments, as shall then happen to remayn of the same third part not euicted nor determined: and of the other two partes of suche manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamētes, as the king or other lorde shoulde or ought to haue had, by vertue of the sayde former act, & this present act: and the same to be deuided in maner & fourme aboue rehersed, any clause in the sayd former act not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by thauctoritie aforesayde that the sauinge and reseruinge for fines for alienacion by any suche laste wyll and testament of suche manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in cheif, or of the nature of knyghtes seruice in cheife, or by socage in cheife or of the nature of socage, tenure in cheife, or for fines for alienacion, of suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof there shall be any alteracion of freholde or of inheritaunce, made by any suche laste will, compysed in diuers and sundry articles, mencioned in the sayde former acte, be and shalbe extended expounded taken, deemed and iudged, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all such person or persons, to whome the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any them, be or shall be giuen, disposed, willed or deuised by anye suche laste will, shalbe exonerate acquited and discharged for euer agaynste the kinge, his heires and successours, for all suche fines for alienacions, by any such last will or testamente, without licence by suing forth of the kinges pardon for alienacion out of the kinges courte of Chauncery, paynge to the kinge, hys heires and successours, for the fine of euery such alienaciō, the third part of the yerely value of the same manors landes, tenemētes or other hereditamētes, to him or thē willed or deuised: and this act, frō time to time shal be a sufficiēt warrant to ỳ lord chauncellour of englaud, or keper of the great seale, for the time being, for the graunting out of the said pardon or pardons vnder the kinges great seale, as heretofore hath bene vsed for pardons for alienacions, without anye further sute to be made to the kinge for the same.

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¶ And it is further declared and enacted, of the auctoritie aforesaide, that willes or testamentes, made for any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, by any woman couert, or person within the age of xxi yeres, idiote, or by any person non sanæ memoriæ, shall not be taken to be good or effectuall in the lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, hauing estate of inheritaunce, of or in manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in chiefe or otherwise of the kinge by knightes seruice, or of any other person or persons by knightes seruice, hath giuen at any time sithen the xx. daye of the sayde moneth of July, or hereafter shall giue, will, deuise or assigne, by will or other act executed in his lyfe, his manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them by fraude or couine, to any other person or persons for terme of yeres life or liues, with one remainder ouer in fee, or with the diuers remainders ouer for terme of yeres, life, or in tayle, with a remainder ouer in fee simple, to any person or persons, or to his or their right heyres, or at any time sithen the sayde xx. day of July, hath conueied or made, or hereafter shall conuey or make by fraude or couine contrary to the true intent of this acte, any estates, condicions, menalties, tenures, or conueiances, to the intent to defraude or destroie the kinge of his prerogatiue primer seasin, liuerie, releue, wardship, mariages, or rightes: or any other kinde of their wardeships, reliefes, heriotes, or other profittes, whiche shoulde or ought to accrue, growe or come vnto them or any of them, by or after the deathe of his or their tenaunt, by force and according to the former estatute and of this present acte and declaracion and the same estates and conueiances, beinge founde by office to be so made or contriued by couine, fraude or deceite, as is aboue sayde, contrary to the true intent & meaninge of the sayde former acte, and of this acte: That then the kinge shall haue as well the wardship of the bodye, and custodye of the landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as liuerie, primer seasin, relefe, and other profyttes, whiche should or ought to appertaine to the kinge, according to the true intent and meaninge of the sayde former acte, and of this present acte, as thoughe no such estates or conueyaunces by couyne had neuer ben had or made, vntill the sayde office be lawfully vndone by trauers or other wise. And that the lorde and other lordes, of whome any suche manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall be holden by knightes seruice, as is aforesayde shall haue ther remedie in such cases, for his or their wardships of bodies and landes, by writ of right of ward, and shall distreine and make auoury or cognisaunce by them selues or they bayliffes, for their reliefes, herriottes, and othe profittes, which should haue ben to them due by or after the death of their tenaunte, as if no suche estate or conueiaunce had ben had or made. Sauing and reseruing alwayes, by the auctoritie afore sayde the right and title of the dones feoffes, lessees and deuises therof against the saide deuisour and his heires, after the interest and title of the kynge or

other lawde therin ended and determined.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte explanacion and declaracion, or anye of them, or any thynge in this saide acte explanacion or declaracion conteyned shall not extend to the will or deuise of Syr John Gaynsford, late of Crowherst in the countye of Surrey knyght deceased: Nor to the will or deuise of Syr Peter Kilpot knight deceased: Nor thertoo will or deuise of Richard Cressewell, late of Wattingley, in the countye of South, gentilman deceased, nor to the will or deuise of Thomas Vnton, late of the countie of Kent gentilman deceased, son of Syr Thomas Vnton knight, also deceased: or shalbe to any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, for or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, conteyned or especified in the sayde willes or deuises, or in anye of them, but that the sayde laste willes and deuises, and euery of them, shall stande abide remayne and be in the same case force and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes purposes and constructions as the sayde laste willes and deuises, and euery of them, were before the making of this acte declaracion & explanacion, and of none other effecte or force: this acte declaracion & explanacion, or any of the or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, from whom the king or other lorde or lordes shall take any manors, landes tenementes or hereditamentes for his or their full thirde parte, or to make vp hys or their thirde parte shall and maye, by auctoritye of this present act, in anye of the cases aforesaide vpon his or their bill exhibited in the kinges courte of Chauncery, against all and euery suche person & persons, whiche shalbe intitled by or vnder anye suche will gifte disposition or deuise, to the other two partes, haue suche contribucion or recompence for the same, as by the Chauncellour of England, or by the keper of the great seale of Englande for the time beinge, shall be thought good and conuenient.

¶ An act for true making of pinnes. Cap. vi.

TO auoid the sleightye and al false making of pinnes which be dayly vented vttered and put to sale within this realme to the no litle hurte and dommage of the kinges subiectes diers and occupiers of the same: Be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no maner person or persons from and after the fyrste day of August now next comming, shal vent vtter or put to sale by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner of pinnes within this realme, but only such as shalbe double headed & haue the heads soudered fast to the shanke of the pinne, wel smethed, the shanke wel shauen, the poynt well and rounde filed sauted and sharped, vpon peine that euery offendour in that behalf shall lose

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and forfaicture euery pynne, not sufficiently wrought and made, bented bitted & put to sale contrary to the purporte of thys acte .vi.s. the one halfe of the sayde forfaicture to be to the kinges maiestie, & the other halfe to any hys graces subiectes that will sue for the same, by bill, playnte, action of dett, informacion, or other wise in anye courte of recorde, wherin the defendent shall not wage hys lawe, nor anye protection or essoine forein plea allowed or admitted, any lawe, statute, or ordinance heretofore made to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that the penaltie of the sayde forfaycture shall onely extende to the buyers and setter of the saide pinnes, & not to the byer of them.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall sell anye pinnes aboue the rate of pyres, y they heretofore within two yeres haue ben commonly sold at, vpon payne to forfayt, vi.s viii.d. for euery M. sold contrary to this prouision, the moitie of whiche forfaycture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytie shall be to hym or them that will sue for the same, by action bill information or other lute in anye the kinges court of recorde, in the whiche none essoine protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed. This acte to take effect from the first daye of Januarye next comming, & to endure to the laste day of the next parliament.

¶ An acte to auctho*r*ise certayne of the kinges maiesties counsaile, to set prices vpon wines to be solde by retaile, Cap. vii.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto the kings maiestie the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in thys present parliament assembled, the vinteners being onely sellers and retailours of wine in all the cities, boroughes and all other townes where repaire of people is, & to the whiche the kinges subiectes do daily resorte within thys realme of England, that where, in the .xv.iii. yere of the kinges maiesties moste gracious reigne, at the parliament holden at Westminster: It was amongest other good statutes enacted, y no maner of persons should sel by retayle anye Gascoyne, Guion, or Frenche wines, aboue eyght pens the gallon, that is to saye, a peny the pinte, two pence the quarte, foure pence the pottle, & eight pence the gallon, vpon payne to forfayte for euerye pinte sold contrary to the acte. iiii. pence, euery quarte eyght pence, euery pottle .xii. pence, & euery gallon. ii.s. And that malmeseis, romneis, sackes, nor other sweete wines shoulde be solde by retayle aboue. xii.d. the gallon, viii.d the pottle, iii.d. the quart, the halfepence the pinte, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery gallon solde contrary to this acte iii.s, iiii. pence: for euery pottle .xx.d. for euery quart .xii. pence and for euery pinte, .v. pence, as in the same acte more plainly is declared. Neuertheles it was prouided in the sayd act that the lorde Chancellour lorde Tresourer lorde President of the kinges counsaile, lorde Priuy seale, &

the two chiefe iustices, fiue, foure, or three of them, shall haue auctholitie & power, by their discrecion, to set the prices of all kinde of wines, that is to saye, the butte, tonne, pipe, hoggeshead, punchyon, teers, barrell or rundlet whan it shalbe solde in grosse: So that the same prices ympytted, be wrytten and openly proclaymed as in the said acte it is likewyse conteyned. Syth the making of which act such persons as did retayle wines within the sayde cities, boroughes, townes, and other places within thys realme, bought of the best wines of Gascon for.iiii li.xiii.s.iiii.d, the tonne at the most, of the best frenche wynes.iii.li. the tun, malmeseis for.iiii.li. the butte, bastardes, iii.li.vi.s. viii.pence the pipe, sackes and Romneis for fiue marckes the butte at the most, the caskes or vessels conteining the same wynes, being full gauged so that vpon the retailyng therof agayne, they might sell the same wine at the prices limytted in the sayd acte, and had competente liuinges for them their wines, children, familye and housholde. Syth which tyme the sayd retaylours of wines cannot bie any good Gascon wines, onles they do pay to the marchante for the same after the rate of. vii.or viii,li. sterlinge the tonne at the leaste, and euerye tonne of frenche wine syr.li. sterlinges at the leaste; malmeseis for.v.li. the butte, sackes and romneis. iiii.li.x.s. the butte bastardes. v.li. the pipe, or fiue pounde, syr.s. eyght. d. And where the pipe of bastarde shoulde conteyne as muche as doth the sacke but, the same pype doth want of the same content twentye gallons at the least, & yerely wantes more & more. And also where the malmesey butte shoulde conteyne as muche as the butt of sack should do, the malmesey but likewyse wanteth of his true content. xii.or.xvi. gallons. And all be it the byers of the said wines maye by the sayd act of parliament allow them selues vppon the payment of their money for the same, yet the marchaunt in no wyse will sell his wines, onles the byers do indent, promise, and couenaunte with the saide marchaunte or otherwise binde them selfe, that they shall take none aduauntage of the said acte of gauginge. For all whiche causes your suppliantes can not sel and retayle the saide kindes of wyne, at suche pryce and prices, as is in the saide acte expressed, and lyue vppon the same, but be therby vtterly impouerished and vndoone, onles other remedye by thys highe courte be for the reformacion therof spedely prouided. In tender consideracion wherof the premysses considerynge, and also for that the wynes called Mulkadels is reputed and taken for swete wyne, and oughte to be retayled at suche pryce as other wines, called swete wines, be mencioned in the sayde acte, the sayde retaylour can not bye that kinde of wine, vnder fiftene, or syxtene pounde the tunne. For reformacion whereof it maye please the kinges highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctholitie of the same, that it maye be enacted and establysshed, that suche Lordes, as by the sayde former acte, haue auctholitie and power to sette prices of wyne in grosse, shall by vertue and force of thys Acte, haue the same auctholitie to mittygate, and enhaunce the price of wynes, hereafter to be

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solde by retayle as often as time and occasion shall require: anye thinge in the sayde former acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge. And their sayd prises, ordinaces, after proclamacion ther of made, to be observed and kept, vpon payne or penaltye in the same proclamacions conteyned. The moitye of al whych penalties to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other moitye to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of record by bill, playnt, or informacion: in the whych no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed. Thys acte to endure to the end of the next parlyament.

¶ An acte that persons being no common Surgions may minister outwarde medicines. Cap. viii.

Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. iii yere of the kinges moste gracious reygne, amongest other thinges for the auoydyng of sorceries, wytchcrafte, and other inconueniences, it was enacted, that no person within the citie of London, nor within .vii. myles of the same, shoulde take vpon hym to exercise and occupie as phisitian or surgyon except he be firste examined approued and admitted by the bysshop of London and other, vnder and vpon certayn peynes & penalties in the same acte mencioned. Sithens the making of whiche sayde acte, the company and felowshyp of Surgions of London, mindinge onely their owne lucres, & nothing the profitt or ease of the diseased or patient: haue sued troubled & vexed, diuers honest persons as wel men as women, whom god hath endued with the knowledge of the nature kinde, & operacion of certeine herbes, rootes, & waters, & the vsinge and ministringe of them, to suche as ben peyned with customable diseases: as wormes the stes beinge sore, spin and the web in the eye, vnicornes of handes, fraldinges, barndinges, sore mouthes, the stone, stragury, saucelim, & morfew, & such other lyke diseases. And yet the said persons haue not taken anye thing for their peynes or cunning, but haue ministred the same to the poore people onlie for neighberhoode & gods sake, and of pitie & charitie. And it is now well knowen, that the surgeons admitted will do no cure to anye person, but where they shall knowe to be rewarded with a greater summe of towarde than the cure extendeth vnto, for in case they wold not minister their cunning to sore people vnrewarded, ther should not so many rotte, and perishe to death for lack of helpe of surgery as dayly dooe: but the great part of surgions admitted ben much more to be blamed, than those persons that they trouble. For although the moste parte of the persons of the sayde craft of surgions haue small cunnige, yet they will take great summes of money, & do litle therfore and by reason therof thei do often times impare and hurt their pacientes, rather then do them good. In consideracion wherof, and for the ease, comforte, succour, helpe releefe, and helthe of the kinges poore subiectes, inhabitannces of this hys realme now peined or diseased, or that hereafter shalbe peined or diseased, Be it ordeyned established and enacted, by the auctoritie of thys presente parliament-

that all time from henceforthe it shall be lawfull to euery person beynge the kinges subiecte, hauinge knowledge and experience of the nature of herbes rootes and waters, or of the operacion of the same, by speculacion or practise within anye parte of the realme of Englande, or within anye other the kynges dominions, to practise, vse and minister in and to anye outwarde sore, vncon, wounde, apostemacions, outwarde swellinge or disease, any herbe or herbes, oyntmentes, bathes, pultes and emplasters, accordynge to theyr cunninge, experience, and knowledge in any of the diseases sores and maladies before saide, and all other like to the same, or drynkes of the stone and strangury or agues, without sute, veracion, trouble, penaltye, or losse of their goodes. the forsayde statute in the forsayd thyrde yere of the kinges moste gracious reigne, or anye other acte ordinaunce or statute to the contrarye hereof, heretofore made, in any wise not withstanding.

C An acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Seuerne. Cap. iv.

VWhere diuers persons, as well inhabitauntes fermers and dwellers nere vnto the streme of Seuerne, & vnto the tribes & pilles of the same from Kyngrode vpwarde toward the citie and towne of Glouc'ster, conueyeth and carieth graine & corne out of the realme of Englande, vnto the parties beyonde the sea, where graines are very dere, and now of late tyme haue made picardes and other great botes, with fore masts, of the burden of xb. tunne & so to xxxvi. tun: And by reason therof wheat, rye, beanes, Barley, malte, and other kinde of graines by stealthe are conueyed into the vttter parties beyonde the sea, so that therby the kinges maiestie is not only deceyued of hys subsidye and custome for the same, but it causeth at suche tymes wheat graine and other kinde of corne, as is aforesayde, to be at highe prices. And by the same meanes thinhabitauntes with in the said citie or towne of Bristoll, are often and sundrye times destitute and scant may haue graine or corne to serue the kinges obedient subiectes there dwellynge and inhabitinge. And also by reason of hauing of the sayde greate boates and vessels oftentymes diuers shyppes, aswell of the parties beyonde the sea as other of englishe shippes, lyinge Kiningrode and Hungerode, beinge portes or hauens of the citie or towne of Bristoll, aforesayde, distaunt fyue myles or thereaboute from the sayd towne of Bristoll, awaytyng and tarying ther the comming of the sayde great botes with corne and grayne downe Seuerne, who there dischargeth the graine & corne aboord the sayd shipps at Kingrode. By reason wherof the sayd shipps & other vessels, ther tarying for the receipt of the sayde graine and corne, doe then cast out their balast of stones and other robull of balast of their sayd shipps and vessels, into the sayde rodes and hauens of Hungrode and Kingrode, & there lodeth the sayde grayne or corne in the shipps & vessels to the great distruction & in continuance to the vtter vndoing of the sayd rodes and hauens. So that the Mouth & hole channell of the sayde hauen is so heaped and quarred with stones and robull of balastes of the shippes and botes there arriuinge, that great shippes, whyche

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vseth the course of marchandise to the saide towne of Bristoll from the parties beyond the sea, and fro ỳ said towne laden with marchandise vnto the vtter parties, may frankly or safely come vnto the kinges saide portes and towne of Bristoll and the riuer of the same, and so from the sayde porte and towne of Bristoll vnto the saide Seuerne, without great daunger & perill. And by that meanes shippes of greate bourden are like to be distroied and vtterly caste awaye, and if redresse be not the soner had therin, it will be to the vtter distruction of the hauen and porte of the saide towne of Bristoll, which saide towne of Bristoll is chiefly maintened by course of marchandise. Wherfore it may please the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, to enacte make & ordeine, that after the last daye of Julye nexte comminge, no maister or maisters, owner or owners of ship or shyps or any other bote or vessell, or any other person or persons, doe cast or vnlode their balaste or robull at or in the saide rode called Kingrode or Hungrode nor in any of them ne in any other place from the rode of Kingrode vnto the towne of Bristoll, nor in no part of the hauen therof, but on the lande only aboue the full sea marke, vppon payne that euerye suche owner maister of ship or of other boate vessell, and of euery other person or persons, castynge and layinge their balast or robull in the streme, at the place or in the riuer aforesaide, to forfaite for euery time so offending, iiii. li. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other halfe therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, as wel within courtes of recorde within cities and townes corporate, before the maire alder men shiriffes & bailiffes according to their corporacion, as elles where in any the kinges courtes of recorde, by bill plaint action of dette information or otherwise, in the which action the defendāt shall not wage his law neither yet no protection or ession to be allowed.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons from henssorth shal enbote or lade, or cause to be enboted or loden, any wheate malte beanes, or any other kind of graine corne, what so euer it shalbe, in any picard bote or other vessell, at the creke pylle banke or elswhere vpō the Seuerne streme, betwene the key of the citie of Glocester & the said citie or towne of Bristol by water of Seuern, to thintent to be transported into vtter parties beyond the sea out of the kinges dominiō before ỳ the said owner or lader of the said picard bote or other vessell, hath ben with the kinges customers of the said towne of Bristoll, & there by him self & one sufficient suretie with him, boundē vnto the kinges customers of the saide porte & towne of Bristoll aforesaid, in such reasonable summes of money to the vse of our said soueraine lord the king, as shal amoūt to ỳ double value of the saide grain or corne there to be laden or to be enboted, vpon cōdicīō that the said owner or maister of the said picard or bote or other vessel shall not repaire nor transport the saide corne or graine, nor no part therof into any vtter parties beyonde the sea out of the kinges dominion, before

the saide maister owner therof shall come and bring the said graine & corne vnto the key of the said towne of Bristol & there to be vewed or seue ꝑ cõtentes therof, and the contentes therof to be declared vnto the kings custo mers & to ꝑ maire of the saide towne for the time being. if there be any such licence or lawfull cause for to conuey or transporte graine or corne into the parties beyonde the sea out of the sayd kinges dominion, there to be measured and mette by the cõmon measure of the saide towne. And after the said obligacion with condicion so made sealed and delyuered vnto the sayde customer: Then the said customer shal deliuer a sufficient cocket vnto the partie owner or owners, or maister so bouden to conuey the said graine or corn vnto the key of Bristoll, vpon payne that euery picarde bote or other vessell so laden with graine or other kind of corne, to be caried or transported into the vtter partes beyonde the sea out of the kinges dominion, to be forfayted as well the saide corne and graine so laded, as the said bote so laden contrary vnto this present acte, wherof the king our soueraigne lorde to haue the thre partes therof, and the partie that will sue for the same the fourth parte before the kinges most honorable counsaile according to the kinges proclamacion in that behalfe made and prouided.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if it shall appere vpon the measuring therof, vnto the maire of the saide towne of Bristoll & to the kinges customers then for the time being, that there is more corne or graine loded to be transported into the parties beyonde the sea, within any of the saide vessels botes pichardes or trowes, ouer and aboue foure quarters: that than it shalbe lefull vnto the saide maire and customers there for the time beinge, to cause the ower or conueier therof vnto the saide towne of Bristol, to make sale of suche corne and grayne, as shall be brought ouer and aboue the contentes of the saide cocket or licence, and ouer and aboue foure quarters beside the cocket or licence, according as the prices of suche graine and corne are commonly worth and solde in the open market of the sayd towne of Bristol. The said common meater to haue for the measuring of euery way of corne .ii. d. on peine of euery person, being owner of the saide graine or corne, or hauing the charge of the same, denipnge the measurynge of the sayde graine at the saide key of Bristol to lose and forfaite for euerye tyme so denipng .v. li the one halfe therof to be to our saide soueraigne lorde the kinge, & the other halfe therof to be to the partie ꝑ will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of dette informacion or otherwise: In the whiche action the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor protection nor essoine allowed.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite abouesaid, that no person or persons after the fyrst day of August next coming, do cast or vnlade out of any maner of ship, crayer, or any other vessell, beinge within any hauen rode chanell or riuer, flowing or running to any port towne, or to any citie borough or towne within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions any maner of balast rubbish grauell or any other wracke, or fylth, but onely vppon

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the lande aboue the full sea marke, vppon peine that euery person and persons so offending this act to lose & forfaite for euery time so offending, fiue poundes, the one halfe to the king our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe therof, to suche person and persons, as will sue for the same, by bylli plaunt original writte or informacion in any the kinges courtes of recorde, in which action of suite no wager of law shalbe admitted, nor any essoine or protection allowed.

An act for the true makyng of couerlets in yorke. cap. x.

WHere as the citie of yorke, beinge one of the auncient & greatest cities within this realme of Englande, afore thys time hath bene mainteined and vpholden by diuers and sundrye handy crafte there vsed, and moste principally by makynge & weuing of couerlets and coueringes for beddes, & thereby a greate number of the inhabitauntes & poore people of the said citie & suburbes therof & other places within the countie of yorke, haue ben daily set on worke in spinning, carding, dyeng, weuing, & other wise concerning the making of them: to the great commoditie of the inhabitauntes and poore people of the saide citie, hauinge thereby honest liuinges and not made els where in any parte of the same countie. For the true substantial & perfect making wherof many good and beneficiall ordinaunces and orders haue ben deuised and made, as well for the good stuffe concerning the sayde couerletes and coueringes, as also for the length and breadth of the & otherwise: of the which couerletes & coueringes the best sorte should & ought by the same ordenances, to conteine in length iii. yardes, and in bredth two yardes and a quarter at the least. The seconde sorte to conteyne in lengthe iii yardes, and in bredth, ii. yardes. And the lowest or third sorte should conteine. ii. yardes and a halfe, in length, & in bredth one yarde and. iii. quarters vnder payne of forfaiture of the same, the one halfe and moitie of the sayde forfaiture to be to the maire and commonaltie of the said citie, and the other moitie to be to the wardens and company of the said handy crafte of couerlet makers. And for as much as the same couerlettes and coueringes, were well and substantially made and wrought, the kinges subiectes of diuers parties of this realme, and also straungers of other forreine realmes knowyng the goodnes of them, were very desirous to haue & by the sayde couerlettes and coueringes. And now of late diuers and sundry euill disposed persons apprentises not experte in the same occupation, withdrawyng them selues out of the saide citie of yorke into the countie of yorke, & other places there aboutes, and also diuers other persons, inhabiting in villages and townes within the saide county, and nigh to the same, entermedlynge with the same crafte or occupacion, hauinge litle experience therin, not beyng bounde to the saide rules and ordenances, do dayly make couerlettes and coueringes, neither of good stuffe nor of good assise length or bredthe

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and for the vttera̅ce of the same, vse daily the craft and subtiltie of hauking abyde in the countrey, to villages and to mens houses, putting the same naughtye ware to sale secretly, not onely to the greate impouerisshinge of the inhabitauntes of the saide citie, & also to the great diseite of the kinges true and faithfull subiectes, byyng the said couerlettes, to the greate defampynge and sclaunder of the sayd handy craft, but also to the impouerishyng of the inhabitauntes of the said citie, and vtter decay of the same, yf remedye the soner herein be not prouided. It may therfore please our souerayn lord the king, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted, by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persõs, dwelling and inhabityng within the said countie of Yorke, or nigh vnto the same, shal after the feast of sainct Michaell tharchangell next commyng, make any couerlettes or coueringes to be be put to sale, onelesse such person or persons, after the saide feast, be inhabityng or dwellyng within the citie of yorke, or within the suburbes of the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery suche couerlet or couering, made wrought and put to sale, contrary to the tenour of thys estatute, or the value therof.

☞ And be it further enacted, by the saide auctoritie, that no maner of person or persons, of the occupacion of handie craftes men of couerynges or couerlet makers dwelling within the said citie of yorke, or the suburbes of the same or els where within the saide county, shall from and after the sayd feast, vse the saide crafte of haukynge, or go as haukers, or put to sale anye couerlettes in any other place or places, out of the sayde citie and libertyes thereof, but only in the open markettes and fayres, vpon peyn of forfaiture of the same couerlettes, and coueringes or the value therof: the one halfe of the saide forfaitures, if it be in any citie, borough or towne corporate, to be to the maire and cominaltie, baylyffe, gouernour or other ruler, and cominaltie of euery such cyte borough or towne corporate, authorised to haue the same by graunt or prescription, or otherwise lawfully: & the other halfe therof to suche person or persons, as shall cease or sue for the same by bill playnt actyon informacion or otherwise in any courte of recorde, wherin no wager of lawe dylatorye plea or protection shall be allowed or admytted. And yf the said forfaiture happen to be taken or founde out of any the sayd cities townes or boroughes, hauing no such auctoritie: than the one moitie of the sayd forfayture to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, hys heyres and successours: and the other moitie to such person and persons, as will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes in fourme aforesayde.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the wardeynes and serchers of the said occupacion and handy crafte of couerlettes and coueringes makers, within the sayde citie of yorke, for the time beynge, and theyr successours, shall after the saide feast of sainct Michaell haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to make serch in al fayres and markettes, fro Trent northwarde within this realme of England, for all such

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couerlettes and coueringes, as shalbe put to sale, not being well and sufficiently wrought, and made of sufficient stuffe, or not conteininge the assises before limitted and expressed, according to the tenour of this acte, and so sease & take the same as forfatted. The one moitie and halfe of suche forfaiture of any suche shalbe out of the sayd cities boroughes or townes corporate, to be to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other moitye therof to the sayde serchers and wardens, that shall sease and take the same: to be had and recouered in like maner and fourme, as is afore rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to euerye person and persones, dwellynge within the countye of yorke, at their free will and pleasure at all tymes hereafter, to make couerlettes, of what assise, or of what so euer stuf they will for theyr owne vse or store of their housholdes, or for their lordes, to whom they be tenauntes: So alwayes that the same couerletes so made shall not be put to sale. And also that when and as often as the sayd serchers or wardens of the occupacion of coueriet makers of the saide citie of Yorke shall make serche in any libertyes or franchises wythin the sayd countye, for anye the causes in the sayde acte mencioned: that then and so ofte they shall require the head officer of the same liberties and fraunchises, or hys deputie to be aydyng and assistinge, and also to go wyth them to make the sayde serche. And if the same officer or his deputye, vpon request so made refuse or will not so do, that then vpon suche denial and refusel, the same serchers or wardeins, to make serche them selues: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that the lordes of the sayd liberties & fraunchises, where any suche serches shalbe made by auctoritie of this acte, shall haue suche fines and forfaitures, as of right they ought to haue, by reason of anye suche serches, in as large and ample maner, as they ought haue had the same before the making of this acte, & as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for true making of frises and cottons in wales. Cap. xi.

FOr as much as the inhabytauntes clothmakers, that dwell wythin the townes & boroughes of Caermerthin shire, Cardigan shire & Pembroke shire, & haue vsed in times past to make their cloth, called welsh frise, and cotton called welshe cotton, to the greate profit of all the kynges subiectes of this realme, that is to saye, euery pece called a high fryse rawe, shoulde be made of .liiii. li. yarn, and should contein in length. xlvi. yardes, & in bredthe one yarde one quarter, and euery halfe pece highe frise, should wey. xxvii. li. and conteygne in in length. xxiii. yardes rawe, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter. And that euery pece cotton should wey, being rawe. lxviii. li. of haberdepoyse, and conteine in length. xlviii. yardes, and in bredth. v. quarters i. nael, without any straining. And þ euery half pece cotton should wey. xxxiiii pounde, & conteine in lengthe .xxiiii. yardes, & in bredth. v. quarters & i. nael: which

whiche true and good makinge of friſes and Cottons hathe ben of longe tyme decayed and extinguiſhed, and yet is, to the greate decay and ruine of all the ſayde townes and boroughes, and alſo to the greate ſclaunder and hinderaunce of all good clothiers, inhabytyng within the ſame, and alſo to the greate hurte and preiudyce of all the kinges ſubiectes, whyche dooe bye the ſame. And the principall grounde and occaſion therof is, that the Clothyers, Tuckers, weauers, and ſuch other, that were wont to inhabite within the ſayd Townes and boroughes, rather to make the true Fryſes & Cottons, bothe in length and bredth, be now come foreners, huſbandmen and Gaſſiers, dwellyng in the countrey out of the ſayd townes of Caermerthin Cardigan, and Pembroke, and other boroughe townes aforeſayde: and there to make theyr owne wolle in Friſes and cottons, after the moſte falſe and deceitefull maner that maye be, and the ſame dooe carye frome place to place, to be ſolde, to the greate diſceyte and hynderaunce of all the kinges louyng ſubiectes, and to the greate ſclaunder of al true clothe makers wythin al the ſayde townes and boroughes. For remedy and reformacyon wherof: Be it enacted by the king our, ſouerayne lorde, the lordes ſpyrytual & temporall, and the commons in thys preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame: that after the firſte day of June nexte commyng, whyche ſhall be in yere of our lorde god .M. D. XL. iiii. no maner of perſon within the ſayde three ſhires of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke, doe make any rawe friſes, called welſhe friſe, or anye cottons called welſhe cottons to be ſolde in anye fayre or market, or els where in anye other place, oneles euery pece of friſe, called a highe friſe rawe, be made of clene wolle, without flore or throme, weinge in yarne .iiii.li. of haberdepoyſe, at the leaſte, and conteynyng in lengthe .xlvi. yardes rawe, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter. And that euerye halfe pece friſe highe ſhall wey .xxvii.li. and conteyne in length .xxiii. yardes and in bredth one yarde one quarter. And that euerye pece of cotton rawe, ſhal wey lxviii.li. of yarne at the leaſte, without flore or throme, and conteyne in lengthe .clviii. yardes, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter, and one naell. And that euerye halfe pece of cottone ſhall wey . xxviii. li. of yarne, wythout flore or throme, and conteyne in lengthe xxiii. yardes, and in bredthe .b. quarters and one naell vpon payne to forfayte euerye pece and halfe pece fryſe: and euerye pece cotton, and halfe pece cotton. ſo put to ſale contrarye to the true meanynge intente and purpoſe of thys preſente acte: the one halfe of whyche forfapture to be to the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, and the other halfe to him and them, that wyll ſue for the ſame in anye of the kynges courtes wherin no eſſoin wager of lawe nor protection ſhalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte ſhall take effect after the feaſt of the purification of our Ladie nexte commyng, and not before.

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An act for pauing of certaine lanes and streetes in London and Westminster. Cap. xii.

FOr asmuch as the streete called whitecrosse streete, and the streete called Chelswell streete, leading from whitecrosse streete, vnto the high way leadynge to Oxegate, the lane called Goldinge lane, and the streete called Grubstreete, in the parishe of sainct Giles without Cripulgate: the streete called Goswell streete, in the parishe of sainct Botulphes wythout Aldersgate the lane called Longe lane, beinge in the parishe of saincte Botulphe without Aldersgate, and saynct Sepulchres wythout Newgate: the streete called saincte Johns streete, leadinge from the barres of Smithfielde vp to the pounde at the corner of the wal, ertendinge alonge the high way, leadinge to Islington: And also the streete from the saide barres to Cowcrosse: The lane called Water lane in Fletestreete in the parish of sainct Bride and sainct Dunstane, leadinge doune the Thames: the way leadyng withoute Temple barres westwarde, by & vnto Clements Inne gates, & new Inne gates, to Drewry place in the countye of Midd. And also one lytle lane stretching from the sayde way, to the signe of the bell at Drewry lane ende and the common highe waye leadinge through a certayne place called pettye Fraunce, from the barres of the weste ende of Tothyll streete of Westminster in the countye of Midd. vnto the vttermost parte of the west ende of the sayde place, called pettye Fraunce: the streete or high way leading from bysshops gate, to and aboue Shordiche churche, & the bridge called Stronde bridge, and the way leading frō the same bridge towardes Temple barres: And the lane called foslue lane, from the garden and tenement of the bysshop of Lichfielde, and the gardens and tenementes called the bell and proctours, doune to Stronde bridge, be very foule & full of pittes & sloughes very perylous and noyous, as well for all the kinges subiectes, throughe and by them repayrynge and passing, as well one horsebacke as on foote, as also wyth cariage, and very necessarye to be kept cleane, for the auoidynge of corrupte sauours and occasion of pestilence: For the amendment and reformacion wherof it maye please the kinges highnesse wythe the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in thys high courte of parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that it maye be ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted, that all and euerye persone and persones bodies politicque and corporate, whiche nowe haue, or anye time hereafter shall haue anye landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple fee taile, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeshype of any heire during the nonage of the same heire, or by execution by wrytt of Elegit, or for anye estatute estaple, lyinge and beynge adioynynge to the foresayde streetes, lanes & wayes, or anye of them, shall on thys side the feast of sainct Michel tharchangel, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god M. D. xliii. well and sufficientlye paue or cause to be paued, with good pauinge stones

stones, all and euerye parte of the sayde streetes, lanes and other the premisses before expressed, euerye man sache parte and quantitie of the same lanes streetes and wayes, vnto the middes of them and euerye of them, in length & breadth, as hys or their landes or tenementes doth or extend vnlike maner a boute, as the streetes & lanes within the citie of London be paued, with causes or rennels in middes of the same streetes, lanes, and wayes, as shalbe thought moste necessarie and conuenient, vpon payne euerye person in hys owne defaute, to forfayte for euery yarde square of the same streetes, lanes & wayes and euerye of them, not sufficiently paued, before the feast of saincte Michell tharchaungell. And that all and euerye sache persons hauinge or whyche hereafter shall haue landes or tenementes in fee simple or fee tayle, or for terme of life or other wise as is aforesaide, adioyned or lienge to or next either syde of the sayde streetes, lanes and wayes, or any of them, their heires, assignes or successours, after and from the sayde feast of saincte Michell, shall verely maintein and repaire the same pauementes and euery of them, ouer agaynst his sayde landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from time to time, as often as when as nede shall require at all times hereafter, with paunge stone vpon payne to forfayte for euerye yarde square, not sufficiently paued, xii. d. as often as anye sache defaute of anye person shalbe presented before the Justices of peace within the sayde countie of Midd. for that parte of the sayde streetes, lanes, and wayes being within the said countie of Midd. And before the mayre, and the aldermen of Justices of the peace, within the cytye of London, for that whiche is within the liberties of the sayde citie.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the sayde Justices of peace, within the saide countie of Midd. for the time beynge, shall haue full power and authoritie to inquire in euery their quarter sessions, to be kepte after the sayde feaste of S. Michel, by the othes of twelue men of the sayde countye, as well of them that haue not paued sache parte or portion of the sayde streetes, lanes wayes and euery of them, being within the sayde countie, ouer agaynst and alonge vnto the middes of the same streetes, lanes, and wayes, as their landes and tenementes do lye or extend, as also of such persons as shalle bene remisse and negligent in amendinge and repayringe the same streetes, lanes and wayes, from time to time as nede shall require, according to the meaninge of this acte.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the said Justices of peace, within the sayde countie of Midd. for the time beinge, within theyr iurisdiction, shall haue full power and authoritie by theyr discrecions to amerce and set fynes vpon sache persons, as shall be remisse, negligente, or make defaute in the obseruynge of the tenour of thys acte. And yf the sayde Justices of peace wythin the sayde countie of Midd. or the mayre and aldermen, & Justyces of peace of the sayde cytye of London, at any their quarter sessyons after the sayde feaste of saincte Michell, to be holden and kepte within the sayde countie of Midd. by the Justices of peace of the countye

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or the maire aldermen and Justices of peace of the saide citie of London: at any theyr quarters sessions, or enquestes of wardeney, kept within the said citie of Londō, be negligent & remisse of their parties, to charge by the othe of.xii. men such persons, to finde & present the saide defaultes & negligences of all persons offending contrary to the meaning of this acte: then the saide Justices of peace within the said countie of Mid. being present at the same quarter sessions, to lose and forfaite for euery tyme so neglectinge the same charge. C.s. And in likewise the mayre, aldermen and Justices of peace of London, to lose and forfayte for euery lyke defaulte and neglectynge C.s.

And be it further enacted by the said auctoritie, that the clerke of ỳ peace of the sayd county of Mid. for the time being, shall from time to time, certifie into the kinges Escheker, as well al such fines and forfaitures, so assesed within the saide countie, lost and forfaited before the said iustices of Mydd. to the vse of the kinges highnes and his heires. And the barons of the saide Escheker to make out proces by distresse to be taken & leuied vpon the said landes and tenementes, or otherwise by their discreations, as well for the sayd fines assessed, as also for the saide forfaitures and penalties before ymitted. and if the clarke of the peace within the said county of Mydd. be remisse and negligent in making such certificat, or doing his dutie accordyng to thys act: then the same clerke to lose and forfayt for euery suche defaulte. v.li. The one half therof to be to the vse of the kings highnes, and the other halfe to anye of the kinges subiectes, that will sue for the same in anye of the kinges courtes, by bill, action, informacion, or other wise, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shall lie for the same defendante.

And further be it enacted by ỳ auctoritie aforesaid, that the maire aldermen and Justice of peace within the said citie of London & suburbes of the same, or.iiii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this acte, shal haue full power and auctoritie, from time to time, to set fines and amerciamentes of all and singular person and persons, for not pauinge and repayring of any of the said streetes, lanes, or high waies, within the said cities & liberties of the same, which now be paued, or hereafter shalbe by force of this acte, paued: and the same fines & amerciamentes to be leuyed by dystresse plainte or action within the saide citie, by the chamberlaine of the saide citie for the time being, to the vse of the maire and cōminaltie of the said citie and their successours, as other fines and amerciamentes for any other matter or cause within the saide city haue ben vsed and accustomed.

Prouided alwaies, that if any the inhabitantes of such lādes or tenemētes do sufficiently repayre & paue before their mansions & dwelling places, the said streetes, lanes, and high waies, that then euery such inhabitant, by force of this acte, shall defalke, abate, & reteine in his handes as muche of ỳ rent due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue expended in and about the same pauinge and repairinge, and the lessour for so much money, as suche summe doth amount vnto, to haue no action reentre nor other remedye for none paiment of the same, onles it shalbe otherwise agreed betwene them.

An acte for knightes and burgeses to haue places in the parliament for the countie palantine and citie of Chester. Cap. xiii.



O moste humble wyse shewen vnto your moste excellente maiestye, the inhabitantes of your graces countye Palantine of Chester, that where the sayd county Palantine of Chester is and hath bene alwayes hither to exempt, excluded, and seperated out and from your hyghe courte of parliament, to haue anye knyghtes and burgeses wythin the sayde courte: By reasonne whereof the sayde inhabytauntes haue hitherto susteyned manyfolde dyspersons losses and damages, as well in theyr landes goodes and bodyes, as in the good cyuyle and polytyke gouernaunce and mayntenaunce of the common welthe of theyr sayde countrey. And for as muche as the sayde inhabytauntes haue alwayes hytherto bene bounde by the actes and statutes made and ordeyned by your sayde hyghenes, and your moste noble progenitours, and auctoritie of the sayd court, as farforth as other cosities cities and borroughes haue ben, that haue had their knightes and burges within your said court of parliament, & yet haue had neither knyghte ne burgesse there for the said countie Palantine, the sayd inhabitauntes for lacke therof, haue ben oftentimes touched and greued with actes and statutes, made within the said courte, as well derogatiue vnto the most auncient iurisdictions liberties and priuileges of your said county Palantine, as prejudiciall vnto the common welth, quietnes, reste, and peace of your graces most bounden subiectes, inhabitinge within the same. For remedye wherof it maye please your sayde highnes that it be enacted, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from the ende of this present session, the sayde countie Palantine of Chester shall haue two knightes for the sayd countie Palantine, and lyke wyse two citezens to be burgesses for the Citie of Chester, to be elect and chosen by proces, to bee awarded by the chauncellour of Englande, vnto the chamberleine of Chester, his lieuetenaunt or deputie for the time beynge. And so lyke proces to be made by the saide chamberlaine, his lieuetenaunte or deputie to the shyreffe of the saide countie of Chester: And the same election to bee made vnder lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes construction and purposes, as is vsed within the countie Palantine of Lancaster, or any other county and citie within thys realme of Englande, whiche sayde knightes and burgesses, and euerye of them so elected and chosen, shall be retourned by the saide shyreffe into the chauncerie of Englande in due fourme, and vpon like paines as it is ordeined, that the shiriffe or shyriffes of anye other countie within this realme, shoulde make their retourne in case lyke. And whiche saide knightes and burgesses, and euery of them so elected and retourned, shalbe knightes & burgesses of the courte of parliament, and haue

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lyke voyce and auctoritie, to all intentes and purpoles, as anye other the knightes and burgelles of the laid court of parliament, haue, vle, & enioye. And in likewile lhall and may take all and euery luche lyke liberties, aduantages, dignities, priuileges, wages, fees, & commodities, concerning this laid court of parliament, to all intentes conltructions and purpoles, as any other the knightes and burgelles of the laid court, lhall may or ought to haue, take or enioye.

And alio where it is, and hath bene vled within the laide countye Palantine, that vpon the luggeltion of anyperlon, that is or hath bene endebted to any other perlon or perlons, commynge to the Elcheker within the laide countie Palantine, and there takinge a corporal othe, that he or they lhall paye hys or theyr creditours at luche time as he or they lhall be able therto the officers of the laid Elcheker haue vled wythout warrante, to graunte out of the lame Elcheker a writ in nature of a protection, wherby the layd creditours haue bene and be greately delayed, and in maner defrauded of their layd debtes, to the great impouerilhmente and vndoynge of the layde creditours. For reformation wherof it may alio pleale your laide highnes that it be enacted, by thauctoritie aforlaide that no luche writte of courle, without a lpeciall warrant from your laide highnes, your heires or luccelsours, conteinyng any luche protection, be from the fyrlte daye of October, whiche lhall be in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XLIII. graunted. But that all and euery luche writtes of courle, after the laide daye to be graunted, to be voide and of none effecte: any cultome vle or priuilege, to the contrary hereof not withltandinge.

¶ An act for the certificat of conuictes to be made into the kinges benche. Cap. xiiii.

Where before this time diuers perlons haue be indited, arained, and attrinted, & lome of the clerkes conuict, & lome of the clerkes atteinted, & lome of the outlawed for murder, burglarie, robbery, & other felonies, before iultices of the peace, Jultices of gaole deliuery, & Jultices of oyer & determiner, within diuers cities, couties, fraunchiles, & liberties within this realme. The recordes of which attenders, outlawry, & conuictions often & many times by negligēce of the clarke of the crowne, clerkes of peace, clerkes of allile and luche other, as haue had the order, rule, kepinge, and gouernaunce of the lame recordes, haue ben inbecyled, and not redy to be obiected againlt luche perlons, as haue bene newly arrained before our louereigne lorde the kinge in hys benche, or before other the kynges Jultices for like and other luche offences by them committed or done. And for that it hath not bene knowen certeinly, whyther to reforte for the lame recordes, because they were not certified into any place certayne. By reason wherof lometime luch perlons and lyke offendours which haue ben

newly attained, as is aforesayde, haue had the benefites of his or their clergie, where they ought not ne should haue had the same, if the saide recordes had then present in the same place, where suche person or persons were so ne welie arraigned, or els certified, into some other place certayne, where the same recordes mought haue bene sene, sent for, or wrytten, for to haue bene obiected against suche person or persons so newelie arraigned. whereby as well the kynge our soueraigne lorde, as also all other persons, haue manye tymes loste their escheates and other aduantages, and forfaytures, that they shoulde haue hadde by meanes of the sayde attenders, to the greate losses, bothe of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, and other persons, and also the same offendours haue had their clergie, where they oughte not so to haue hadde, the greate boldenes and encouragynge of lyke offendours. In consyderacion wherof, be it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys parlyament assembled, and by auctholite of the same, that the clarke of the Crowne, clerks of the peace, and clerkes of assise for the time beynge where anye suche atteinder, outlawrye, or conuiction shall be hadde, shall from the feaste of Pentecoste nexte comminge, not onely certifie a transcripte, briefly and in fewe wordes, conteyninge the tenoure and effecte of euery suche inditemente, outlawrie, or conuiction, and clerke atteinted, before them so to be had, made, or pronounced, that is to say, the name surname, and addicion of euerye suche personne and personnes as shall be so indited, and therupon outlawed, conuicted or clarke attainted, and the certaintie of the saide felonie or other offence, wherupon he or they shal be so outlawed, conuicted, or clerke attaynted, and the daye and place of his outlawrie, conuiction, and attaynder, and the daie and place, where and when the saide felonye or other offence, whereupon the saide personne or personnes shall bee so indicted, outlawed, conuicted, or clerke attaynted, shall be made and done, before the kinge our soueraigne lorde in hys benche at Westminster in the countie of Mydd. there to remayne of recorde for euer amonge other the kinges recordes there, within fortie dayes nexte after anye suche attreinder, conuiction, or outlawrie shall bee hadde, made or pronounced if the terme be than, and if not, than within twentye daies nexte after the beginninge of the terme nexte folowinge the sayde fourtie daies, but also shall deliuer a transcripte of euerye suche inditemente; where vpon the saide person and personnes shall fortune hereafter so to bee conuicted, or clerkes atteinted, to the ordinarye, to whome the bodie of the saide person or persons shall be committed, at the time that the saide person or persons shalbe so committed. The sayd ordenary payinge to every suche clerke, as shall write the saide transcript, for euerye coppie of suche inditemente, twelue pence, for hys paynes, vpon payne, that euery clerke of the crowne, clerke of the peace, and clerke of assyse for the tyme beynge before whome suche indytemente, atteinder, outlawrye or conuiction shall be

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so had made pronounced or remaine for the non certifiyng of euery such recorde, and deliuerynge of the copy of suche inditementes to the saide ordynaries accordinge to this estatute, to lose and forfaite .xl.s. the one moite therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same by action of dette, byll informacion or otherwyse in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, wherin no wager of law essoine or protectiō shalbe allowed. And the clerkes of the crown, in the kinges bench shall receiue the said certificates and transcriptes at such tyme as they shal be tendered & profered vnto them by the saide clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the peace, and clarkes of assise, or by their deputie or deputies, wyth out takinge any thinge for the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of the summe of.xl.s. for euery certificat by him refused.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by ỳ auctorite afore saide ỳ if there be any more persons conteined and named in any such inditement other then such persons so atteinted, conuicted, or outlawed, that than such clerke of the crowne, clerke of assise, clerke of peace, with whom the recorde of suche anteinder, outlawrie, or conuiction shall remaine, shall wythin the time before in this acte limitted certifie the transcripte of suche inditement outlawrie or conuiction onely concerning such person or persons so indyted and atteinted outlawed or conuicted, into the kinges benche at Westmynster as is aforesaide, whiche transcriptes so certified shall be had and taken as good effectuall, and auailable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes against such person and persons, agaynste whom it shalbe so obierted, alledged, or pleded, as if the very recorde therof: whet vpon he or they were so indited, were there present.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that the saide clerke of the crowne in the kinges benche for the time beynge, shall at all such times as the Iustices of gaole deliuery, Iustices of peace, in euery countye within this realme of Englande do write vnto him for the names of suche persons, which be so attainted by outlawry, or clerkes attainted or conuicte and certified in the saide benche, of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynge: shall incontinently without delaye certifie the saide names and surnames of the said persons, with the causes why and wherfore they were conuicte or atteynted, vnto the Iustices of gaole deliuery or Iustices of peace, vpon the peine and penaltie to forfaite for euery name of suche persons, whyche shall be so writ ten for, and not certified by the saide clerke of the crowne in the kinges benche to the saide Iustices .xl.s.

¶ Prouided alwaies & be it further enacted, that this acte nor anythinge therin conteined, shall not extende to the clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the peace, clerkes of gaole deliuery, neyther to any of the Prenotaries with in the counties of Wales and Chester, or within the cōtie Palantine of Lancaster & Duresme, or any of them, to make any transcript of any suche atteinder, conuiction, or outlawrye of any person or personnes conuicted, atteynted, or outlawed, before the kynges Iustyces of hys countyes of

wales nor Chester, or countie of Lancaster, Duresme, or any of them, but that the same records shall and maie remaine and be in the custodie and kepyng of the said clerkes and Prenotaries, in suche maner & wise as they are at this daie. This acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstandinge,

An acte touchinge the deane and chapiter of welles, to be one sole chapiter of it selfe. cap. xv.

Where before this time the chapiter vnto the sea & bishoprieke of Bathe & welles was the Deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of sainct Andrewe of welles in the countie of Somerset, & the late Priour and couent of the late Priorie or monasterie of the apostelles saincte Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the sayde countie of Somerset: by reason wherof all feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thing belonging or appertaning vnto the said see and bishoprieke, or wherof the bishop of the saide see of Bathe and welles for the time beynge, was seised in the right of the said Bishoprieke, or goyng out of the saide manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, belonging vnto the saide bishoprieke, whyrthe should be good or of effect in the law, to bynde his successours, in successyon after the death of the saide bishop of the said bishoprieke for the time beynge grauntour lessour, or giuour of any of the premisses, as is aforesaide, ought to be made in writinge by the same bishop vnder hys seale: and to bee also by writing sealed, as well with the common seale of the priour and couente for the time beinge of the saide late Priorie or monasterie of Bathe, as also with the chapiter seale of the deane and chapiter of welles for the tyme beyng ratified confyrmed and assented vnto, whiche said priory or monasterie of Bathe diuers yeres now past, was & now is lawfully dissolued extincted and determined. And where as diuers and sundrye giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, and other thinges haue ben made in writing sithen the dissolucion of the sayde late priorie or monasterye of Bathe, of and in parcell of the premisses, or goinge out, or to be perceiued or taken of and in the same, by the now bishop of the saide see, and bishoprieke. which saide giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges and other thynges the saide Deane and chapiter of welles, hath sith the makinge therof ratyfied and confirmed vnder their common seale, in due fourme after the law. And yet not withstandinge there is and remaineth greatte doubte and question among diuers persons, whither the confirmacion or assent of the saide Deane or chapiter of welles, had and made by writinge vnder their chapiter seale, sithens the dissolucion of the saide late priorie or monasterye be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfecte and good the same giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, and other thinges heretofore made by

the said nowe bisshoppe, to binde him and his successours in succession or not: and also whether al giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, dedes actes, and other thinges hereafter lawfully to be made in writinge, by the saide nowe bisshop, or anye his successours, and sealed wyth the seale of the bisshop of the saide see, or bysshoprycke for the time beynge, and confirmed ratified or assente vnto by the sayde Deane or Chapiter of Welles, vnder or with theyr chapiter seale, shalbe good and auayleable in the law, to binde the saide bisshop of the saide see, or bysshoprycke for the time beinge in succession, In consideracion wherof, and to the intent to auoyde all ambiguities doubtes and questions, that may growe, come, rise, or be in that behalfe: Be it enacted ordeyned and established, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that all giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, dedes, and actes, made in writing by the sayde nowe bisshop of the sayde see or bisshoprycke, vnder the seale of the same bysshop, sithen the dissolucion of the saide late priorie, of monasterye or Bathe or at any time sithen the disolucion of the same late monasterye, and also al giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, deedes, writinges and actes hereafter to be made in writinge by the bysshop of Bathe and welles for the time beyng, of any manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, offices, fees, or any other thinge belonging to the said bisshoprycke, or goinge out of the same, or in any wise touchinge or concerninge the same bysshoprycke or see, and the same sealed by the sayde bisshop for the time beynge, and whiche at any time sithen the dissolucion of the sayd late monasterie, haue bene, or at any time hereafter shalbe ratified, confirmed, & assented vnto by the Deane and chapiter of welles for the time beinge, in writinge vnder the chappter seale, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, to binde in succession, the successours of the saide bisshop for the time beyng accordinge to the tenoure purporte, and effecte of the same giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases and other writinges dedes, and actes so made or hereafter to be made in writinge: anye lawe custome or vlage heretofore vsed or had to the contrary not withstanding.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Deane and chapiter of welles aforesaide and their successour for the time beynge, shalbe from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged, to be the full, entier and sole chapiter of the bisshoprycke of Bathe and Welles, & belonging to the same bisshoprycke, in full name, nature, and aucthoritye, power, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same bishoprycke.

Prouided alwaies, that this act, or any thinge therin conteined, doe not extende to binde any founder or giuour of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the sayde see and bisshoprycke, or therunto belonginge, of for or concerninge all suche actions and suites, as they or anye of them may, should, or ought to haue, by reason of ani alienacion in fee simple

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or fee taile, hereafter to be made of any the manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the said sea and bishoprieke, or of any parte therof.

¶ An act for shiriffes to be discharged vpon their accomptes and to haue allowances for theyr reasonable expences in the courte of escheker. cap. xvi.

IN moste humble wise beseechen the kings maiesty his true & faithfull subiectes, the cõmons in this present parliamẽt assembled, that where the shiriffes for the moste parte of the counties within this realme of Englande, stande and bee charged and chargeable towarde his highenes, by reason of their said offices of shirifwike, with diuers auncient fermes annexed vnto the corps of the same countyes, that is to say, with one ferme demaunded of the shiriffe of euery of the said coũties for the time beynge, in one whole sum vnder this title, De Vic. de rem. firm. com. post terr. dat. which ferme did, and yet partly doth grow and accrue, aswel of the issues & profits of such landes & tenementes, as from the conqueste vnto the .xi. yere of the reigne of kinge Edwarde the firste, did remaine in the handes of the kinges moste noble progenitors, & some of them doe also yet remaine in the hãdes of the kinges maiestie, vnder the charge and custody of the shyreffes of the same counties for the time being, as parcell of the auncient demeanes and inheritaunces of the crowne of England, not graunted nor giuẽ away as also rentes of assise, rentes called common fines, shiriffes aides, and of other rentes certeine, belonging to the same ferme. And thother ferme demaunded likewyse in anye other whole summe, Videlicet de vic. de firmo proficuo com. which ferme did and yet partly doth rise and growe of the perquisite and profittes of the courtes holden by the shiriffes at the countie daies, shiriffes turnes, & hundreds, & of diuers other casualties and profittes, yerely hapening & falling, within the hundreds and wapentakes of ỹ saide seuerall counties, parcel of the corps of the same counties of olde time annexed to the said crowne of England. And also stande & be charged and chargeable by reason of their saide offices, with diuers summes of money demaunded of thẽ seuerally for the fermes of diuers purpresture, assertes sergeantes, & minute rentes, and other fermes exacted & demaunded of the shiriffe vnder the title or name of the shiriffe, as in the rolles, & Memorand. of the kinges courte of hys Echeker more plainely it may appere: whyche fermes & other summes of money before rehersed, be not, nor of longe time haue ben wholy leuied or gathered by any of the saide shyreffes: but part of them haue ben yerely lost & not collected, partly because of the sayd shyriffes in times paste, haue forborne to aske or demaunde the same, or for to dystreigne therfore: so that it is now not certeinely knowen what landes or persõs should be charged or chargeable therwith. And partly bycause great part of the landes and tenementes, hundredes & wapentakes, out whereof

parte of the rentes and profittes, belonginge to the sayde seuerall fermes, did issue and growe, haue ben geuen by the kinges highnes, or hys noble progenitours, to sundry persons, discharged of the same rentes and profits, and yet none allowance or deduction hath ben required nor made therof.

And now of late diuers manours landes, tenementes, rentes, suites, seruices, hundred, wapentakes, lathes, and rapes whith were also chargeable with certeine rentes, fermes and profittes, parcell of the saide fermes before rehersed, ben comen to the possession of the kinges maiestie, by ỹ gyfte graunted dissolucion surrendre or attayndor of diuers late monasteries or houses of religion, late surrēdred dissolued, or otherwise comen to his maiesties handes: by occasion wherof the said rentes, fermes & profits, which did come and grow out of the same, ben now clerely extinguished and determined. By reason wherof the saide shiriffes haue heretofore sustained, & from henceforth ben like to sustaine much more losse and damage in the said fermes, and charges before rehersed, vpon the determinacion of theyr accomptes in the kinges court of his Escheker, then they were wont to doe oneles some good remedie be the sooner prouided for them in this behalfe.

It may therfore please the kinges most excellent highnes, that it be enacted, ordeyned and establyshed by hys maiestye, with the aduise and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from henceforth all and euery person, whiche nowe is, or hereafter shall bee shiriffe or shiriffes of any countie or counties accomptable or aunswerable in the sayd Escheker, shal at his day of prefiction, immediatly after he is swoorne to accompt of the issues and profittes of his office of shyrefwike, and euerye other person, whiche of late haue bene shiriffe or shyriffes of any of the sayde countyes, and haue no tayle of rewarde, nor haue not yet determined hys or theyr accompt, or otherwise be discharged or pardoned therof, shall in the same terme, that he taketh his othe to accompt, be swoorne by hym self, or by hys attorney or deputie swoorne for hym, whan he shall aunswere before the lorde treasourer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons of the saide Escheker, or in the absente of ỹ said lord treasourer, cōberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, than before suche of the saide lorde treasourer, chamberleynes chauncellour, and of the sayde barons, as then shall happen to bee present in the saide court, to bringe in and deliuer into the saide courte, rolles, or cedules of parchemente, conteining in them truely without omission or contelement, all such particular summes of money, whyche he hath leuied, or lawefully moughte haue leuied to his wyttinge or knowledge within hys baylywike, as parte or parcell of the said auncient fermes, and the other fermes before rehersed, makinge expresse and distincte mention in the same rolles or cedules, as nie as he or they can or may, of what person, & in what landes & tenementes, & for what cause the same particular summes & euery of thē be leuied or leuable toward ỹ making of ỹ same fermē or any of them. And ỹ after ỹ same rolles or cedules so deliuered, & the particular sūmes of

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money in them conteined, appertaining to their proper fermes, caste and rated before the saide lorde treasourer, chãberleines, chauncellour and barons or before the saide barons, in the absence of the lorde treasourer, chamberlaynes, or chauncellour for the tyme beynge, or anye of them. The same lorde treasourer, chamberleines, chauncellour and the saide barons: or the saide barons, in the absence of the saide treasourer, chamberleins, or chauncellour, or of any of thẽ for the time beinge, shall haue full power and authoritie by this acte, to make allowance, exoneracion, and deductyon in the sayd open courte, from time to time by theyr discrecions, to euery suche person, in euery of the saide fermes, of so muche money as the sayde fermes shall be more than the sayde particulars, so appoynteyned and conteyned in the saide rolles or cedules, do amount vnto. And for reuiuinge and recouerie of suche parcels, belonge to any of the saide fermes, or other the premysses, omitted out of the sayde rolles or cedules, and for sauinge of other the kinges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, answerable in the saide Eschekier, which be now wrongfully withdrawen, and vniustly witholden from his possession: the lorde Treasourer chamberlaines, chauncellour and barons of the saide Eschekier, or the same barons, in the absence of ỹ said treasourer, chamberlaines and chauncellour, or any of them, shall from tyme to time awarde suche proceste, and vse such conuenient wayes and meanes by commission or otherwise, according to the course of the saide Eschequer, and further as shall be deuised by their discreacion, so that the kynge, hys heyres and successours may be truly answered of the issues and profittes of the same, without other warrante to be pursued and obteyned for the premisses, or any parte therof: any estatute, acte, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore to the contrary had made or vsed in any wise not withstanding.

☞ And furthermore where diuers and sundrye summes of money bene respected to any persons, whiche haue bene, shiriffes of the saide counties before this time, vppon their accomptes, yelden in the kynges sayde courte of his Eschekier, of the foresayde fermes and other vicountyes, vppon diuers petitions in the saide courte, for so much as they, ne any of them could, nor might leuie the same by vertue of the summons of the saide Eschequer, for such causes as the same late shiriffes haue alleged in their sayde petitions, as by the same petitions more plainely doth appeare: be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery the saide late shiriffes, vppon their othes taken in the saide courtes, that the causes alledged in the same petition be true, & the same causes examined in the same courte, accordyngly, be by vertue of this present acte clerely acquited and discharged agaynste the kinges maiestie, and his heires and successours for euer, of all and euerie suche summe and summes of money, so not leuyed nor leuiable, put in respecte, as is before rehersed: And there vppon suche lyke proces to be awarded by the saide courte, and suche conueniente waies and meanes, by commission and otherwise, to be had, accordinge to the course of the sayde Eschequer, from tyme to tyme, as shall be aduised by the sayde lorde treasourer

fourer, chamberleines, chauncellour, and barons: or in the absence of the saide lorde Treasourer, chamberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, by the saide barons, and by as many of the saide lorde Treasourer, chamberleines and chauncellour, as then shall happen to be there present wythout either warrant or suite in that behalfe to be had. And for as muche as the shireffes of the saide counties for the time being, shall susteine, and suppoꝛt diuers charges, by reason of their saide office of shirifwike, as in executing the kinges writtes and summons, and leuieng all summes of money conteined in the extreates within their counties, & in commune to the Eschequer, to make their profers and viewes of their accomptes, and make payment of all that shalbe due vpon euery of their viewes and accomptes, and other diuers costes and charges concerning the same office of shirefwike, without hauing from hensforth any tayle or tayles of reward, portage or other allowance towardes their sayde charges.

¶ And where also diuers of the said shiriffes heretofore haue bled at theyr owne coste, to beare perely the charges of the expences of the kinges iustyces of assises, Nisi prius, generall and speciall gaole delyueries, and oyer determiner, and of their clerkes of assises and seruauntes at the same sessions at their comming two time in the yere, during suche time as the sayde iustices remaine and serue the kinges highnes there, without hauinge heretofore any recompence or allowance for the same. And to the intent, that euerie of the said shiriffes, for the time beinge, may and shall hereafter be more able diligētly to serue the kinge in his or their saide offices, without taking anye vnlawfull exactions of the kinges subiectes, and also better to make prouisiō for the said Justices, and their company in their circuites, hauinge ayde of the kinge towardes their said charges and expences: The kynges highnesse, of his liberalitie, in consideracion of the same charges, so to bee susteyned by the saide shiriffes, is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his highnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery of the said shiriffes, comming to his accomptes in the said Eschequer, shewynge a bil subscribed with the handes of the said Justyces or of suche of them as shall be present at the said assises and sessions, making plaine mencion of the daies and time, that the saide Justices did abide or remaine in the same countie at the costes of the saide shiriffes, in or aboute the kinges saide affayres and businesses, shall haue allowance aswell hereof, as for other his said reasonable costes, vpon his or theyr accomptes in ỳ said Eschekier, by the discreacion of ỳ said lorde treasourer, chamberlaynes, chauncellours and barons, and in the absence of the saide lorde treasourer chāberleines, chancellour or anye of thē, by the saide barons, & by as many of the said lord treasourer, chāberleines & chancellour, as thē shall happen to be there present by auctoritie of this present act, without other warrant or anye further suite to be hadde or made in this behalfe, so that all the allowances

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aunces for the costes aboue said, to al the shiriffes do not amount in any on yere aboue the summe of iii.C.rl. and two poundes .vi,s.& viii.pence: thys acte to continue and endure onely to thende of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte for the new erected bisshops to pay their tenthes in the courte of fyrst fruites. Car.xvii.

Vwhere in the parliament begun and holden at London, the thirde day of Nouembre in the.xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord king Henry the eight, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolucyon thereof: it was amonge other thinges established and enacted that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours for the augmẽtacion & maintenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie, of supreme head of the churche of England, should yerely haue, take enioy, and receiue, vnited and knit vnto his imperial crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pencion, amounting to the value of the tenth parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes tithes offeringes, emolumentes, and of all other profittes, al well called spirituall as temporall, then apperteining or belonging, or that afterwarde from thens forth should belonge to any archbishoprieke, bishoprieke abbaie, monasterie, priory, archdeaconrie, deanrye, hospitall, college, house, collegiate, prebende, cathedrall church, collegiate church, cõuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntery, free chapell or other benefice or promocyon spirituall, of what name nature, or qualitie so euer they were, within anye dioces of this realme, or in wales, the saide pencion or annuall rente, to bee yerely payde, for euer, to our said soueraigne lorde, to his heires and successours kinges of this realme, at the feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteined, more playnly is shewed and may appere. And where also at the parliament, begonne at Westminster, the. xxviii. day of Aprill, in the xxi. yere of our sayd soueraigne lorde the kinges most gracious raigne: and afterwarde contynued by diuers and sundry prorogations, vntill the dissolucion therof, there was by auctoritie of the saide parliament, erected and establisshed a certayne courte, called the courte of firste fruites and tenthe. And it was further enacted by the auctoritie of the saide parliament, that the saide first fruites & tenthes, & all the reuenues and profites therof, which than were or hereafter from henceforthe shoulde growe or be, by anye maner of meanes, should be from henceforthe in the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte of the firste fruites and tenthe, and ministers of the same, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteyned, playnely appereth. Sithen the makynge of wh che saide acte, our soueraigne lorde of his moste gracious & blessed disposicion, by hys moste gracious seuerall letters patentes, hath made erected, incorporate, and establysshed, wythin this his realme, diuers and sundrye bysshops and seas of bysshoppes, that

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is to saye, John nowe byshop of Chester, John now byshop of Glouceſter, John now byshop of Peterborough, Paule now byshop of Briſtoll, & Robert now bishop of Orenforde: and by the same his seuerall and sundry letters patentes, hath sunderlye and seuerally geuen & graūted vnto the said byshops diuers and sundry manors. landes, tenementes and hereditamentes. In whiche said seuerall letters patentes there bene reserued vnto hys highnes, his heires and succeſſours, certeine yerely rentes and pencions, amountinge to the tenth of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes. so seuerally geuen to the saide seuerall bishoppes, to be payde & paiable yerely in our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynges courte of augmentacions of the reuenue of his crowne, as in the saide seuerall letters patentes more plainely apereth. And for as muche as by the sayde former estatutes, the said bishops bene compellable euery one of them to pay the tenthes of his or theyr possessions, annered to theyr seuerall bishoprickes, in our sayd soueraigne lord the kinges court of first fruites & tenthes, the said byshops be & shal be double charged and chargeable, with the paimentes of the said rentes and pencions, reserued and to be paide, as is aboue saide, for that ỹ the paimentes therof in one of the saide courtes, is no discharge in the other contrary to the true intent & meaning of the kinges highnes, & to the great hurte & decay of the saide bishops, and their succeſſours, if spedy remedy be not therfore prouided. For reformacion wherof be it enacted and ordeyned by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all the yerely rentes tenthes & pencions, as is or be aboue reherſed, reserued in and by all and singuler the kinges highnes saide seuerall letters patentes, made of any manors lands tenementes personages appropriate, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, sithen the .xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the saide .xxvi. yere of the raygne of our saide soueraigne lorde, to any the saide seuerall byshops, shall from the first day of Maye nexte comminge, be in the rule gouernaunce and suruey of the said court of first fruites and tenths. And that all suche and the same rentes pencions & tenthes, shalbe from the said first daie of Maye, payable and alwaies paid in the sayd court of first fruites and tenthes, and not elswhere, nor in any other court or place, any thing reherſed in the said seueral letters patentes, or in any of them, or any acte statute or lawe had made or vſed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the said byshops nor their succeſſours, ne any of them, shall at ani time hereafter be impeched or sued in the said court of first fruites and tenths, of or for any tenth yerely rent or pencion, reserued in or by any of the saide seuerall letters patentes which now is, or before the said first dai of May nexte comming shalbe due vnto the kinges highnes. And that all and singuler proces and suites nowe had & pursued, or hereafter on this side the said first day of May to be had or sued out of the saide courte of first fruites and tenth, againſte any of the said bishops newlie erected and made, as is aforesaid, of for or concerninge onely any yerely rente pencion or tenthes, reserued vppon or by any of the

saide letters pattentes, shall ceasse and be clerely voyde to all intentes and purposed.

An acte for Canturbury concerning the priuileges of the same. Cap. xviii.

WHere the citie of Canturbury is, & of auncient time hath be a citie incorporat, & endued with diuers and many ample priuileges & franchises, by diuers and sundry charters and graūtes heretofore made by the kinges noble progenitors as wel in ỳ time of the prince of famous memory king Hērie the. vi. as in the time of other his noble progenitours: wherby the same citie ought to haue vse & enioy al the saide libertie priuileges and franchises, accordinge to the tenour forme purporte and effecte of al suche of the said charters & grauntes heretofore graunted & made vnto the maire & citizens of the said citie, as remaine & stand yet in full strength & force: yet diuers ambiguous questions & varietie in opiniōs of diuers persons learned in the lawes of ỳ realm, be of late risē & growen, of the validitie purport & force of diuers articles cōteined in the saide charters & graūtes, bicause that some wordes cōpiled in the same, seme to them obscure ābiguous & doubtfull where in dede the true intent & meaning therof, to the most part of men, learned in the lawes of the realme, doth right well appere to be plaine, by reason wherof not onely the good ciuile politie of the sayde citie is murhe decaide, but also the welthy occupieng, the populous inhabyting, & the beautifull buildinge therof be like to come in great ruine depopulaciō & decay, not a litle to the extenuaciō of that part of this realme, as wel in ỳ eies of al strangers, as in the eies of such great personages as shal happē to haue repayre to the kinges maiestie in ambassade or otherwise. In cōsideraciō wherof be it enacted, by the kings highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall & tēporal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assēbled & by thauctoritie of the same, that the maire and aldermen, or the more part of them, of the said citie, & their successours, by such name or names as they be incorporate, shall haue vse and enioy al suche liberties franchises & priuileges, within the liberties precinct & iurisdiction of the said citie, which they or their predecessours maires & aldermen of the sayd citie, haue had to them graunted by the kinges highnes, or any of his noble progenitours, by bys or their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England, now remaining in ful strength & force accordīg to the true purport and effect of the same letters patētes and graūtes heretofore had and made vnto the said maire and aldermen of the said citie, as is aforesaide, not withstanding they haue not ben of late time vsed nor put in execution accordingly.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person and persons, citizens & inhabitinge within the said citie or liberties, or the precinct therof to take a parcel or parcelles, by

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indentures interchangeable, sealed with the seales of suche parties, for the terme of .vii. yeres or lesse, as bothe the parties can agree, albeit such appren-tise or apprentises be within the age of .xxi. yeres: and that the same indentures of apprentisehode, shall comprehende like couenauntes and be made written and enrolled, in like manor and fourme, as is comonly vsed in such cases within the citie of London: and the same indentures, conteininge such couenauntes, made written and inrolled as is aforesaide, shalbe from hensforth good and effectuall in the lawe, againste euery suche apprentise, to all intentes constructions and purposes: the minoritie of such apprentises, the statute made in the .vii. yere of the noble prince king Henry the fourth, concerning apprentises, or any other statute lawe custome or vsage, concerning taking of apprentises, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons beinge foreines, and not being free citizens of the saide citie of Canturbury shall not from henceforth, contrary to the libertie and graunte, heretofore had and made vnto the maire and aldermen of the saide citie, bye or sel any maner of marchandise, to or with any maner of person or persons foreynes, and not beinge free citizens of the saide citie, nor kepe any open shoppe, nor vse any mistery or handie craft, within the same citie liberties and precincte therof, without the speciall licence of the saide mayre and aldermen, or the more part of them, in writinge vnder their seale, vpon peine to forfaite for euery suche offence, to the saide mayre and aldermen, to the vse of the sayd citie .vi.s. viii.d. of lawfull money of England. And that the mayre and aldermen of the same citie, & their successours for the time beinge, from time to time, shall haue power and auctoritie, to demaunde and aske, agaynste euery suche offendour, in the courte hall of the said citie, by action or playnt of dette, the saide forfaiture, or at their liberties shall take leuie and perceyue by distresse the sayde penalties or forfaitures, to the vse of the sayde citye by and according to the course of the common lawe.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte, nor anythinge therin conteyned, shall extende or be preiudiciall to the kinges maiestie, his heyres or successours, but that it shall be lawfull to our said soueraigne lorde his heires and successours from time to time, to seise or resume any of the saide franchises liberties or priuileges, heretofore graunted by any of his progenitours, and confirmed by this present acte, for any sufficient cause of forfaiture by the lawe of this realme: anye clause or article in this acte contained to the contrarye not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to the palaice of the moste reuerend father in god, Thomas nowe archebishop of Canturbury, or to the hamiette of Staplegate, or to the scite and precinct of the cathedrall and metropolitane church of Christe in Canturbury aforesaid: nor to any other place what so euer, immediately before the makinge of this acte, beinge out of the libertie of the sayde citie of Canturburie: Nor in anye wyse shall be preiuditiall or hurtefull to the

ſaide archbiſhop, or any of his ſucceſſours: or to the deane & chapiter of the ſaide cathedrall and metropolitane church of Chriſt in Canturbury or to any of their ſucceſſours, any thing in the ſame act not withſtanding.

Prouided alſo that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any boucher fiſhemonger or any other perſon what ſo euer, inhabiting out of ỹ libertie of the ſaid citie of Cãturbury, for or concerning the ſelling or byyng of any maner of fleſhe fiſhe or other vitayle, in the ſame citie, or precinct of the ſame, or the ſuburbes of the ſame: but that all maner of vitaile maye for euer be freely bought and ſolde, in the ſayde citie precinct and ſuburbes of the ſame, as though this acte had neuer ben made, any thinge in the ſame to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandinge.

An acte for paymente of pencions and portcions, graunted out of the late abbeys. Cap. xix.

Whether the archbiſhops biſhops archdeacõs and other eccleſiaſticall perſonnes, of both prouinces of Canturbury and yorke within this realme of England, haue heretofore in ỹ right of their churches had and receiued out of ỹ late monaſteries abbathies priories nũries colleges hoſpitals houſes of friers & other religious & eccleſiaſticall houſes & places now diſſolued, and out of the manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes belonging to the ſame, diuers pencions, portcions, corrodyes indemnities, ſtipendies prories and other profits. And where alſo in the parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter, the .xxviii. day of Aprill, in the .xxvi. yeare of the reigne of our ſouerayne lorde Henrye the eight, by the grace of god kinge of England Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the church of England and alſo of Ireland the ſupreme hed, it was ordeined & enacted, by the auctoritie of the ſame parliament, that as well the ſaide late monaſteries abbathies priories nunries colleges hoſpitals houſes of friers and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, with the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other profites belonging vnto the ſame late monaſteries abbathies priories and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, as then were or that hereafter ſhoulde come vnto the kinges highnes handes, ſhould be veſted demed and adiudged in the actual and real poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the kings highnes, and his heires and ſucceſſours, Sauing to all and euery perſon and perſons, and bodies politike, and their heires and ſucceſſours, and the heires and ſucceſſours of all and euery of them (other then the late abbottes priours abbeſſes prioreſſes and other eccleſiaſticall gouernours and gouerneſſes of the ſaid late monaſteries abbathies priories nunries colleges hoſpitalles houſes of freers, and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, and their ſucceſſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them, and ſuch as pretend to be founders patrones or donours of ſuche monaſteries abbathies priories nunries

ries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, mesuages, landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes belonginge to the same, or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patron or donor, and the then abbottes, priours, abbesses prioresses & other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nunries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which then or hereafter shal happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfaited geuen vp, or commen to the kinges hig hnes, and such as pretend to be founders, patrons, or donours of suche monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nunries, colleges, hospytalles, houses of friers and other ecclesiastical houses & places or of any manours mesuages, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the same belonginge, to anye of them their heires and successours, and the heyres & successours of euery of them, al such right, title, clayme, interest, possession rentes, charges, annuities, leasses, fermes, offices, fees, liueries, liuynges, porcions, pencions, corrodies, commons, synodies, priories, and other profittes, whiche they or any of them haue claime, ought, maye or might haue had of or to the premisses, or to any patt or parcell therof, in such lyke maner fourme & condicion, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if the same act had neuer ben had ne made (rentes seruices, rentes seeke, & all other seruices & suites only except) as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteined more plainely is shewed and maye appere. And yet not withstandinge the said generall sauinge, conteined in the said acte, the saide archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, of bothe the sayde prouinces, of Canturbury and yorke, be, and sithen the makinge of the saide acte haue bene disturbed and denied of the hauynge, receuinge, gatheringe of the saide pencions, porcions, corrodies, indemnities, synodes, and priories, with other profittes belonging vnto them by diuers of the fermours and occupiers of greate parte and parcell of the said manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes of the said late monasteries, and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or being parcell of the possessiōs of them, and haue no direct meane to obteine recouer or come to the same, not onely to their great hurt and domages, but also like to grow & be to the great losse & disherisō of the kinges maiestie concerning his first fruites & tenth. For reformacion wherof be it ordeined established, and enacted by the kinges highnes with thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same that if any persō or persons, being fermour or occupier of any manours, landes, tenemētes, personages, benefices or other hereditamētes, of anye of the saide late monasteries or ecclesiasticall houses or places, belonging to them or any of thē by the kinges highnes gift graunt sale exchaūge or otherwise, out of which premisses any suche porcions pencions corrodies indempnities synodies, or priories, or any other profittes, haue ben hereto-

fore lawfully goynge out, answered or paide to any of the archebishoppes byshops archedeacons and other ecclesiasticall, persons aboue sayde, doe at any time after the firste daye of Aprill nexte comminge, wilfully denie the payment therof, at the dayes of payment heretofore accustomed, of any of the said pencions, porcions, corrodies, indemnities, sinodies, priories, or anye other profittes, wherof the said archebishops bishops archdeacōs or other ecclesiasticall persons were in possession, at or within ten yeres nexte before the time of the dissolucion of any suche monasteries, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, that then it shalbe lawefull for the same archebishops byshops archedeacōs or other ecclesiasticall persons aforesaid, being so denied to be satisfied and paied therof, and hauinge right to the same thinge in demaunde, to make suche proces, as well against euery suche person and persons, as shal so denie paiment of the same pencions porcions corrodies priories indemnities sinodes, or any other profittes, which of right ought to be paied, as is aforesaide, as againste the churche or churches, charged with the same, as heretofore they haue lawfully done, and as by and accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme they may now lawfully do for the true paiment and recouery therof. And if the partie defendaunt be lawfully conuict in any such suite cause or matter, accordinge to the ecclesiastical lawes: than the partie plaintife shall haue & recouer against the partie defendant the thing in demaund, & the value therof in damages, with hys costes for his suite.

¶ And be it further ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if it fortune the cause or matter of variance betwene any of ẏ said parties bee determinable at the common law, that then the partie greued to sue for his recouery & remedie therin at the common law, And if the partie defendant fortune to be by the course of the common law lawfully condempned to the partie plaintife, than the said partie plaintif shal likewise haue and recouer againste the partie defendant the thinge in demaunde, and the value therof in domages, with his costes for his suite,

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all & singular such of the said archebishops bishops archedeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, which haue right or title to claime demaunde or enioye any of the saide pencion portions corrodies indēnities sinodies or priories, againste any person or persons, to whom the kinge hath made or hereafter shall make in writing vnder seale, any sale gift graunt or lease for terme of life or liues or yeres, or any of the said manours landes tenementes personages benefices or hereditamentes, charged or chargeable to or with any of the saide pencions portions corrodies indēnities sinodies or priories & also hath couenaunted graunted promised or agreed, or hereafter shall couenaunt graunt promise or agree, by the said writing, to acquite discharge or saue harmles the same person or persons of al pencions, porciōs, corrodies indēnities sinodies & priories, going out of the premisses or any parcell therof, as be or shalbe mēcioned in the same writinges or any of thē, shal sue for

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for their remedie & recouery therof in the court of the augmentacions of ỹ reuenues of the kinges crowne, and not els where: And that the partie defendant hauing any such discharge, beyng conuented called or sued in any other courte or place, or before any other iudge, for any the causes aboue-said shalbe discharged & dismissed out of the same courte or place, without any thinge payinge for the same, by thonely shewing forth any of the sayde writinges sealed vnder any of the kinges seales, prouing or declaringe the king to haue couenaunted promised or agreed to acquite discharge or saue harmeles the said partie defendant therof, as is aforesaid, Any thing conteined in this act to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶An act to embarre feined recoueries of landes, wherin the kinges maiestie is in reuercion. Cap. xx.

Where diuers of the kinges most noble progenitours and specially the kyng our soueraigne lorde, most liberally aboue all other, hath giuen & graunted, or otherwise prouided to his and their louing and good seruauntes and subiectes, aswell nobles as other, manours, meases, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, & hereditamentes to them & to their heires males of their bodies, or to the heires of their bodies lawfully begotten, minding at the time of such giftes not only to preferre & aduaūce presently the donees but also their heires in bloud of their bodies, according to the limittacīō of the said giftes: to thentente that recompence for the seruice of such donees should not only be a benefite for their owne persons, but continually a profite and cōmoditie to & for their heires cōming of their bodies, wherby such heires should haue in special memory and dayly remembraunce, the profite that they haue and take by the seruice of their ancestours done to the kynges of this realme, and therby be the better encoraged to doe like seruice to their soueraigne lorde, as to their duties of allegiaunce apperteineth. And for as muche as sundry such donees in taile, and their heires haue suffered and dayly sucker by their consentes, vntrue and feined recoueries to be had against them, with common voucher or otherwise, of manours, meases, lāndes, tenementes or hereditamentes, so giuen graunted or prouided in tayle by the kinges maiestie, or his noble progenitours, as is aforesayde, to the entente by fraude couin and vndue meanes not onely to bynde and defete theyr heires inheritable by the limitacion of suche giftes, but also the kinge of his prerogatiue, wardship, primer season, and other his rightes, wherby questions and diuersities of opinion haue risen and yet be: whether suche feined and vntrue recouries against such tenauntes in taile, by their owne consentes, of landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, wherof the reuertīō or remayndre is in the kinge at the tyme of suche recouery or recoueries had, should after the death of the tenaunt in tayle binde the heires in tail or not. For the plaine declaration wherof, and to auoide & extinct from henceforth diuersities of opinions in such cases: be it ordeined and enacted by auctori-

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tie of this present parliament, that no such feined recouery, hereafter to be had by assente of parties against suche tenaunte or tenauntes in tayle, of any landes tenementes or hereditamētes, wherof the reuercion or remaynder at the time of such recouery had, shalbe in the kinge, shall binde or conclude the heires in taile, whether any condicion voucher be had in any such feined recouery or not, but that after the death of euery such tenant in tayle against whome any suche recouery shalbe had, the heires in taile may entre haue and enioy the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes so recouered accordinge to the fourme of the gift of entaile: the saide recouery or any other thing or thinges hereafter to be had done or suffered by or against any such tenant in tayle to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by thauctorite aforesaid, that the heires of euery such tenaunt in taile, against whom any such feined recouery shall be had, shal take none aduantage for any recompence in value against the voucher, or his heires.

Prouided alway that this act nor any thing therin conteined, be in any wise preiudicial or hurtfull, to the lessee or lessees of any such tenaūt in taile made or to be made by writing indented, of any manours, landes, tenemētes or hereditamentes for terme of .xxi. yeares, three lyues, or vnder, whereupon the accustomable rente and rentes or more, is or shalbe reserued, perely during the same terme and termes: but the same lessee and lessees, shall and may haue and enioy his or their terme and termes therin against the heyre and heyres of euery such tenant in taile, accordinge to the tenour purporte and effect of the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde king Henry the .viii. any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrary therof not withstanding.

An act for the confirmacion of letters pattentes not withstandinge misnaming of any thing conteined in the same.

WHere the kinges moste excellent highnes, sithen the fourthe day of Februarij, in the .xxvii. yeare of his maiesties reygne, hath obteined and purchased, aswell by exchaunges, as by giftes, bargaines, fines, feoffementes, recoueries, dedes, enrolled & otherwise, of diuers & sundry persons, many sundry & diuers honors, castels, manors, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, rentes, reuercions, seruices & other hereditamentes, & hath not only paied diuers & sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath giuen and graunted for and in consideracion therof vnto diuers persons late owners therof, diuers and sundry manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments, and other recompences, in and for full satisfaction of all such honours, castels, manours landes, tenementes, rētes reuercions, seruices & other his hereditamentes, by his highnes obteined purchased or had as is aboue saide, Be it therfore enacted by thauctorite of this

this present parliament that our soueraigne lorde the kinge, his heires and successors shall haue holde possede & enioy all & singuler the same honours, castels, manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, which hys highnes, sith the said fourth day of Februarye, in the .xxbii. yere aboue saide, hath obteined and had, or at any time during the space of .bii. yeres next insuing the making of this present act, shal obteine purchase or haue, by way of exchaunge bargaine purchase or other what so euer meane or meanes, according to the true meaning and intent of his highnes bargaine exchãge or purchas therin, misrecitall misnaming, or non recitall, or not naminge of any of the said honours, castels, manors, landes, tenemẽtes, & other hereditamentes or of the true names or certeinties of them or any of thẽ comprysed mencioned in the bargaines or writinges made betweene the kynges highnes or any other partie or parties, or of any parte or parcell therof, or of anye townes or counties, where the saide honours, castelles, manours landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, lie & bene, any other matter or cause what so euer it be, in any wise not withstanding: Sauing to all and euery person and persons, and to their heires bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours and to euery of them, other than such persons & persons and their heires, and their wiues, and the wiues of euery of them, bodyes politike and corporate, and their successours and euery of them, of whome the kinges highnes hath obteyned by exchaunge, gyfte, bargayne, fyne, feoffement, recouery dede enrolled, or other wise, or at any time hereafter during the saide .bii. yeares next comminge, shall obteine purchase or haue any suche honours, castels, manours landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes, as is aforesaid, al such right title vse interest possessions rẽtes charges, annuities, commodities, fee, and other profittes, rentes, seruices & rentes, seekes onely except, which they or any of thẽ haue might or ought to haue had, in or to the premisses so obteined & had or in or to any parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: Thys present act, or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstãding.

And where also our said soueraigne lorde the king, sithen the said fourth daye of Februarye, in the saide .xxbii. yere of his maiesties reigne, as well vppon diuers and sundrye good considerations, his maiestie specyally moouyng, as also otherwise, hath bargained solde exchaunged, giuen & graunted by his graces seuerall letters pattentes, indentures or other writinges sealed vnder his highnes great seale of Englande, the seale of his duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of office of the courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politike and corporate, as to diuers and sundry other of his louinge and obedient subiectes diuers and sundry honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathyes, priories, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, personages, appropryated aduoulon, tithes oblacions, pencions, portions, fraunchises, priuileges, liberties, offices and other hereditamentes, commodities & profittes, in fee

ſimple, fee taſle, for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, as in the ſame ſeuerall letters patentes, indentures, and other writinges is mencioned and declared. And where alſo the kinges maieſtie heretofore ſithen the ſaid fourth day of Februarie, by his ſeuerall letters patentes, ſealed vnder the ſaide greate ſeale of England or otherwiſe, of hys accuſtomable goodneſſe, hathe newely erected ordeined and made diuers biſhops, deanes, and chapiters, colleges and other bodies politike and corporate, and hath by his ſeuerall letters patentes ſealed vnder the ſaide great ſeale of Englande, gyuen and graunted alwel vnto them, as to diuers other bodies politike and corporate, and to their ſucceſſours, by ſuch name or names as they thē were be or now ſtande corporate, diuers manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tithes, pencions, porcions, aduouſons, nominacions, preſentacyons, & other hereditamentes and ſuche or like liberties and iuriſdictions in the ſame manors, landes & tenementes, mencioned in anye of the ſame letters patentes, as he to whome anye ſuche letters patentes were or be made or graunted, or his predeceſſours before had or enioyed in the manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes departed or appointed to the king, or ſuch as any the late abbotte or priour of any the late monaſteries or priories, or other perſon or perſons what ſo euer or any of them mencioned in any of ỳ ſaid letters patētes, lawfully had exerciſed vſed or enioyed within the ſayd caſteis, manors, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, mencioned in anye of the ſaid letters, pattentes, in auoidyng diſturbing hurting or hynderyng of dyuers of the sayde ſeuerall letters pattentes, indentures, and other writinges, of the ſaide manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thinges in them conteined, ſundry and many ambiguities, doubtes, and queſtions haue or might hereafter happē to be moued obiected alleged inuented, procured, or ſtirred, alwel for miſnaming, miſrecital, or non receytall of any of the ſame honours, caſteis, manours, monaſteries, abbathyes, priories, landes, tenementes, and other the premiſſes, or any parcell therof, or for lacke of finding of offices or inquiſicions of & in the premiſſes, where by the title of the kinges highnes therin ought to haue bene founde, before the makinge of the ſame letters pattentes, or other writinges, or for miſrecitall, or non recitall of leaſſes therof before made, as well of recorde as not of recorde, or for lacke of the certaintie, miſcaſting, rating, or ſettinge forthe of the yerely values & rates of the premiſſes or of the yerely rentes reſerued of & for the premiſſes, or any parcell therof, mencioned or conteined in anye the ſaide letters patentes or other writinges, or for that the premiſſes be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or leſſe value in the ſaid letters patētes or writinges, than ỳ ſaid manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premiſſes than were or ſhalbe in yerely value: or for miſnaming of the townes, hamlettes pariſhes or cōtries, where the ſame honours, caſteis, manors, monaſteries, abbathies, priories, landes tenementes, rentes, hereditamentes and other ỳ premiſſes, & euery parcel therof, or any parcel therof, lien or bene: or for lacke of the true naming of the natures, kindes, ſortes or quantities of

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the said possessions or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof: or for lacke of the true naming of ỹ corporacion of the same: or for lacke of attornement liuery or season, or for misnaminge of any the late tenauntes or termours of the same so solde giuen or exchaūged, ffor remedy and reformacion whereof, be it ordeined and enacted by the kinges moste excellent highnes, wyth the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctholitie of the same, that as well all and euery the sayde letters pattentes indentures and other writinges & euery of them sealed, with or vnder the seale or seales aboue saide, or any of them, made or graunted by the kinges highnes sithen the said fourth daye of February, in the said xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne, as also all and singuler his graces letters pattentes, indentures and other writinges hereafter during the space of. vii. yeres next ensuinge the makinge of thys present act, to be had made or graunted with or vnder any of the seales aboue saide, to any body politike or corporate, or to any other person or persons, of any honours, casteles manors, monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonryes, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or of other religious or ecclesiastycall houses or places sites, circuites, precinctes, landes, tenemētes, personages, tithes, pencions, portions, aduousons, nominacions, presentacions, franchises, liberties, and other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions, and profits, of what kind nature or qualitie so euer they or any of them be, is or shalbe, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be, is or shall be named knowen or reputed, shall stand and be good effectuall & available in the law to al intentes, respectes, constructions and purposes against his maiestie, his heries and successours, without any confirmation, licence dyspensacion or tolleracions of the kynges hyghnes hys heires or successours or of anye other person or persons what so euer, any the cauſes or matters aboue mencioned, or conteined or hereafter duringe the saide seuen yeres, to be conteined in anye suche letters pattentes indentures or other writinges to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler suche letters pattentes, whiche at any time heretofore, sythen the xviii. day of Aprill, in the .xxi. yeare of our saide soueraigne lordes raygne haue ben graunted or made, or hereafter shall be made by the kinges hyghnes to any person or persons, of any office of kepinge of any castell, blockehouse, parke, chase, forrest or keping of any manor or māsion place, house or houses, with an annuall fee or other yerely profits for the exercisinge of the same, and after the sayde castell blockehouse, manour, maūcion house or houses, parke, chase, forrest, happen to be fallen downe, dispatked, dysforested or destroied, so that the cause of the exercisinge of suche office is determined: that then the letters pattentes of graunt of the same office & offices, with the fee & fees or other profites for the exercisinge of the same, shall be from thencefoorth clererely determined, & stand and remaine as voyde for euer: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

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☞ Prouided also that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to reuiue or make good any letters patentes of the grauit of any office or offices, heretofore graunted or made by our said souereigne lorde the king, which now is or be, or at any time heretofore haue bene annihilated determined or made voyde by auctholitie of parliamente, iudgement, decree, or otherwise, any thing in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

☞ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesade, that all and singuler suche patentes, grauntes and donees, as at anye tyme from henseforth duringe the saide seuen yeres nexte commynge, shall fortune to haue or obteine any castels, manors, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes, of the gift, graunte, sale, or exchange of the kinges maiestie, or of the only gift of the kinges maiestie, of hys moste liberall disposicion and not solde, which at the daye of the date of the letters patentes therof made, shalbe of more or better yerely value to the kinge in yerely rent and ferme, then shal be conteined mencioned or specified in any such letters patentes and particulars therof made by the auditour or auditours, and in such bill or billes as shalbe assigned and sealed with the hand or hands of the patentee or patentees therof, to be exhibited to the kynges maiestie, or his officer or officers, wythin whose surueye the sayde manours, landes and tenementes, and other the premisses or any parte therof shalbe or within anye of them, which bill shall be signed, sealed had and made as is aforesayde, before anye bill shall be therof signed, by the kinges maiestie that than euery of the sayd patentees grauntes and donees, theyr heyres, executours or administratours, within one yere next after due proufe & decree therof made and had in the courte, within whose surueye the same castels, manors, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses or any parcell therof than shall be, shall contente and pay vnto the king for the same ouerplus and more value, for the same manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions and other hereditamentes to him solde or exchaunged, after suche rate as the other landes and tenementes were before to him solde or exchaunged: and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes, as shall happen to be gyuen by the kynges maiestie, and not solde as is abouesaid, the said patentee, his heyres, executours or administratours shall content and pay to the kinge after the rate of .xx. yeres purchase: so that the same proufe and decree be had and made in fourme abouesaide, within ten yeres next after the day of the said letters patentes

☞ Prouided alwaies, that this act or any prouision clause or article therin conteined, shall not be vnderstand or interpreted to be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any the kinges letters patentes, indented or wrytinges heretofore made, concernynge anye bargaynes, couenauntes, sales, grauntes, exchaunges, or giftes of any castels, manours landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes in fee simple, or in fee tayle, sithen the fourthe daye of Februarie, in the xxvii yere of hys maiesties reigne and before the xxviii. daye

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of Apryll, in the .xxviii. yere of his said highnes reigne, vnder any of the seales aboue specified in this acte: nor to any act or statute heretofore made for the corroboracion of any suche letters patentes indentures or writinges.

¶ An acte that fines in townes corporate shalbe made as the same in time heretofore haue ben. Cap. xxii.

Where in the parliamēt, holdē in the .xxvii. yere of our most dradde soueraigne lorde king Henry the eight, It was enacted by auctorite of the saide parliament amonges other, ỳ no fine feoffemēt or other act or actes, herafter to be made suffered or done by the husbande only, of manours, lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, being the inheritaunte or the freholde of his wife, during the couerture betwene them: shall in anye wise be or make anye discontinuance therof, or be prejudiciall or hurtefull to the saide wife, or to hir heires, or to suche as shall haue right title or interest to the same by the death of such wife or wiues: but the same wife & hir heires, and suche other to whome suche right shall appertaine, after her decease, shall and may then lawfully entre into all such manours, landes, tenemētes, and hereditamentes, according to their rightes and titles therin, Any such fine feoffement or other act to the contrary not withstanding. Sithens the making of which acte diuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguities haue risen. That is to saie, whether the recoueries and dedes entolled, which be in nature of fines, and wherupon women couert haue ben vsed to be examined, taken, had, or knowledged, as wel within ỳ citie of London as in many other cities boroughes & townes within ỳ realme of Englande should binde all such women couert, that should happen to be examined vpon the same recoueries and dedes entolled. In auoydinge therfore all suche ambiguities & doubtes, Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente paliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all recoueries, dedes entolled and releases heretofore knowledged and taken, or at anitime hereafter to be taken and knowledged, before the maires, aldermen, recorders, chamberleines, or other head officer or officers, as well of the citie of Londō, as of ani other citie borough or town corporate within the realme of England, hauinge power and auctorite to take and receiue the same accordinge to the laudable vsages & customes of the saide cities boroughes, and townes and euerie of them, shall be, stande and remaine of lyke force strength and effect, to all intentes & purposes, as they or any of them were before the makinge of the said act, in the saide .xxvii. yeare of our sayde soueraigne lorde: Anie thing in the same conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

An act for the due execution of proclamacions. Cap.xxiii.

Wher in the parliament holden at westminster ỳ.xxvii.day of Aprill, in the.xxvi yere of the kinges most gracious reign that now is, & there cõtinued till ỳ.xxviii day of June thẽ next ensuing, it was enacted among other thinges by the kinges maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in the said parliament assembled, and by auctho3itie of the same parliamente, that the kynge, for the tyme beyng, with thaduise of his honozable coũsaile, whose names be mencioned in ỳ same acte, o3 with thaduise of ỳ moze part of thẽ, might set forth at all times, by the auctho3itie of the same acte, his proclamacions, vnder such penalties and paynes, and of such so3t, as to his highnes and his saide honozable counsaile, o3 the moze parte of them, shoulde seme necessarye and requisite: and that the same shuld be obeyed obserued and kept, as though they were made by act of parliament, for the time in them limitted, onles the king despence with them o3 any of them, vnder hys great seale. And it was then further enacted by the auctho3itie afo3esaide, that if any person o3 persons, of what estate, degree o3 condicion so euer he o3 they be, which at any time from thensefo3th, did wilfully offende, and breake, o3 obstynately not obserue and kepe any suche proclamacion, o3 any article therin conteyned, whiche shoulde procede from the kinges maiestie by the aduise of hys counsayle, as is afo3esaide: that then all and euery such offendour o3 offendours, being therof within one halfe yere nert after their o3 his offence cõmitted, acused, and therof within.xviii. monethes nert after the same conuicted, by confession o3 lawfull witnes, and proues, before the archebishop of Canturbury metropolitane, the chauncellour of England, the lorde treasorer of Englande, the president of the kinges moste honourable counsayle, the lorde priuye seale, the great chamberlaine of England, the Lord Admirall, the Lord Steward o3 graunde mayster, the lord Chamberlaine of the kinges most honourable household, two other bishops, being of the kings counsayle such as hys grace shoulde appointe for the same, the Secretary the Treasurer, and the comptroller of the kinges moste honourable household, the maister of the horses, the two cheif iudges, and the maister of the rolles for the time being, the chauncellour of thaugmentacions, the chauncellour of the Duchie, the cheif baron of the Eschequer, the two generall surueyours, the chauncellour of the eschequer, the vnder treasourer of the same, the Treasourer of the kinges chaumbre for the tyme beynge, in the sterre chaumber at westminster, o3 els wher, o3 at the least before the halfe of the number afo3e rehersed. Of whiche number the lorde chauncellour, the lorde tresourer, the lorde president of the kynges most honozable counsayle, the lorde Prime seale, the Chaumberlayne of Englande, the lorde admirall, the twoo cheyfe iudges for the tyme beynge, o3 twoo of them shall be two, shall lose and paye suche penalties, forfaitures o3 summes of

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money, to be leuied of his or their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kinges vse, and also suffre such imprisonment of his bodie, as should be expressed mencioned and declared, in anye suche proclamation or proclamacions, whiche suche offendour or offendours shall offende and breake or not obserue and kepe, contrary to the saide acte, as is aforesaide, as by the same acte more at large it may and doth appere. Sithens the makynge of which sayd acte, the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his sayde counsayle and according to the tenour and purport of the same act, hath for the welth profite and commoditie of this his realme, caused diuers good and godlye proclamacions to be made, which diuers euill disposed persons haue wylfully and obstinately broken and not obserued or kepte, and therupon dyuers and sundrye informacions haue bene geuen and had for the kynge against the same offendours, before the saide honourable counsaile mencioned in the said acte, according to the tenour and effect of the same act, and the same informacions, after issue ioyned, and witnesses publyshed, haue taken no effect ende or perfecte determinacion, within the time limitted by the same act, for and in default that there hath not bene present so many of the kinges saide moste honourable counsaile, as be limitted and appointed by the same acte, and so thereby offendours haue bene and be like hereafter to be vnpunished, to the great encorageing of all suche like offendours Wherefore be it nowe enacted and ordeined, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of ꝑ same that all and euery iudgement, sentence, or decree, hereafter to be had taken made or geuen against any person or persons, in or vpon any informacion suite or plaint concerning any offence or offẽces, done or cõmitted, or hereafter to be done or committed against the tenour purporte or effect of anye suche proclamacion or proclamacions heretofore set forth be had made and proclaimed or hereafter to be set forth had made and proclaimed according to the true intent and meaning of the saide former acte, shall or may be geuen had & made by the said counsaile or any numbre of them so there be thẽ present the full numbre of.ix. persons of the saide counsaile, whereof the lorde Chauncellour, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde President of the kinges moste honourable counsaile, the lord Priuy seale, the Chaumberlaine of England the lorde Admirall the two chiefe iudges for the time beinge, or two of thẽ at the least shalbe two. And that ꝑ same iudgemẽt sentence or decree so had made or geuen, as is aforesaide, shall by the auctoritie aforesaide, be & stand good and auailable in the lawe, and of like force and effect in all and euery thinge and thinges conteined and mencioned in the saide former acte, to al intentes constructions & purposes, as if the same iudgement or decre were giuen or made by the numbre of the saide counsaile appointed by the sayde former act. any clause sentence article or matter in the same former act conteined to the contrary hereof not withstanding, this act to endure duringe the kinges maiesties life, which our lorde longe preserue.

¶ In acte for the assurance of certeine landes to Jhon Hynde seriant at law and to his heires, paiyng therfore yerely .x.li. towardes the charges of the knightes of Cambridge shire for the time beinge. Cap.xxiiii.

Where certain persons, were infeoffed of and in ẏ manour of Burlewas, otherwise called the shire manour of ẏ coũtie of Cambridge, lying & beyng in Waddingley in ẏ sayde countie, and of and in two hundred acres of lãde, one hundred acres of medowe, one hundred acres of pasture, with thappurtenaunces in Waddingley afore saide in the same countie, beinge in the hole of the yerely value of ten poundes, and so letten to ferme at this day, to the vse and intent, that ẏ profittes therof should yerely be receiued and taken for and towardes, the paiment of the fees & wages of the knightes of the same countie of Cambridge, being chosen for the parliament within the same coũtie, at such time & times, as it should please the kinges moste royal maiestie, his heires or successours, to cal his or their highe courte of parliament, wherby the said inhabitauntes within the said countie of Cambridge heretofore haue bene clerely discharged for and concerning the paimẽt of the knightes wages for the parliament. And for the sure and more perfect continuance therof, and that the yerely value of the same manour and other the premisses, may be from henceforth conuerted to the same vse and purpose, and also to ẏ intent that it may be perfectly knowen, what person hereafter shall be tenant of the premisses, and charged to answere and paye the said yerely ferme or rent of ten poundes yerely for ẏ same, and what persons shall likewise receiue the saide rent to the vses and intentes aforesaide: all the gentlemen of the said countie of Cambridge as wel for them selues as for the hole inhabitauntes of the same countie, most humbly desire the kings most excellent highnes, that it may be enacted by his moste roiall maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that John Hynde, one of the kinges seriãtes at law & his heyres, shall from henceforth haue holde and enioy to him hys heires and assignes for euer, to the onely and proper vse of the sayde John Hynde, & hys heires, the said manour landes tenementes & all other ẏ premisses before rehersed, and euery parcel of the same, vnder the condicions folowing: that is to say, that the saide John Hynde his heires & assignes for euer, shall yelde and pay yerely for the same premisses, & at the feast of sainct Michael tharchangel ten poundes sterling, to such persons and their successours, as shal be by this present act incorporated and enhabled to receiue the same.

¶ And also that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that Edward Northe knight, shireffe of the said shire, and Thomas Rudstone, esquier, knightes of the said shire of Cambridge for this present parliament shall be one bodie incorporate, and that they and their successours, knightes

tes of the said countie of Cambridge for the time beinge, and the shiriffe of the saide countie also for the time being, shal by this present act be encorporated by the name of wardyens of the fees and wages of the knightes of the shire of Cambridge, chosen for the parliament, and shall haue perpetuall succession for euer in the same, and shal impleade and be impleaded by the saide name. Which knightes of the shyre for the time beynge, and after the parliament dissolued.as longe as they shalbe liuing, vntill other knightes of the saide shire shalbe chosen for the parliament nexte ensuynge, shall haue & perceiue the said yerely rent of.x.li. & conuert the same to their owne proper vses by equall portions towardes ỳ maintenaũce of theyr charges. And when any one of the saide knightes of & for the saide shire chosen shall die: that the suruiuour immediately from time to time shall haue and perceiue the said yerely rẽt of.x.li. to his owne sole & proper vse, vntill the time that newe knightes of the sayde shyre shall be elected for the parliamente who immediatly after their election shall haue and perceiue the sayd yerely rent of.x. li. And if both the said knightes of the saide shire, shall happen to die, than the shiriffe of the saide shire yerely for the time being, shall haue & perceiue the said yerely rent of.x.li. to his owne only vse, and so to continue vnto the time that other knightes of the sayd shyre, shall be chosen for the parliament than nexte folowing, as is afore saide, and so to continue after the sayd rate for euer.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that if it shall fortune the saide yerely rente of.x.li. or anyparte therof to be behinde vnpaied, yf anye of the wardens afore saide, or anye of their seruauntes or assygnes demaunde the same, in the name or names of any of the said wardens at any time after the saide daye of payment expired as is afore saide. Than it shall be lawfull to and for the saide wardens to recouer the saide rent by action of debte at the common lawe, against the owners fermours tenauntes & occupiers of the same, or anye of them, or els at their pleasures to distreine for the saide yerely rente of.x.li. and the arrerages of the same, in the sayde manour & al other manours, meases, landes. tenementes & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, of the said John Hinde, his heires and assignes in Maddingley afore saide, which said manours, landes and tenementes shall be alwaies chargeable to the distresse of the said wardens for the time beyng, for none payment of the saide yerely rente, and the arrerages of the same. And that it shalbe lefull for them, the same distresses with them to retaine, vnto the time that the said yerely rent of.x.li. together with the arrerages and costes of the same, vnto the said wardens for the time being as their tourne shalll come to haue the profittes of the same, shall be well and truely contented and paied. And if it shall fortune the saide yerely rente of x.li. or anye parte therof to be vnpaied by the space of three monethes nexte after the daye of payment therof, as afore saide: then it shall be lawfull to and for the sayde wardeins for the time beynge, their seruauntes and assignes or any of them, into the saide manour landes & tenemẽtes in Maddingley

dingly aforesaide, by what so euer name or names, the same be knowen or called, to entre, and the same and the profittes therof continually to retaine to their owne sole proper vses, vnto the time that the said yerely rent, together withe the arrerages therof (if anye shall be) vnto the saide wardeines shall be well and truely contented and payde, by the sayde John Hynde his heires and assignes or one of them as is aforesaid: and so from time to time when any suche chaunce shall happen, without any veracion, suite, or trouble of the tenauntes, fermours, owners, or occupiers of the same, the saide wardens shall entre and haue & enioy the sayde manour of Burlewas landes & tenementes aforesaide, as is afore declared. Any thing in this present act conteined to contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctorite aforesaide that yf it shall happen that the said manours landes & tenementes or any part therof to come to the kinges handes, his heires and successours, by wardship, primer seasen, eschete or otherwyse, that notwithstanding the said rēt shal be yerely payd vnto the sayde wardens for the time being, to the vses and intentes aforesayd, and by the auctoritye of this present acte all receyuours bailiffes and other ministers to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours and euery of them, shall haue sufficient warrant to pay the said rente as is aforesaide, and to be allowed of the payment of the same by vertue of this present act, without any other warrāt from the kinges highnes to be made for the same.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that if herafter it shall happen, that the said manour of Burlewas, and the landes and tenementes aforesaide, with the appurtenaunces or any parte thereof to be recouered by faint pleader reddicion or other fraude or couin: than it shalbe lawfull to and for the sayd wardens and euery of them al times hereafter into the said manours landes and tenementes so recouered by coun, to reentre, and ẏ same to haue & enioy to thē and their successours for euer: any thinge in this present acte conteined to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding. Sauinge to euery person & persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires & successours, and the heyres & successours of euery of them, other than the said persons and their heires, that now be and hereafter shalbe seised or in possession of the said manour of Burlewas landes and tenementes and other the premisses with thappurtenaūces, to thuses and intentes aforesaid, towardes the payment of the fees wages & other charges of the sayde knyghtes of the saide shire of Cambridge, & shyriffes of the said countie for the time being, as afore is rehearsed, al such title possession right interest action & condicion, as they or any of them hath in and to the same, or in or to any parte therof, as fully and holy as if thys present acte had neuer bene had or made: any thinge conteined in this present act to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in consideracion of the premisses, the countie of Cambridge, and the inhabitauntes of the

same

ſame, ſhall hereafter for euer be diſcharged of all ſuch ſummes of money, as heretofore haue bene accuſtomed to be leuyed and payed for the fees of the knightes of the parliament of the ſaide countie.

¶An act that the inhabitantes of Poole may erect a windmil and a Conduite within the kinges maieſties waſt graunde of Baiter. Cap. xxv.

IN moſt hũble wiſe ſhewen vnto your moſt excellent highnes, your poore dayly oratours and true and faithfull ſubiectes, the mayre burgeſſes & inhabitantes of your towne and porte of Poole, in your countie of Dorſet, that where your ſaid oratours and their predeceſſours burgeſſes and inhabitantes of your ſaid towne & porte, alwaies heretofore time out of minde haue ben compelled and driuen of very neceſſitie, to cary and recary all maner their corne prouided for the ſuſtentacion of their poore houſholdes, vnto certaine milles being .iiii. miles diſtant at the leaſt from your ſaid towne and porte, to grinde, to the greate loſſe trouble & vnquietnes of your ſaid oratours, For remedie wherof, and for the more eaſe quietnes and commoditie of your ſaide oratours, and the more and better ſafegarde of your ſayde towne and porte: be it enacted, ordeined, and eſtabliſhed, by your highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this your preſent high courte of parliament aſſẽbled: and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that it ſhalbe lawfull to your ſayde oratours, and to their ſucceſſours, at their libertie and pleaſure: to erecte, make, frame and ſet vp, at in and vpon your waſt grounde and common within the ſaide towne called Baiter, in a place there moſte requiſite and conuenient, at their proper coſtes and charges, one good and ſuffitiente windemill, to ſerue the ſaide towne and porte, and the burgeſſes, and inhabitantes of the ſame, and to take and haue one hundreth of foote of aſſiſe ſquare of the ſaid waſt grounde for a conuenient hill to be made to ſet one windemill vpon. And alſo like libertie and licence to ſet one conduite head at a certaine place called Totnã, within the kinges waſt grounde without the ſaid towne of Poole, taking and hauinge .xvi fote of aſſiſe ſquare of the ſame grounde, for the ſituacion of the ſame conduite head, for the conueying of freſh water, for the ſeruing of the ſame towne, and to haue alſo lyke free libertie to digge and draw in, by, through and vpon all places & waies therunto moſte mete and conuenient, with free courſe and recourſe, into & from the ſame at al times hereafter for euer: yeldinge and payinge therfore yerely vnto your highnes, your heires and ſucceſſours, one peper corne yf it be aſked, for all other eractions ſeruices and demandes, and your ſaid oratours ſhall, according to their moſt bouñden duties, continually pray to god for the proſperous preſeruacion of your moſt noble and royal maieſtie long in felicitie to reigne and endure.

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HENRICI OCTAVI.

AN ACTE FOR CERTAINE ORdynaunces in the Kynges maiesties dominion and principalitie of VVales.



Our soueraigne lord ꝑ kinges maiestie of his tender zele & affectiō, that he beareth towardes his louing and obediēt subiectes of his dominiō principalitie & cōsitrey of Wales, for good rule & order to be frō henceforth kept & mainteined within the same, wherby his said subiectes may growe & arise to more welth & prosperitie, hath deuised & made diuers sundrye good and necessarie ordinaunces, whiche his maiestie, of his moste abundant goodnes, at the humble suite and peticion of his saide subiectes of Wales, is pleased and contented to be enacted by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commōs in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, in maner & fourme, as hereafter ensueth.

FIrst that his graces said dominion principalitie and countrey of Wales, be from henceforthe deuided into .xii. shires, of the which .viii. haue ben shires of longe and auncient time, that is to saye: the shires of Glamorgan, Caermerthin, Pembroke, Cardigan, Flynt, Caernaruan, Anglesey, & Merrioneth. And foure of the said twelue shires be newly made & ordeined to be shyres, by an act made at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxvii. yere of our said soueraigne lordes moste noble reigne: that is to saie, the shires of Radnor, Brekenok, Mountgomery, and Denbigh, ouer and besides the shire of Mommouth, and diuers other dominiōs, lordshippes and manours, in the marches of wales, vnited and annexed to the shyres of Salop, Herforde, and Glouceſtre, as by the sayde late acte more plainely appereth.

ITem that the limitacions of the hundredes, of late made within ꝑ said shires, by vertue of his graces commissions, dyrected out of his high court of Chauncery, and againe returned into the same, shal stand in ful strength force and effect according to the said limitacion: Excepte suche of the same as sith that time hath ben altered or chaunged, by vertue of any acte, or actes of parliament alredy made, or that shalbe altered or chaunged, by any acte or actes, in this present session to be made.

ITem that there shall be and remaine a President and counsaile in the saide dominion and principalitie of wales, and the marches of the same, with al officers, clerkes, and incidentes to the same, in maner and fourme as hath bene heretofore vsed and accustomed, which president and counsaile shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine be their wysdomes and discreacions, such causes and matters as be, or hereafter shalbe assigned to them by the kings maiestie, as heretofore hath ben accustomed and vsed.

¶Item that there shalbe holden and kept, Sessions twise in euery yeare in euerie of the saide shires, in the saide dominion and principalitie of Wales: That is to saye, in ỳ shires of Glamorgan, Brecknok, Radnor, Caermerthyn, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mountgomery, Denbighe, Flynt, Caernaruan, Merrionneth, and Angleley, the which Sessions shalbe called the kynges great Sessions in wales.

¶Item that the iustice of Chestre, for the time being, shall holde and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in the shires of Denbighe, Flynt, & Mountgomery, and haue nothinge but his olde fee of an hundrede poundes yerely for the same.

¶Item that the iustice of Northewales shall in likewise holde, and kepe Sessions twise euery yere, in euery of the said shires of Caernaruan, Merionneth, and Angleley, and shall haue yerely of the kinges maiestie a yerely fee of fiftie poundes for the same,

¶Item that one person, lerned in the lawes of this realme of England, by the kinges maiestie to be named and appointed, shalbe iustice of the shyres of Radnor, Brecknok, and Glamorgan, and shall in likewise holde, and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shyres, & shall haue yerely, of the kinges maiestie fiftie poundes for his fee.

¶Item that one other person, learned in the lawes of this realm, to be appointed, as is aforesaide, shalbe iustice of the shires of Caermerthyn, Pembroke, and Cardigan, and shall in likewise holde and kepe sessions twise in euery yeare, in euery of the same shires, and shall also haue yerely of the kinges maiestie fiftie poundes for his fee.

¶Item the saide persons or Justices, and euery of them nowe beynge or that hereafter shalbe, shall, haue seuerall letters pattentes & commissiones, for their offices, vnder the kinges great seale of Englande, to be exercised by them selues, or their sufficient deputies, accordinge to the purposes and intentes, in their ordinaunce specified.

¶Prouided alwaies, that their commissions, to them alreadie graunted, vnder the said great seale, shall stande in force and effect, accordinge to the tenour of the same: onelesse it shall please the kynges maiestie hereafter, to alter or chaunge them or any of them, this present article last before expressed in any wise not withstandinge.

¶Item that euery of the saide iustices, within the lymittes of their commissions and auctorities, to them appointed as is aforesayde, shall holde all maner of pleas of the Crowne, at and in the said Sessions, in as large and ample maner, as the kinges cheife iustice of Englande, and other the kynges iustices of the kinges bench there, or any of them, may doe in their places or elles where within the realme of Englande. And also to holde plees of assises, and all other plees and actions reall personall and myxte, in as large and ample maner, as the kinges cheife Justice of the common place in Englande and other iustices of the same place or any of them, may doe in the realme of Englande.

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¶Item that euerye of the saide Justices of wales shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire of al treasons murthers, felonies, riottes, routes, vnlawfull assembles, extorcions, imbraceries, maintenaunces, reteynours, concelementes, contemptes, and all other offences and euil dedes, of what natures, names, or qualities so euer they be, done, cõmitted or perpetrated within the limittes of their commissions & auctorities, against the fourme of the cõmon law of the realme of England, or of any statutes of the same, and to here and determine the premisses, and euery of them, and generally to minister common iustice to all and singular the kinges subiectes, within ỳ limittes of their commissions and auctorities, according to the lawes statutes and customes of the realme of Englande, and accordinge to thys present ordinaunce.

¶Item that euery of the saide sessions shall be kepte and continued by the space of .vi. dayes, in euerye of the saide shires at eyther of the sayde tymes, as is and hath ben vsed within the said three shyres of Northewales. And that the saide Justices shall cause open proclamacions to be made in the shyre townes, what time & place they purpose to kepe their said sessions .xv. daies at the least, before they kepe the same, to the intent the kynges subiectes may haue knowledge therof.

¶Item that dayes shalbe geuen in all pleas plaintes proues and adiournamentes from day to day, and sessions to sessions, by the discreacion of ỳ said Justices, within the limittes of their auctorities, for the good and spedie ministracion of Justice, to all and singuler the kinges subiectes, as is or hath ben vsed in Northwales.

¶Item that the originall seale, deuised by the kinges highnes for iustyce to be ministred in the saide three shyres of Northwales, That is to say, the shyres of Merionneth, Caernaruan, and Angelsey, shall be and remaine in the charge kepinge & custodie of the chamberlaine of Northewales. And that one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for ministracion of iustice to be vsed in the said shyres of Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Cardigan, shall be and remaine in the charge and keping of the Chamberleine of Southewales. And that likewise one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for administracion of iustice to be vsed in the sayde three shyres of Brekenok, Radnor, and Glamorgan, shall be and remayne in the charge and custodie of the stewarde and chamberlaine of Brekenok. And that also one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for ministracion of iustice, to be ministred within the sayd shyres of Denbygh and Mountgomery, shalbe and remayne in the charge keping and custodie of the Stewarde & Chamberlaine of Denbigh. And that the originall seale, of Chester, shall be and stande for the originall seale of Flynt, for iustyce to bee ministred in the sayde shyre of Flynt: and shall be and remayne in the charge keping and custody of the Chamberleine of Chester.

¶Item that the saide Stewardes and Chamberlaines shall seale with ỳ sayd seales: that is to saye, euerye one of them shall seale wyth the seale, to

his charge committed, all maner of originall writtes and proces, returnable before the said Justices, at the sessions to be holden in euery of the sayde shyres, in maner and forme as is aforesaide: and shall severally accompte and aunswer the kinges maiestie, for the profittes of the same seale. And that none of the said stewardes, chamberlaynes or chauncellours, haynge the charge and kepinge of the sayde seales, shall by occasion therof, or by colour of any of theyr offices, compell or cause any person or persons, inhabytting within any of the sayd.xii. shires, to appere before them selues or theyr deputies. ne shal haue power or auctoritie, to here or determine ani pleas of ỹ crowne, nor other causes or matters of iustice otherwise then in this ordinaunces is limitted and expressed. But shall haue the charge, and keping of the said seales, to seale all suche originall writtes and proces, as shall be returnable before the saide iustices, in their saide sessyons as is before specified, and as hereafter shall be declared, which writtes and proces shall be vsed made sealed, and returned, in maner and fourme, as hath bene vsed before iustices of Northwales

Item that all suche persons, as now be. or hereafter shalbe the kinges highnes stewardes, chamberleines, or chauncellours, within anye of the saide.xii. shyres, which by reason of theyr said offices, haue charges for the reseept collection or accompt, of and for the kinges rentes, reuenues, fermes or profits to be due to his maiestie, within the said dominion of wales maie directe proces, vnder the saide seale, beynge in theyr charge and custodie, within the limittes of theyr auctorities onely against bailiffes, reues, fermours, and other ministers accomptãt, to appere before thẽ selues to aunswer to and for anye the kinges reuenues fermes rentes or profits and for none other causes. nor against any other person or persons, in lyke maner and fourme as they haue ben accustomed in that case to do.

Item that all stewardes of any lordeships or manours in wales, shall and may kepe and holde such leetes, lawdaies, and courtbarons, as apperteineth & belongeth to the lordships and manours, wherof they be stewardes, and to holde pleas by plainte, vnder the summe of.xl.s. in euerye suche courtbaron, and haue and enioye all other auctorities, commodities and profittes as stewardes of leetes, lawdayes and court barons in Englande commonly haue, and ben vsed to haue, by reason of the sayd offices, & none other, any law vsage or custome, in the said dominion of wales, heretofore had to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

Item prouided alwaies & be it enacted, that the saide stewards, nor any of them. nor the shirieffes of the said counties in Wales, shall haue any power or auctorite, to enquire of any maner felony, in any such leete, lawe day, or tourne, within the sayd dominion to be holden.

And that from henseforth no leete nor lawdaie be kepte by the stewarde or other officer, of any lordeshippe or manour in the said dominion of Wales: but in suche lordeshippes and places, where it was accustomed to be kepte,

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before the makinge of the acte of parliament, concerninge wales, made in the.xxvi. yere of our saide soueraigne lordes reigne. So alwaies the place where suche court shalbe kept, be mete & conuenient for that purpose.

¶ Item that all Mayres bailiffes, and head officers of corporate townes in wales, may hold pleas, and determine actions and do euery other thing concerninge common iustice, according to their lawfull grauntes and laudable customes of suche townes: so alwaies they folow the course trade & facion, of the lawes & customes, of the realme of England, and not of any welshe lawes or customes. And that in euery of the sayd townes they may trie all issues ioygned, or hereafter to be ioyned, in anye action personall, by xxte men, according as heretofore in diuers places of the saide countrey it hath bene vsed: Any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary not withstanding:

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that for as muche as there be diuers & many small boroughes & townes corporate within the saide dominion of Wales: wherof many haue their commencemēt by grauntes, made from the lordes marchers, and some by other meanes: our said soueraigne lorde from henceforthe, by vertue of this acte shall haue full power and auctho̅rite, by the letters pattentes, to be enrolled in his graces high court of Chauncery, at any time within seuen yeares, hereafter nexte ensuing to the ende of this present parliament, to repel adnihilate, and dissolue such and as many of the said boroughes and townes corporate, and all liberties and customes of the same, as to his highnes shalbe thought expedient, to the intent his maiestie, at his graces pleasure, maye de wyl erecte. ordeine and make, suche and as many other boroughes and townes corporate within the said dominion, beinge more apte and conuenient for that purpose, and endue them with such liberties and fraunchises as to his most excellent wisdome shalbe thought necessarie, for the welth of the said countrey.

¶ Item the kinges maiestie is pleased and contented, of his moste gracious goodnes, that such as haue pattentes of any office of Stewardshipps chamberleinshippes, chauncellourshippes, or iusticeshippes, wythin the saide dominion of Wales, for terme of their lyues, shal haue & enioye theyr certaine ordinarie and annuall fees of money, vsed and accustomed to bee payed and borne by the kinges highnes, by vertue of anye their letters pattentes during their interest therin, but in no wise to take or clayme any casuall fees, claimed by coloure of their offices, contrarye to this presente ordinaunce: any custome in Wales, or any thinge in this act to the contrarye not withstandinge

¶ Item ouer and besides the saide originall seales, there shall be foure iudicial seales, deuised by the kinges maiestie, wherof one shal remayne with the iustice of Chester, whiche is appointed by thys acte, to be iustice of the shires of Flynt, Denbygh, and Mountgomery, to be vsed with the sayde shyres to seale all iudiciall proces and billes, that shall be sued before the

ſaid iuſtice, in the ſeſſions, to be holde within the ſame ſhyres. And that one other of the ſaid iudiciall ſeales, ſhall likewiſe remaine, and be in the charge and cuſtodie of the ſaide iuſtice of Northewales. And that the thirde of the ſaide ſeales ſhall be and remaine in the cuſtodie and charge, of the Juſtyce of the thre ſhyres of Glamorgan, Brekenok, and Radnor. And the fourth of the ſayde ſeales ſhall remayne in the charge and cuſtodie of the iuſtice of ỹ ſaid three ſhyres, of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan. And ỹ ſayd iuſtices ſhall ſeale with the ſayd iudiciall ſeales, that is to ſaie: euery of them with the ſeale committed to his charge and cuſtodie, as well all bylles, as all other iudiciall proces, that ſhall be ſued before them in the ſayde ſeſſions, vppon any originall bylles or writtes: and all other proceſſe, that ſhall bee awarded from any of the ſayd iuſtices, ſhal be ſealed with the ſayd iudiciall ſeale.

¶ Item that euery of the ſaid iuſtices ſhall accompte and aunſwere to the kinges maieſtie for, the profittes of the ſaide ſeale, beynge in his charge and cuſtodie, in maner and fourme as hereafter ſhalbe declared.

¶ Item that the Teſte of euery byll and iudicial proces, that ſhall paſſe vnder the ſaide iudiciall ſeale, ſhalbe vnder the name of ſuche of the ſayde iuſtices, from whom ſuche bill or iudiciall proceſſe ſhall paſſe, in lyke manner and fourme as is vſed in the common place in Englande.

¶ Item that all actions reall and mixt, ateintes, conſpiracies, aſſiſes, and quare impedit, appeales of murther and felonie, and all actions grounded vpon any ſtatutes, ſhall be ſued by originall writtes, to be obteined and ſealed with the ſaid originall ſeale, returnable before the ſayd Juſtices at their ſeſſions, within the limites of their auctorities, in maner and fourme as is afore mentioned.

¶ Item that all maner of perſonall actions, as debte, detinue, treſpaſſe accompte, and ſuche like amountinge to the ſumme of fourtie ſhillinges, or aboue ſhall be ſued by writtes originall, to be obteigned and ſealed as is aforeſaide, or by billes, at the pleaſure of the partie ſuinge the ſame, before the ſaide iuſtices, within the limittes of theyr auctorities as is vſed in Northwales. And that all perſonall actions, vnder the ſumme of fourty ſhillinges, that is to ſaie dette, treſpas, detinue accompte, and ſuche lyke, ſhall and may be ſued, before any of the ſayde iuſtices in the ſaide ſeſſyons by byll as is vſed in Northewales. And that euery originall byll, concerninge actions perſonalles, ſhall be ſealed wyth the kynges iudiciall ſeale, beunge in the cuſtodie of the ſayde iuſtice, before whome ſuche perſonall actions by bylle ſhalbe brought, and commenced. And that ſuche fees ſhall be paide for the writinge and ſealinge of ſuche originall writtes and billes, as hereafter ſhall be expreſſed: that is to ſaye, for the ſealinge of euery originall writte to be ſued in, and vppon the cauſes aforeſaide, and for euery bylle, to be purſued in action perſonall, wherof the dette, and domage amounteth to the ſumme of fourtie ſhillinges, or aboue, the partyes purſuynge the ſame, ſhall pay for the ſeale of euery ſuche writte or bylle, fyve pence.

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And for euery iudiciall proces to be sued vpon any suche originall writte, or bill, the parties pursuinge suche iudiciall proces, shall paye for the sealyng therof, seuen pence: wherof the kinges maiestie shall haue fyue pence, & the iustice, sealyng such iudiciall processe, shall haue one peny.

¶ Item that euery bill in personal action, wherof the det, dutie or domage amounteth not to fourtye shyllynges: and all maner iudiciall processe to be sued vpon the same shall also be sealed with the kinges saide iudiciall seale and the parties pursuinge the same, shall pay for the seale of euery such bill, and iudiciall proces, therupon to be sued, three pence; wherof the kynges maiestie to haue two pence, and the iustice sealinge suche processe to haue a penie.

¶ Item that all writtes of Scire facias, and writtes of good abearynge, or for the peace, or writtes of Supersedeas vppon the same, and all other processe to be sued from the saide iustices, vpon anye recorde or suggestion, admitted by any of the sayde Justices, wythin the limittes of theyr auc-thorities, shall also be sealed wyth the sayde iudiciall seale. And that the parties pursuinge for the same, shall paye for the seale of euery suche wrytte and processe, seuen pence: wherof the kinges hygbnesse shal haue fyue pence and the Justice, by whome such processe shall be sealed, a peny.

And that euery exemplification, vppon any recorde, before any of the sayde Justices, shall be sealed with the kynges iudiciall seale: and the partyes pursuyng the same, shall pay for the seale therof twentie pence, wherof the kinges highnesse shall haue fyftene pence, and the iustices, sealing the same foure pence.

¶ Item that recoueries and fines, concordes and warrantes of attourney for the same, shall and maye be taken, before euery of the saide iustices, of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within hys auctho[r]itie by force of hys generall commission, without any writ of Dedimus potestatem, to be sued for the same, in like maner and fourme as is vsed to be taken before the kinges chief iustice, of hys common place in Englande.

¶ Item that all fines, hereafter to be leuied before any of the sayde iustices with proclamacion made the same sessions, that the said fine shalbe engrossed, and in two other great sessions than next to be holden within the same countrey, shalbe of the same force and strength to all purposes, as fynes leuied with proclamacions be of that be leuied before the iustices of the common place in Englande.

¶ Item that euery personne, supnge writtes of Entree in the Poste, or writtes of couenaunte, or anye other writtes, for anye recouerye to bee hadde, by assente of partyes, or otherwise, or for any fyne to bee leuyed, shall paye suche fynes to the kynges vse; for the same, aswell fynes pro licentia Concordandi, as all other manner of fynes as is vsed in the kynges Chauncerie, or elles where in anye of the kynges courtes of

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Englande: whiche fines shall be paied to suche personnes, as shall seale the originall writtes for that purpose: and that they shall accompte for the same in like fourme, as they shall do for the profittes of the sayde oryginall seale as is aforesayde.

¶ Item that the kinges siluer, vppon euery fine to be leuied, shalbe payed, as is vsed in the common place of Englande, that is to saye, twoo shyllynges: whiche kinges siluer shall be payed to the iustice, afore whome suche fine shall be leuied. Wherof the kinges highnes shall haue twentie pence: and the Prenotarie, entring the same, shall haue two pence, and the iustice, afore whome suche fine shalbe leuied, other two pence: and that the same iustice shall accompt for the kinges parte therof, lyke as he shal for the profittes of the kinges iudiciall seale, committed to his charge, in maner and fourme aforesayde.

¶ Item there shall be foure Prenotaries for the makinge of all iudiciall proces, and for the entringe of all pleas proces and matters of recorde, in the sessions to be holden before the saide iustices, wherof one of the sayde Prenotaries shal attende vppon the sayde Justice appointed for the three shyres of Northwales: and one other shall attende vpon the iustice, assygned for the three shyres of Flint, Denbigh, and Mountgomerye: and the thyrde shall attende vpon the iustyce assigned for the three shires of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke. And the fourthe of the sayd Prenotaries shall atende vppon the iustice, assigned for the three shires of Glamorgan, Brecknok, and Radnor. And these foure Prenotaries, as often as their saide offices shall be voyde, shall be named and appointed by the kynges highnes, by his maiesties letters pattentes, vnder his great seale of England. And where one John Arnolde gentleman hath the office of Prenotrie, and clarkeship of the crowne by the kinges highnes letters pattentes, within the saide three shires of Northwales: and that one John Brekenhed, hath the office of the Prenotarie, and clarkship of the crowne by the kinges letters pattentes, within the said shyre of Flint. And that likewise one John Lennerde hath the office of the Prenotarie and clarkshyp of the crowne, by the kinges letters pattentes within the residue of the sayde dominion of Wales: the kinges maiestie is pleased and contented that the said three prenotaries shall haue vse, and enioy, their said offyces accordynge to the effect of the saide letters pattentes to them therof made, doing their duites and attendaunce by them selues, or their sufficient deputyes at euery of the said sessions, to be kept within the shyres, whervnto they be so appointed.

¶ Item there shall be a Marshall and a crier in euerye of the circuites and limittes allotted to the said Justices, whiche shalbe named by the sayd iustices, within the limittes of their auctoritie and commission, in like maner and fourme as iustices of assise do in England, And the sayde officers shall attende vpon the sayd iustices in their circuites, in their owne proper persons, and not by their deputies.

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And that the Marshall shall haue vpon euery iudgement, and euery fyne foure pence, & the crier a peny. And vpon the acquitalles of felons, and of them, that shalbe deliuered by proclamacion or deliuered oute of common mainprise, before any of the saide iustices, the Marshall shall haue foure pence, and the crier a peny.

Item that euery of the sayd prenotaries, within the limittes of their offices, shall take suche fees as hereafter shall be expressed, that is to saye, for the writing of pleas, and ingrossynge of writtes of entree in the post, writtes of right, Quod ei deforceat, or any other writtes, pursued by the assente of the parties, fiue shyllynges. And yf it be with a double voucher, then sixe shillinges and viii.d. and for the exemplificacion therof.ii.s. and for the engrossing of fines, to haue for euery fine three shillynges, and foure pence: & if it be with proclamacions, then foure shillynges.

Item for euery bille of debte detinue Trespas and all other actions personalles, sued before the saide iustices in their circuites, vnder the summe of.xl.s. the Prenotaries shall haue, for the fyrst bill.iiiid. for the second bill iiii.d. and for the third bill foure pēce, and for the entre of euery declaracion plea in barre, replicacion, and reioynder, in and vpon euery such actions, so that he doe enrolle the same in parchement.iiii.d. and for euery Venire fac. tales, habeas corpora, & distringe in ỳ same actions.iiii. d. and for the iudgement.iiii.d. and for euery writ of execution, in euery suche action, sixe pence: and for euery warrante of atturney, in euerye suche action, as well for the plaintifes as for the defendantes foure pence.

Item in all actions of detinue trespas and all other actyons personall, wherin the dueties debt or domage, amounteth to the sūme of fourty shyllinges, or aboue, which shalbe sued by billes before the said iustices, the prenotary shall haue for the fyrst bill, foure pence, for the seconde bill.iiii.d. for the third foure pence: and for euery of the declaracion, the aunswere, replicacion, and reioynder, if they be enrolled in parchement eight pence: and for the venire fac: tales, habeas corpora, & distring, for euery of thē six pence, and for the iudgement eight pence: & for the warrant of atturney, foure pence: and for euery writte of execution vpon the iudgementes in such billes, sixe pence

Item in originall writtes, sued vppon euery action personall, returnable before the sayde iustices, the Prenotaries shall haue for euery Iterum sum. syxe pence: for euerye distresse in Trespas, syxe pence, and for the declaracion, eyght pence: for the aunswere, replicacion and reioynder, for euerye of them, if they be enrolled and engrossed, as is aforesayde, twelue pence. For the venire fac. tales, habeas corpora, & distring, for euery of them sixe pence: and the Prenotaries to haue for the entree of the iudgementes in euery suche action, twelue pence. And for euery writte of execution, sued vppon the same, syxe pence. For the exemplificacion of euery recorde in any of the said actions, twoo shyllynges, For euery warrant of atturney. foure pence. In all actions Reals and myxte, assises, Quare impedit,

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appeales of felonie, murther or maime, the Prenotarie to haue for the declaration or plaint, two shillinges: and for the plee in barre, repleacion, rejoynder, surrejoynder, for euery of thē, if they be inrolled, as is aforesayde, twelue pens: & for the writinge of euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, & distring vpō the same, for euery of them six pence, and for the entre of ỳ iudgement in euerye of the sayde actions & appeales, two shillinges: And for the writing of the writtes of execution, made vpon euery of the said actiōs appeales and assises, twelue pence: And for writtes of graūd Cape & petye cape, and writtes of view, writtes vpon voucher, and all other writtes in euery such action or actions twelue pence: And for euery warrant of attorney, for the defendantes or for the demaundantes, or plaintyfes, in euerye such action real, assise, appele, & quare impedit, foure pence. and for the essoynes in euery such action, foure pence: and for the adiournament, two pence: and for the bayle of euerye person of felony, twelue pence: and for the bayle for Trespas, syxe pence: and for the apparaunce and baylynge of common maynprysle, two pence.

¶ Item for writing of writtes for the peace, and good abearynge, graunted by any of the said Justices in their sessiōs, syx pence: and for the entring of euery Recognisaunce to be had and taken before the sayde Justices, for euery cause or causes, other then before is expressed, twelue pence: and yf it be with condicion, then two shillinges. And vpon euery acquitall and deliueratice of felons or murtherers by verdite or by allowance of pardon, the Prenotaries to haue two shillinges. And if it be vpon inditementes certified from the Justices of the peace, afore the Justices in the great sessyons: the clarke of the peace to haue also twelue pence. And vpon the deliuery of any suspect of felony or murther, by proclamation, the sayde Prenotarye to haue twelue pence.

¶ Item that the kinges maiestie shall haue all fines, issues, amercementes and all forfaitures of Recognisaunces lost or forfaite before any of the said Justices in the session aforesaide. And that the sayde Prenotaries, wythin the limittes of theyr offices, shal yerelye extrete the same into the Eschequer appointed for that limitte, to the intent that proces from thens maye be awarded to the shiriffes, to leuie the same to the kinges vse, as appertaineth which shiriffes shall yerely make theyr accomptes, before the kinges Audytours, therūto to be assigned and appointed.

¶ Item ouer and besides the saide presidente and counsaile and Justyces, there shalbe Justices of peace and quorum, and also one custos rotulorū in euery of the sayd twelue shyres.

¶ Itē that the sayd Justices of peace, Justices of quorum, & custos rotulorū in the saide shyres, shalbe named and appointed by ỳ chancellor of England, by commission vnder the kinges great seale of Englande, by thaduise of the president counsaile & iustices aforesaide, or three of thē of the whiche the sayd president to be one, from time to time, as the case shall require.

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in anye of the saide shires, ouer and besides the president counsaile and Justices aforesaid, and the kinges attourney and Solicitour, which president counsaile iustices, and the kinges atturney and Solicitour: shall be put in euery commission of peace, in euery of the saide twelue shires.

¶ Item that such persons, as shalbe named to be iustices of peace, within euery of the saide shires, shall be of good name and fame: and after they be assigned by commission, maye vse and exercise the office of the Justice of peace, al be it they may not dispende twenty pounde, nor be learned in the lawes of the landes, without any losse domage or penalties, for insufficiency of their landes. And that euery of the saide Justices of peace, before they shall execute their commission, shal take their othes before the chauncellour of Englande, or els before the sayde president, or one of the sayde iustyces in Wales, by vertue of the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, or before any other person, to be limitted by the lorde chauncelour of Englande, for that purpose, the contentes of which othe, shall be after the fourme, as iustices of peace in England vse to make.

¶ Item that the saide iustices of peace, or two of them at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shall and may kepe their sessions, within the limittes of their commissions, foure times in the yere, and at other times vpon vrgent causes, as iustices of peace in Englande vse to do, and shall haue like power and auctorite in all thinges, and fees of the kinges maiestie for the time of their sitting, aswell for them selues, as for their clarkes: & shalbe bounde to vse and do their office, in like maner as is vsed in Englande.

¶ Item that no iustices of peace, clarke of the peace, nor other clarke of any iustice of peace in Wales, shall take for the writinge of any warrant of the peace, or good abbering, aboue sixe pens, and for entringe of pledges or borowes to pay the kinges fine vpon any inditement, nine pens. And yf it be with protestation, then to take twelue pens: and for a Supersedeas, not aboue eight pens: and for a Recognisaunce twelue pens. And that all the sayde iustices of peace, shall certifie all Recognisaunces taken before any of them, for the peace or good abbering, into their Sessions, next to be holden after the taking therof. And Recognisaunce taken before any of them, for suspicious of anye maner of felonie, shalbe certified before the Justices in the greate sessions, next to be holden after the takinge therof, without concelement deteigning or imbeselynge of the same, vpon suche penalties and daungers, as be therfore ordeined and established.

¶ Item that all fines and amerciamētes, before the said iustices of peace lost and hereafter to be lost, shalbe tared and afferred by two iustices of the peace at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum. And that all suche fines and amerciamentes shalbe set truely and duely according to the quantitie of the offences, without partialtie or affection.

¶ Item that the saide fines and amerciamentes, and also all issues loste before the saide Justices of peace, and all forfaitures of Recognisaunces, and other forfaitures before the same Justices, shall be yearely extreted by

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the clerkes of the peace, into the escheker, appointed for that limit, to thintent that proces from thence may be awarded, for the leuynge of the same forfaitures and summes of money to the kinges vse, to the shiriffe of euery countie, as shall apperteine, who shall make thereof their accomptes, before suche Auditours, as there vnto shall be assigned, so that the kynges maiestie may therof be truely and duely aunswered and satisfied: whyche Auditours shall make due allowance to the same shireffes, for the fees of the Justices and clarkes of the peace, vppon theyr sayde accomptes, as is vsed in the realme of Englande.

¶Item that there shalbe shiriffes in euery of the said shires yerely appointed by the kynges maiestie. And that none of the saide shireffes shall haue theyr office of shiriffe wike, any longer time, than is vsed by the lawes and statutes of England. And for the yerely nominacion of the sayde shiriffes, the saide lorde president counsaile and Justices of Wales, or three of them at the least, wherof the said president to be one, shall yerely nominate three substanciall persons, in euery of the said twelue shires, to be shiriffes of the same, and shall certifie their names to the lordes of the kinges moste honorable coũsaile, attendinge vpon his graces person, Crastino animarum, to the intent the kinges maiestie, being therof aduertised, may appoint one of thē in euery of the saide shires, to be shiriffe for that yere, at his moste gracyous will and pleasure, like as his highnes doth for his realme of England.

And therupon the said shiriffes shall haue their patents, and commissions vnder the great seale of England, as shyriffes of Englande haue, and shall make and take othes and knowlages of Recognisaunces, before the president and Justices, or one of them, by vertue of the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to be directed for the same, for the due execution of their offices, and for their iuste and true accomptes before the kynges Auditour or auditours assigned for Wales.

¶Item that euery of the saide shiriffes shall haue full power and auctoritie, within the limitt of their shiriffe wike, to doe and vse their offices, as shiriffes in Englande, and shall accomplishe and execute, without any fauour drede or corruption, al maner of writtes, processe, iudgementes and executions, and all maner common Justice, appertainynge to their offices of shiriffes, and all lawfull cõmaundementes and preceptes, of the said president, counsayle and Justices of Wales, & also the Justices of the peace, Eschetours, and corroners, and euery of them, in all thinges appertainyng to their offices and auctorities.

¶Item that the sayd shiriffes shall doe and be bounde to doe all and euery other thinge and thinges for the ministracion of Justyce, and for the conseruacion of the kinges peace, and the apprehension and reprise of traytours, murtherers, theues, felons, & other offendours, as the shireffes of England do vse, and be bounde to do within the realme of England.

¶Item that the said shiriffes shall yerely accompte before such the kinges auditour or auditours, as shalbe assigned and appoynted by the kynges

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maieſtie for his ſaid dominiō of Wales. And that euery of the ſayd ſhireffes ſhall haue yerely for hys fee, fiue pounde.

Item that all maires, ſhiriffes, ſtewardes, baylyffes and other miniſters and officers of iuſtice, of euery countie, lordeſhip towne and place, within the ſaide dominion of Wales, and all and ſinguler the kinges ſubiectes of the ſame, ſhalbe alwaies obedient attendaunt and aſſiſting to the ſaide preſident, counſaile and iuſtice of wales, and euery of them, and ſhall obey the kinges commaundementes and proces, from thē or any of them directed, and all the lawfull and reaſonable preceptes of the ſaid preſident counſayle and iuſtices and euery of them. And alſo ſhall be obedient to all the ſayde Juſtices of peace ſhiriffes & eſchetours, within the limittes of their ſaid auc thorities, as well for common adminiſtracion and due execution of iuſtice, as in al other thinges appertaining to theyr duties and offices.

Item that Eſchetors ſhalbe named in euery of the ſaid ſhyres, by the lorde Treaſourer of Englande, by the aduiſe of the ſayde preſident, counſaille: and iuſtices, or three of them at the leaſt, wherof the ſaide preſident to be one: which Eſchetours ſhall make and take their othes, & knowledge the recog niſaunces before the ſaide preſident, or one of the ſaide iuſtices, by vertue of the kinges writ of Dedimus pot eſtatem, to be directed for the ſame, for ỳ due execution of their offices, and for their true accompt, to be made before the kinges auditor or auditours, to be aſſigned for the ſame, which othe & recogniſaunce ſhall be agreable to the othe & recogniſaunce, vſed for the Eſ chetours in Englande. And the Eſchetors ſhall haue yerely theyr patentes and commiſſions, vnder the great ſeale of Englande, & ſhall haue power & auctorite to exerciſe their offices, in like maner & fourme as Eſchetours in Englande, and ſhalbe bounde to all lawes and ſtatutes of Englande.

Item that all ſuch perſons, as ſhalbe appointed to the ſaide offices ſhall and may exerciſe theyr offices if they may diſpende yerely. v. li. of freholde, any ſtatutes of England to to the contrary therof not withſtanding. And that euery of the ſaide Eſchetors ſhall make theyr accomptes yerely before ſuche auditour or auditours, as ſhall be aſſigned by the kinges maieſtie, to here and determine his highnes accompt for his reuenues & profits of the ſaid dominion of Wales.

Item there ſhall be two corōners, to be elected in euery of the sayde .xii. ſhyres as is vſed in England, by vertue of the kinges writte, De coronato re elegendo, to be awarded out of the kinges chauncery of England. And ỳ the ſaid corōners ſhall haue like power & auctorite, to do and exerciſe theyr offices, & haue lyke fees, as is limitted by the lawes & ſtatutes of England. Prouided alwaies, that the writte, De coronatorie elegendo, to chooſe the Corōners within the ſaide countie of Flint, ſhall be directed out of the Eſ chequer of Cheſter.

Item that the ſaid iuſtices of ỳ peace, or two of them at the leaſt, wher of one of them to be of the quorū, ſhall appoint and name in euery hundred, within ỳ limittes of theyr commiſſiō, two ſubſtanciall gentlemen or yomē

to be chefe Cõstables of the hundred wherin they inhabite, which two cõstables of euery hundred, shall haue especial regarde to the conseruacion of the kinges peace: and shall and maye doe and vse their offices, in all and singular thinges, as is vsed by the highe constables of the hundredes of Englande: And shall be bounde to all thinges, as highe constables of the hundredes in Englande be bounde to doe.

¶Item that euery of the saide shiriffes shall haue a gayle for prisonners within some conuenient place of ꝑ castelles of the shire town, where he is shirefe, or in such other conuenient place as by the saide president counsaile and iustices, or three of them, wherof the saide president to be one, shall bee appoynted: Any patent or graunt heretofore made to any person or persõs of the constableship, or keping of anye of the saide castels, in any wise not withstanding. And that the shiriffe shall make the Bayliffes of the hundredes, and they to attende vpon the iustices in euery of theyr courtes and sessions.

¶Prouided alwaies, that the constables of the kinges castelles wythin euery of the saide shire townes of Wales, shall not be charged with the gailes, and of all the prisoners, that shall be committed to theyr warde, lyke as they haue heretofore ben, vnto such time conueniẽt places for that purpose be assigned to the said shiriffe.

¶Item the saide shiriffes shall keepe their counties monethly, and theyr hundred courtes, for pleas vnder fourtie shillinges, as is vsed in Englande, and shall take for the entrunge of plaintes, proces, pleas and iudgmentes, in the said shire courtes and hundredes, such smal fees as is vsed to be take in shires and hundredes in England and not aboue.

¶Item that all maner of trialles before them in their saide courtes, or before any stewardes in court barons, shalbe by wager of lawe, or verdict of vi. men. at the pleasure of the partie plaintife or defendaunt, that pleaded the plea. And that euery of the sayde shiriffes shall keepe and holde theyr tournes yearely after Easter and Michaelmas, as they haue bene vsed in Englande.

¶Item the kinges highnes shall haue all maner of fines, issues, amerciamentes & forfaitures, loste or forfaited in anye of the saide counties hundredes, courtes, & tournes, to his owne vse, and the shiriffe to accompt for the same accordingly.

¶Item that the extretes of the saide tournes, countyes, and hundredes, shalbe viewed and the fines issues and amerciamentes, afferred by the said Justices of assises of that circuite, before the leuienge of the same amerciamentes or other forfaitures. And that no shiriffe, or anye of his officers, presume to gather or leuie anye suche amerciament, or other forfayture before the saide extrete be so afferred, vppon peyne to forfaite to the kynges vse fourtie shillinges. And that the shiriffe vppon euerye iudgement hadde before hym in hys countye or hundrede courte, in auye playnte vnder fourtie shylynges, shall and maye awarde a Capias ad satisfaciendum,

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to arreſt the partie condempned, or elles a Fieri fac. at lyberty of the partye purſuant.

¶ Item that all bylles ſued before the ſayde iuſtices, in perſonall actions, wherof the debte, duetie, or domage is vnder fourtie ſhillinges, the ſhiriffe ſhall haue for the retourne of euery byll, two pence, And euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, & diſtring, two pence. And for writtes of execution vpon the iudgement, in any ſuche byll. xii. pence.

¶ Item in billes ſued before the ſaide iuſtices, in actions perſonalles, aboue the ſumme of forty ſhyllinges, the ſhiriffe ſhall haue for the retourne of euerye ſuche byll foure pence, and the retourne of euery venire fac. habeas corpora, diſtring, Tales. iiii. pence, and for euery writ of execution, two ſhillinges. And in all perſonall actions, ſued by originall writtes returnable before ỳ ſaid iuſtices, the ſhyriffe ſhal haue for euery iterum ſũ. diſtring and alias diſtring foure pẽce, & for euery venire fac. habeas corpora diſtring & tales, ſyx pence. And for euery writ of execution to be executed vpon the iudgement, in ſuche actions, two ſhillinges, for the ſeruing of euery writte of Elegit, ſyx ſhyllinges and eyght pence. And in all reall actions or mixte, purſued before the ſayde iuſtices by originall writte, for returne of euery originall, two ſhillinges. And for the returne of euery other writte and iudicial proces, dependinge vpon the ſame, before iudgement, two ſhyllynges. and for euery writ of execution, after iudgemẽt, vpon euery originall, in actions reall or mixt, two ſhillinges. And for the ſeruinge of euery writte haberi fac ſeiſinam, ſyx ſhyllynges eyght pence.

¶ Item for attachementes vppon Capias, or other proces ſued before the ſayde iuſtices by originall or iudicial writ, if he returne Cepi corpus, twoo ſhillinges, and a Reddit ſe, vppon an exigent of felony, in appele of murther or maime, or vpon any indictament of felonie or murther, two ſhillynges, and vpon a Reddit ſe, vppon an exigent of debte, treſpas, detinue and all other actions perſonalles, twelue pence, and for the makinge of Repleg. twelue pence, & withernam vpon the ſame twelue pence. For euery returne of euery writte of appele or murther, or felony or mayme, twelue pence. and vpon all other proces growen vpon the ſame, as venire fac. Tales, habeas, corpora & diſtring, twelue pence. And euery actions takẽ before the ſhiriffes by iuſtices, for the ſumme therof foure pence: and for euery other proceſſe therupon foure pence. And for euery priſoner deliuered by acquitall, or by proclamacion, for any maner of felony twelue pence.

¶ Item that euery ſhyreffe, within the limittes of his auctoritie, may and ſhall put ſuch perſonnes vnder common mainpriſe, as they haue reaſonable cauſe of ſuſpect, accordinge to the ſaide acte made for wales, byndinge ſuche as they ſhall ſo putte to common mainpriſe with two ſufficient ſuerties with them, by Recogniſaunce, to appere before the ſayde iuſtices, within the limittes of theyr auctorities, at the nert greate ſeſſions to be holden nert after the takinge of ſuche bandes, and ſhall certifie the names of them that be bounde, before the ſaide Juſtices at the ſaide ſeſſions accordinglye,

without concealment therof, at theyr pleasure.

¶ Item that euery person, that the shireffe taketh to common mainprise, to appere before the saide iustices, as is aforesaide, shall paye for his mainprise two pence, & not aboue. And ẏ said shireffe to put no man to cõmon mainprise, but such as be suspect, and as shall be returned by them before the said iustices at their sessions, as is aforesaid. And also the said shyreffe shall haue for the returne of a writ of false iudgment, out of a base courte, before the said Justices two shillinges. And that the sayd shireffe shall take no maner of fee, for the returne of any of the said writtes of execution afore expressed, onles he returne the same executed.

¶ Item that in all & euery suche writtes originall or iudiciall, or other proces pleas, or writinges: whiche be not expressed in this ordinaunce, the fees therof, as well for the seales as writing, shalbe rated by the saide president Counsaile & iustices, or three of them, wherof the said president to be one by theyr discreasions from time to time, as the case shal require: And that they shall haue full power and auctho̲rite from time to time to assesse and appointe, what fee the said shireues, Eschetours, and Coroners, & their ministers, Prenotaries & theyr clerkes, & other ministers of iustice in the sayde shyres, shall haue, take, and receiue of the kinges subiectes for anye maner writtes, playntes, pleas, proces, returnes or any other matter or thynge concerning or belonging to the execution of theyr offices and rowmes & to augment or diminishe any fee or fees aboue declared as shall be thoughte by theyr discrecions, to be conuenient & meete for the common welth of the kinges subiectes of those parties of Wales, any thing conteined in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Item that from henceforth no maner of personne or persons, for murther or felonie, shall be put to his fyne, but suffer accordinge to the lawes of the Realme of Englande. Except it please the kynges maiestie to pardon hym or them. And if the saide Justices see cause of pitie or other consideracyon, they maye repriue the prisoner, till they haue aduertised the kinges maiestie of the matter.

¶ Item that the acte made in the parliament, holden in the .xxvi. yere of the moste royall reigne of the kinges maiestie, concerning among other thinges inquisicions and trialles of counterfetting, washing, clipping, and minishing of the kinges Coyne, murthers, felons, and accessaries to the same perpetrated or done within Wales, to be had, made, and determined in the next shyre, or countie within Englande adioyning, where the kinges writ runneth, and euery article therin conteined, shall stande in his full strength and force, accordinge to the tenoure and effecte of the same. Any thinge in this said ordinaunce, or any other acte, cause, or matter heretofore hadde or made, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And also bee it the same acte as yet was neuer put in execution, for any of the sayde offences heretofore done or commytted wythin anye of the sayde three Shyres of Northe Wales: That is to saye, the countyes

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of Angleſey, Caernaruan and Merioneth. Be it now declared and enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaide, that the ſaid acte, and euery article therin conteined, ſhal from henſforth take effecte and be executed in all pointes, for and concerninge any of the ſaide offences perpetrated and done, or that hereafter ſhalbe perpetrated and done, within the ſaide countie of Merionneth, to be enquired of, herd and determined, within the cõtie of Salop, in like maner and fourme, as commonly is and hath ben vſed for any of the ſame or like offences, cõmitted or done within any other cõtie or place of ſouth wales: any matter or cauſe hertofore riſen or growen to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Item that the towne or hamlet of Abertannad, and al the grounde and ſoyle within the ſame, which afore this time hath ben taken, reputed, and vſed as parcell of the ſaide countie of Merionneth, ſhall from the feaſte of Eaſter nert comminge, by vertue of this act, be vnited, annered, and made parcell of the ſaide countie of Salop: and ſo from thenſforth to be reputed taken and vſed for euer, and not to be of any other ſhyre or countie of Wales. And that the ſame towne or hamlet, and al the grounde and ſoyle within the ſame towne or hamlet, be from and after the ſayd feaſt accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundred of Oweſtrie: & that the inhabitauntes therof, from the ſaid feaſt, ſhalbe attendaunt and doe euery thinge and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the ſaide hundred of Oweſtre, as the ſame inhabitaũtes do or be bounde to do, any lawes or cuſtomes to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Item in caſe anye forrein plea or voucher, be hereafter pleaded or made before any of the ſaid Juſtices of Wales, betwene partie and partie, triable in any other ſhire within wales, thã where the ſame plea is pleaded or voucher made: that than the ſayde iuſtices, afore whome the ſame plea or voucher is or ſhalbe pleaded or made, ſhall and may ſend the kinges writ, with a tranſcript of ẏ recorde, mencionyng the ſame forrein matter of ple or voucher vnder the ſeale to him cõmitted, vnto ẏ iuſtice of the countie, where the ſame matter is or ſhalbe triable, cõmaunding the ſaid iuſtices, by vertue of the ſaid writ to procede to the trial therof according to the kinges lawes & ſtatutes, which triall ſo before him had, he ſhall remaũde with the hole recorde vnto the iuſtice, before whom ẏ ſaid plea or voucher was pleaded, or made, who therunto ſhall procede to iudgement, as the caſe ſhall requyre.

¶ Item in caſe the ſame forrein plea voucher or other matter ſo pleaded, be triable within the realm of England: and than in euery ſuch caſe the iuſtice afore whome the ſame ple or voucher is or ſhalbe pleded had or made, ſhall & may proced to the trial therof, as ſhall apperteine, within the ſame ſhire of Wales, where the ſame olde voucher or matter was pleaded, the ſaid forren plea voucher, or any other thing or matter to ẏ cõtrary not wythſtandinge.

¶ Itẽ ẏ no maner of perſon or perſons frõ henſforth, without lawful auctoritie, ſhall make any rumours, tumultes, vnlawful aſſemblies, or outcries at any of the ſaid courtes or ſeſſiõs, nor any outcries, or vnlawfull aſſẽbles

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in greate numbers,at any other time or times, except it be for the apprehen-
sion or pursuinge of murthers or felons, vppon paine of imprisonment and
greuous fine to be taxed and set vpon them by the said president and coun-
saile,or by the iustices or other officer, before whome suche misbehauour
shall hapen to be committed.

¶Item that all manours, landes,tenementes, messuages and other here-
ditamentes, and all rightes and titles to the same, in any of the said shyres
of Wales descende to any maner person or persons, sith the feast of the na-
tiuitie of saint John Baptist,in the.xxxiii.yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes
reigne, or that hereafter shall descende, be taken, enioyed, vsed & holden as
Englishe tenure to all intentes, according to the common lawes of this re-
alme of England,& not to be partable amonge heires males, after the cu-
stome of Gauelkinde,as heretofore in diuers partes of Wales hath ben v-
sed and accustomed.And that the same law, from and after the sayde feast
of.s.John Baptist,in the sayde.xxxiii. yere, be vsed,taken & exercised in the
sayd countie of Mommouth, and in all such lordshippes and other places,
as by vertue of the said act, made in the sayd xxvii.yere,or by any other act
or actes,made or to be made,were and shalbe annexed,vnited, or knitte, to
any of the shyres of Salop,Hereford,Glouc.or other shyres:any lawes vsa-
ges or customes heretofore hadde or vsed to the contrary thereof not with-
standinge.

¶Item that no mortegages of landes,tenemẽtes,or hereditamẽtes,made
or had after ẏ saide feast of.s.John Baptist, whiche was in the saide.xxxiii.
yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lorde,or that hereafter shalbe had
or made,within any of the saide shyres or places, shall be hereafter alowed
or admitted, otherwise than after the course of the common lawe and sta-
tutes of the realme of England:any vsage or custome heretofore had to the
contrary therof not withstanding.

¶Item that it shal be leful to al persõs,to alien,sell,or otherwise put away
their landes tenementes & hereditamentes within the sayd countrey or do-
minion of Wales,the county of Mommoth, & other places annexed to any
of the shires of England,from them & theyr heires,to any person or persons
in fee simple or fee taile,for terme of life or for terme of yeres,after the ma-
ner, and according as is vsed by the lawes of the realme of Englande: any
welshe lawe or custome,heretofore vsed in the sayde countrey or dominion
of wales,to ẏ cõtrary therof not withstanding. This article to take effect
from and after the said feast of the nattuitie of sainct John Bapist, which
was in the sayd.xxxiii.yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes reigne.

Item if anye person or personnes, hauinge landes or tenementes wythin
the sayde dominion of wales, bene or hereafter shall be bounden wythin
ẏ realme of England by obligacion,vpon the statute of the staple,or by re-
cognisaunce, and paye not the dette as shal appertayne: that then vppon
certificate therof made into the kinges Chauncerie of Englande, by the
Clarke of the staple,or by any Justice of recorde,before whome such recog-

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niſaunce ſhalbe knowledged, proces ſhalbe made to the ſhireffes of Wales, out of the chauncerye of Englande, after the forme as is vſed to be made vpon ſtatutes and recogniſaunces, by the courſe of the lawes of England, for the due leuieng and paying of the ſaide det.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde that for ſuch recogniſantes, as be or hereafter ſhalbe taken and knowledged before the kinges Juſtices of his highneſſe benche or common place of England, proces ſhall be had and purſued immediatly out from the ſayde Juſtices, as is vſed vpon recogniſaunces, taken before the ſaide Juſtices, by the common courſe of the lawes of Englande.

¶ Item that all ſuch writtes, billes, plaintes, pleas, proceſſe, chalenges and trialles, ſhalbe vſed throughout all the ſhires aforeſaid, before the ſayd iuſtices in theyr ſeſſions, as is vſed in Northwales, or as ſhalbe deuiſed by the ſayde preſident, counſaile and iuſtices, or three of them, wherof the ſaid preſident to be one, for the good miniſtracion of iuſtice to be had in euerye of the ſaide ſhyres.

¶ Item where the lordeſhip of Hope with diuers other lordeſhips, pariſhes, townes & hāmlettes, wherby any act of parlyament, made in the .xxiiii. yere of the reigne of our ſaide ſouereigne lorde, appoynted and tranſlated from the ſaide countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flynt, & by the ſame acte were made parte, parcell and members of the ſame countie of Flint afor which appointment or tranſlacion, diuers indictamentes and preſentmentes, aſwell felonie as other offences, were had and taken for the kings highneſſe before the iuſtice of the ſaide countie of Denbighe, in the greatte ſeſſions there, & ſome before the iuſtices of the peace, within the ſame countie, for offences ſuppoſed to be done within diuers of the ſayde lordeſhippes ſo tranſlated, and alſo diuers iudgementes, geuen at ſuite of parties before the ſaid iuſtices: and ſome before the ſhirife of the ſayde countie of Denbigh, for matters riſen & growen within the procinct of the ſaid lordeſhips or other places, before the tranſlacion of the ſame. It is now ordeined and enacted, that al the ſaid inditementes & preſentmentes, ſhalbe heard, tryed, and determined within the ſaide countie of Denbigh, by perſons, aſwel of the ſaid lordeſhip or place, where the ſaid offences were done or committed as of other place or places, within the ſaid countie of Denbigh, in maner & forme as though the ſaid tranſlacions had neuer ben had ne made. And alſo that the ſaid iudgementes as before geuen or had betwene partie & parties, before any iuſtice of recorde, or other officer, within the ſaid countie of Denbighe, for any matter or cauſe, apperting by recorde of the ſame, to be growen and riſen within anye of the ſaide lordeſhips, pariſhes, townes or hamlettes, ſo tranſlated, ſhall and may be executed by the ſhirife of the ſaid countie of Denbigh within anye of the ſame lordſhippes, or other place ſo tranſlated, the ſaid tranſlacion, or any other cauſe or matter to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

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¶Item like lawe and order to be kepte and ministred vpon all other like translacions of anye other lordships, maners, townes, parishes and other places within Wales, had made or done in this present parliament or anye other afore or after the same translacions, or anye other cause or matter to the contrary not withstanding.

¶Item where there shalbe diuers and many suites taken before the sayde iustices in pleas personall, whiche (as it is thought) cannot be tryed before them, in the time of the saide great sessions for breuitie of time: Therfore, & for the spedie triall of these matters, thissues taken in the sayde shyres, shall and may be tried at a petie sessions, before the deputie iustices there as it is and hath ben vsed in the saide three shires of Northwales: Except suche of the saide suites, as by the discrecions of the saide iustices shalbe thought necessarie to be tried before them selues, within theyr limittes. And that there shall no suite be taken before anye of the saide Justyces by byll, vnder the summe of twentie shillinges.

¶Item if anye murther or felony hereafter be committed or done wyth in Wales: that then the partie or parties, to whome any suche offence shall hapen to be committed, shal in no wise take any end or agreement with the offenders in that behalfe, nor with any other in his name or behalfe, oneles the said partie first make the said president and counsaile, or one of the saide iustices priuie vnto the same, vppon payne of imprisonment, and greeuous fine to be set and adiudged, at the discrecion of the sayde presidente, counsaile & Justices, or two of them, wherof the sayde president to be one: The same paine and penaltie to extende as well to and against suche as shall labour, moue, or procure, any such end or agreemēt made although the same labour, mocion, or procurement neuer take effect, to make any ende or agrement, as against him or them, with whom such ende and agrement shalbe made, yf the same happen to take effect.

¶Item where diuers lordeshippes marches, as well in Wales, as in the borders of the same, nowe beinge by acte of parliament annexed to dyuers shyres of Englande, be lately comen to the kinges handes, by suppression of houses, by purchase or attein dours: and nowe be vnder the surueyours, the courte of Augmentacion or of the kinges generall Surueyours, the liberties, fraunchises and customes of all which lordships, be lately reuiued by acte of parliament made in the .xxvii. yere of his moste gracious reygne, Neuertheless his maiestie willeth and comaundeth, that no other liberties, fraunchises or customes shall from henceforth be vsed, claymed or exercised within the sayde lordships nor any other lordeshippes within Wales, or the countrey of Mommoth, who so euer be lord or owner of the same: but only such liberties, fraunchises & customes, as be geuen and commaunded to the lordes of the same lordships, by force & vertue of the said acte of parliament, made for Wales: in the saide .xxvii. yere of his graces reygne, and not altered ne taken awaye by his ordmaunce: the sayde acte made in the sayde .xxvii. yere, or any other acte graunte law or custome to the contrarye

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therof not withstandinge.

¶Item that if any person or persons, their auncestors, or thei whose estat the same person or persones haue, or hath in peacable possession of any landes tenementes in wales, by the space of fiue yeres, without let interrupcio or lefull claime: that then the same person or persons shal stil continue their possession, vntill suche time as it be lawfully recouered againste them, by order of the kinges lawes, or by decree of the presidente and counsayle there.

¶Item in actions personalles, taken and pursued before the saide iustices in wales by originall writte, or bill, if nine of the Jurie be sworne, to trie ꝑ issue betwene the partie plaintife and the defendant, & the residue of ꝑ said Jury make defaulte, or be tried out: then the shireffes shall and may immediatly returne other names in the said Jury, de circumstantibus vnto such time there be twelue men twayne, to trie the issue betwene them as before the iustice of Northewales hathe bene afore vsed and accustomed in suche cases.

¶Item that if any goodes or cattalles be stolen by any person or persons and solde in any fayre or market, within the sayde dominion of wales, that no suche sale shall chaunge the propertie therof from the owner of the same but that he may lefully cease take and haue the same againe, vppon proufe therof made, the sayde sale not withstandinge.

¶Item that no person or persons bargaine or bye any maner of beast, or other quicke cattell, in any place within Wales, out of the market or fayre onelesse he can bringe forth sufficiēt and credible witnes, of the name of the person, what place, and time he bought the same, vpon payne and daunger of suche punishmente and fine, as shall be set vnto hym, by the sayde presydent and counsaile, or any of the sayde Justices in his circuite, for the sayd offence, and as he will therfore aunswere at his farther perill.

¶Item if anye goodes or catteles be stolen within the limittes of any of the saide shires in Wales: that than vpon suite therof hadde and made, the tracte shalbe followed from townelship to townelship, or lordship to lordship according to the lawes & customes in that behalfe heretofore vsed in wales vppon suche penaltie and daunger, as heretofore hath bene accustomed.

¶Item that euery person that hath any landes, or tenementes in fee simple, or fee taile, or for terme of life, or for terme of any other mannes lyfe beynge freholde, shall and may passe in all maner Juries and trialles, aswell in case of felony or murther, as in all actions reall, personall & mixte, what so euer they be, atteint only except: and also may be impanelled, and inquire of all concealementes, forcible entrees, and other causes of inquirie for the kinges maiestie, all be it he may not dispende fourtie shillynges by yere: sauing to euery man his lawfull chalenge for any other cause, according to ꝑ lawes of this realme of Englande.

¶Item that no iurour shall passe in atteint, onles he may dispend fourtie shillinges by the yere of estate of freholde.

¶Item the tenauntes and reſiantes in Wales, ſhall pay theyr tallage at the chaunge of the lordes, in ſuch places and after ſuch fourme as hath ben heretofore accuſtomed in Wales.

¶Item that all the kinges ſubiectes and reſiauntes in Wales, ſhal fynde at all parlyamentes hereafter to be holden in England, knyghtes for the ſhires, and citezens & burgeſſes for cities and townes, to be named and choſen by auctoritie of the kinges writ, vnder the great ſeale of Englande, according to the acte in that caſe prouided, and ſhalbe charged and chargeable to all ſubſidies and other charges, to be graunted, by the commons of any of the ſaid parliamentes, & pay all other their rentes, fermes, cuſtomes and duties to the kinges highneſſe, as they haue bene accuſtomed heretofore, fines for redempcions of ſeſſions onely excepted, which the kinges maieſtie of his moſt gracious goodneſſe and liberalitie, is contented, and pleaſed to remitte, at the humble ſuite of his ſaide louing ſubiectes of the ſaide dominion of Wales.

¶Item that the towne of Hauerforde weſt, ſhal after the ende of this preſent parliament for euer, finde one burges for the ſaid towne, at euery parliament after that time to be holden: and the charges of the ſaine burges to be alwaies borne, by the mayre, burgeſſes and inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne and none other.

¶Item that the kinges maieſtie, ſhall haue all felons goodes, and goodes of perſons outlawed, waiſ, ſtraies, and all other forfaitures and eſchetes what ſo euer they be, & to be anſwered therof by thandes of ỳ ſhyreffes, ſauing alwaies the rightes & intereſtes of euery of his ſubiectes hauing lawfull title to haue the ſame.

Item that all errours and iudgementes, before anye of the ſayde Juſtices at any time of the greate ſeſſions, in pleas reales or mixte, ſhalbe redreſſed by writte of Errour, to bee ſued out of the kynges Chauncerye of Englande, returnable before the kinges Juſtice of his benche in Englande, as other writs of errour be in Englad. And that al errours in pleas perſonall ſhall be reformed by bylles, to be ſued before the ſaide preſidente and counſayle of Wales, from tyme to tyme as the partye greeued wyll ſue for the ſame. And if in caſe the iudgement be affyrmed good, in any of the ſaid writtes of errour or billes, than there to make execution, and all other procees therupon, as is vſed in the kinges benche of Englande. And that the purſuantes in euery ſuche writte of errour or bill, doe paye like fees therfore as is vſed in Englande.

Item that no execution of anye iudgemente geuen or to be geuen in anye baſe court, be ſtaied or deferred by reaſon of anye writte or falſe iudgement but that execution ſhall and maye be had and made at all times, before the reuerſall of the ſaide iudgment, the purſuite of the ſaide writ not withſtanding. And in caſe the ſaide iudgement happen after to be reuerſed: then the partie purſuant to be reſtored to all that he hath loſt by the ſaid iudgement according to the lawes of the realme.

Item

¶Item that all proces for vrgent and weyghtie causes, shall be made and directed into wales, by the speciall commaundement of the Chauncellour of England, for the time beyng, or any of the kinges counsaile in England, as heretofore hath ben vsed: Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶Item that the towne of Bewdley, which is within ỳ parishe of Ribbesforde, in the countie of Worcester and all the grounde and soyle of the same towne, shall from henceforthe be vnited, annered, and made parcell of the countie of Worcester, and to be within the hundrede of Dodingtree. And that all the inhabitauntes of the saide towne and parysshe, shall from henceforthe be attendaunt and do euery thinge and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the saide hundred, as the same inhabitauntes be now bounde to doe, by the lawes of this realme of Englande. Hauing alwaies to the burgesse & inhabytauntes of the said towne of Bewdley, all suche liberties & franchises, as they lawfully had and exercised within the same towne, before the making of this acte, in like maner and fourme, as thoughe this acte had neuer ben had or made.

¶Item that the lordeshippe of Llanstiffan, Ulterloys, and Langham, and the membres of the same, and all manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes in the same lordeshippe, and the membres of the same, bee from henceforth vnited annered ioyned named accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the countie of Caermerthin, and reputed, ioyned, vnited, named, accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundrede of Derles, in the said countie of Caermerthin. And ỳ the tenauntes and inhabitantes of the saide lordship and membres, be attendaunt, and do euery thinge and thinges, with the tenauntes and inhabytauntes of the sayde hundrede of Derles, as the said inhabitauntes now be bounde to do accordinge to the lawes there vsed.

¶Item that the cottie or shire courte of the countie of Radnor, shall from henceforthe bee holden, one time at newe Radnor, and one other time at presten alternis vicibus, and neuer from henceforthe to be kept or holde at Rather Gowy: any former acte or other thing to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶Item it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the kynges moste royall maiestie, shall and maye at all tymes hereafter, from tyme to time, chaunge, adde, alter, order, minishe and reforme, al maner of thinges afore rehersed, as to his most excellēt wisedome & discretiō shalbe thought conuenient. And also to make lawes and ordinaunces for the cōmon welth and good quiet of his saide dominion of wales, and his subiectes of the same, from time to time, at his maiesties pleasure. Any thinge conteined in this act, or in the said act made for the shire ground of wales, or any other acte or actes, thinge or thinges, to the contrary therof heretofore made in any wise not withstandinge.

¶And all such alteracions of the premisses, or any part therof. And that all

such lawes and ordinances, to be hereafter made, deuised and published by auctoritie of this acte, by the kinges maiestie, in writinge vnder his byghnes greate seale, shalbe of as good strengthe vertue and effecte as if they had ben had and made by auctoritie of parliament.

¶ Item be it further enacted and ordeined, by auctoritie aforesaide, that where the kinges maiestie that nowe is, by his letters patentes, bearynge date the i. daye of Maye, in the .xxiiii. yere of his most prosperous reigne demised and graunted to Willyam Webbe, the subsidie and wage of all woollen clothes, made or to be made in the countie of Mommoth, and in the twelue shires in Wales, that is to saye, in the countie of Brekenok, Radnor, Mountgomery, Carmerthin, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Cardigan, Anglesey, Flint, Denbigh, Caernervan, and Merionneth, and in all and syngular townes and other places, what soeuer they be, within the precinct and limittes of the said counties, and els where within the dominion of Wales To haue and to holde to the said William webbe, and his assygnes for certaine yeres yet enduringe, that the sayde William webbe, his deputies and assignes, shall haue from henceforth full power and auctoritie by force of this acte, to take for the sealinge of euerye woollen clothe, hereafter to be made in the saide .xii. shyres and els where, within the saide dominion of wales, as hereafter is declared, and none otherwise, that is to say, for euery hole pece of fryse. i.d euery halfe yarde fryse .ob. euery pece cotton and lining, beynge xviii. yardes, & vnder a halfepeny. And for euery pece of the same, beynge aboue. xviii. yeardes, one peny, of euerye brode clothe, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beyng, xviii. yardes and aboue, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beynge vnder, xviii. yardes, a halfpeny.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte, ne nothing therin conteined, extende not to charge any maner of person or persons, beyng or that hereafter shall be inhabitaunt, in any of the saide .xii. shires, or els where within the dominion of wales, for any clothes, fryses, karseis, or lininges, made or hereafter to be made and occupied within their houses, & not put to sale to any person or persons. but to theyr seruauntes for their wearing.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said Aulnager in wales, by him selfe, or by his sufficiente deputie or deputies shall in all thinges to his office apperteininge, doe and be bounde to do, and answere in euery case, like and accordinge as all and euery other Aulnager in the realme of England do, or ought to do, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of the realme of England. And for the contrary doing or exercisynge of the said office, shall in euery case and degre suffre, as by the saide lawes and statutes is ordeined, established or enacted for Aulnagers, vnder the lorde Treasourer of Englande for the tune beyng.

¶ And furthermore the kinges maiestie is contented & pleased, notwithstandinge the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of his moste gracious reygne: that where there shoulde be but .xii. shires in wales, that the towne of Hauerforde west, shalbe a countie in it selfe, as it hath ben before this time vsed

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at the will and pleasure of the kinges said maiestie: and that it shalbe sepa-
rated from the countie of Pembroke, at the kinges said pleasure. And that
the kinges high iustice of the saide countie of Pembroke, shall be highe iu-
stice of the saide countie and towne of Hauerforde west, and shall haue like
power and auctoritie, to and for the ministracio of Justice, within the said
countie and towne of Hauerforde west, as is limitted and appointed
to the sayde Justice to and for the administracion of Justice, in the sayde
countie of Pembroke: and that the maire, shiriffe, bailliffes, and burgesses
of the said countie and towne of Hauerford west, from tyme to tyme shalbe
as well attendaunt, and obey all preceptes and commaundementes of the
president and counsaile of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynge in his mar-
ches of Wales, as also shalbe attendaunt to all preceptes and proces awar-
ded or directed, by the saide high iustice, vnto the shiriffe of the said countie
and towne of Hauerford west, and to make retourne therof. And the said
shiriffe of the said countie and towne, shall serue all preceptes and proces,
directed from the said high Justice, in like maner and forme as the shiriffe
of the said countie of Pembroke is bound to do, and according to the effecte
and purport of the kinges ordinances, in that behalfe had made and pro-
uided: and that it shalbe lawfull vnto the sayd mayre, shiriffe, Bailliffes and
burgesses of the saide countie and towne of Hauerford west, aforesaide, to
vse & exercise al lefull liberties and graunts, by the kinges maiestie or his
noble progenitours, to them graunted & confirmed at the kinges maiesties
will and pleasure, according to the lawes of the realme of England, and not
otherwise: and that the iudiciall seale of the said shires of Pembroke, Caer-
merthin, and Cardigan, be in the custodie and keping of the kinges highe
Justice there for the time beyng, shalbe vsed in the saide countie and towne
of Hauerforde west, as the originall and iudiciall seale the same towne and
countie. And that the saide iustice of the saide shires of Pembroke, Caer-
merthin, and Cardigan, shall haue like power and auctoritie, by vertue of
the kinges letters to him made, as well to do al and euery thing & thinges,
concerning common iustice to be ministred within the said towne & coun-
tie of Hauerford west, as he hath in his saide letters pattentes, within any
of the saide shires, of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan.

Prouided alwaye, that this article, touching & concerning the countie, &
towne of Hauerford west, & all thinges therin conteined, shal stand & endure
but onely at the kinges maiesties will and pleasure, and none otherwise.

Prouided alwaye that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteined, shall
not be preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any person or persons, or bodyes polytike
for or concerning any landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, bondmen, tolles
or other hereditamentes, but that they and euery of them, their heyres suc-
cessours and assignes, and the heires, successours and assignes of euerye of
them, shall haue, holde and enioy theyr landes, tenementes, rentes seruices
bondemen and other their hereditamentes, in suche like maner, forme and
condicion, as they hadde the same before the makinge of this acte and as

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if this acte had neuer bene had ne made,

¶ Prouided also that thys acte nor anye thinge therin conteyned, shall be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, for or concerninge any office or offices, which they or any of them haue by vertue of any of the kings letters patentes, beynge now in force before the makynge of this acte. nor to the fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be payd for the exercise of any suche offices: but that euery person and persons, hauinge suche offices and fees, and their substitutes and deputies, shall and maye haue and exercise their said offices, as is limitted by this act, and as they mought haue done before the makinge of this acte. And shall also haue and perceine all suche fees, for the exercise of the said offices, in as large and ample maner, forme and condicion, as they might afore the makinge of this acte, and as if thys acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that al landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, within the said dominion of Wales, shall discende to the heires, accordinge to the course of the cōmon lawes of the realme Englād, accordinge to the tenour & effecte of this acte, & not to be vsed as Gauelkinde: any thinge conteyned in these prouisiōs or any of them to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, ne any clause, article, or thynge therin conteined, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to George Blunte esquier, soune and heire of syr John Blunte knight deceased, for or concerning the offices of stewardeships of the kinges lordeships or manours of Bewdley and Clebury, or any other office or offices heretofore graunted vnto ỳ sayde George Blunt, by the kinges letters patentes, sealed vnder the greate seale of Englande, for terme of life of the same George or for or concerninge any fees, wages, rewardes, annuities, profittes, commodities, aduauntages or emolumētes appertayning or belonging vnto the said offices or any of thē: but that the said George, his deputie and deputies, shall & may at all tyme and times, duringe the life of the same George, haue, holde, exercise, & enioy the same offices and euery of them, & also perceiue, leuie, and take the fees, wages, rewardes, and all other profits & commodities, to the same offices and euery of them, or to any of thē belonging: or in any wise appertayning, in as large and ample maner forme, and condicion, to al intentes, construc-tions & purposes, as though this act had neuer ben had or made: any thinge before in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies that al lybertes, franchises and priuileges of the duchy of Lancaster, or in any wise appertayning to the same, shalbe of the same force, plight, qualitie, goodnes and condicion, and may be vsed in as large and ample maner, as they were before the makinge of this acte, and as yf this acte had neuer ben had or made: any thinge in this act to the contrary not withstandinge.

FINIS

HENRY THE EYGHT BY THE GRACE OF GOD KYNGE OF ENGLANDE FRAVNCE AND IRELANDE, DEFENDOVR OF THE FAITH, and of the churche of Englande, and also of Ireland, in erthe the supreme heade: to the honour of almyghtie God, and for the conforde, quiete, and wealthe of this his realme, and subiectes of the same, begonne this thirde Session of his moste high court of parlament at Westminster, the XIIII. daye of Januarye, in the fyue and thyrty yere of his maiesties moste noble and victorious reigne, and there holde and continued the same thirde session tyll the xxix. day of Marche, in the sayd fyue and thirty yere, wherin were eſtablished these actes folowynge.

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An acte concernyng the eſtabliſhment of the kynges maieſties ſucceſſion in the Imperiall crowne of the realme. Cap.i.

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An acte concerning the examinacion of the Canon lawes by xxxii. perſons, to be named by the kynges maieſtie, duryng his highnes lyfe. Cap xvi.

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An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon. Cap.xviii.

FINIS.

¶ An Acte concerning the establishment of the kynges maiesties succession in the Imperiall crowne of this realme. Cap. i.

WHERE IN THE parliament, holde at Westminster, the VIII. day of June, in the XXVIII. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord king HENRY the VIII. an acte was had and made for the establishment of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this realme of England, by whych acte emonges diuers other thinges, it was enacted, that the imperial crowne of this realme, with all dignities, honours, preeminences, prerogatiues, auctoritye, and iurisdictions to the same annexed, or belonging, should be to the kynges maiestie his heyres of his body lawfully begotten: that is to saye, to the first sonne of his body betwene his highnes & his the lawfull wife quene IANE now deceased begotten, & to the heyres of the bodye of the same first sonne lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of such heyres, then to the second sonne of his highnes bodye, and of the bodye of the sayde quene Jane begotten, and to the heyres of the body of the same second sonne begotten, with diuers other limitations of the estates, entayles, and remainders of the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premisses. And it was also enacted further by the sayde statute, that for lacke of issue of our sayd soueraigne lord the kings body lawfully begotten. That then his highnes shulde and might geue, will, limitte, assigne, appoynt, or dispose the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premisses, to what person or persons, and geue the same person or persons suche estate in the same, as is shoulde please his maiestie: by his gracious letters patents vnder the greate seale, or by his last will in writting, signed with his most gracious hande, as by the same acte emonges diuers other thinges therin conteyned more at large it doth appere. Sithen the making of which acte the kynges maiestie hathe onely issue of his body lawfully begotten betweene his highnes and his sayd late wyfe quene Jane, the noble and excellent prince, prynce Edwarde, whome almightie god long preserue. And also his maiestie hath now of late sythen the deth of the sayd quene Jane, take to his wife the most vertuous and gracyouse ladye Katherine, nowe quene of Englande, late wyfe of John Nevill, knight, lord Latimer deceased, by whom as yet his maiestye hath none issue, but may haue full well, when it shall please god. And forasmuch as our sayd most dread soueraigne lord the kinge, vpon good and iuste groundes and causes entendeth by godes grace, to make a voyage royall in hys most royal person into the realme of Fraunce against his auncient enemie the frenche kyng: hys highnes most prudentlye and wysely considering and caling to hys remembraunce, how this realme standeth at this present tyme in the case of succession, and pitying and wayeing further with him self, the great trust and confidence that his louing subiectes haue had, and haue in him, putting in his handes wholy the order and ordre of the succession of this realme, recognising and knowledging and, that it is in the only

pleasure and will of almighty god, how longe his highnes or his sayd entierly beloued sonne prince EDWARDE shall lyue, and whether the sayde prince shall haue heires of his body lawfully begotten or not, or whether his highnes shall haue heyres begotten and procreated betweene his maiestie and his sayd most dere and entierly beloued wife quene KATHERINE that now is, or any lawfull heyres and issues hereafter of her owne body begotte by any other his lawfull wife. And albeit that the kinges moste excellent maiestie, for default of such heyres as be enherited by the saide acte, myght by the auctorite of the sayd acte graunt and dispose the sayd imperial crowne, & other the premisses, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his last will in writyng signed with his moste gracious hand, to any person or persons, of suche estate therin, as shoulde please his highnes to limitte and appoint: yet to the entent that his maiesties disposition and minde therin should be openlye declared and manifestly knowen, and notified as well to the lordes spirituall and tempoall, as to all other his louing and obedient subiectes of this his realme, to the intent that they myght assent and consent myghte appere to concurre with thus farre as followeth of his maiesties declaration in this behalfe: His maiestie therefore thinketh conuenient, afore his departure beyond the seas, that it be enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, and therfore be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that in case it shal happen the kinges maiestie, and the sayd excellent prince his yet onely sonne prince EDWARDE to decease without heyre of eyther of their bodies lawfully begotten (as god defend) so that there be no suche heyre male or female of any of their two bodies, to haue & enherite the sayd imperial crowne and other his dominions, according & in suche maner and fourme as in the foresaid act, is now in this is declared: That then the sayd imperial crowne, and all other the premisses, shalbe to the lady MARY, the kinges highnes daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the same lady Mary lawfully begotten, with such conditions, as by his highnes shalbe limitted by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last will in writing signed with his gracious hand. And for defaulte of suche issue, the sayde imperial crowne and other the premisses, shalbe to the lady ELIZABETH, the kinges seconde daughter, and to the heyres of the body of the sayd lady Elyzabeth lawfully begotten, with suche conditions, as by his highnes shalbe limitted by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale, or by his maiesties last will in writyng, signed with his gracious hand, any thyng in the sayd acte made in the sayd XXVIII. yere of our saide soueraigne lord, to the contrary of this acte not withstanding.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe & performe such conditions, wherof the kinges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last will in writting, signed with his highnes

nes hand, declare and limitte to her said estate, in the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heyres of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie and the sayde prynce Edwarde lawfully begotten, the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shalbe and come to the sayd lady Elizabeth, and to the heyres of her body lawfully begotten, in suche lyke manner and forme, as though the sayd lady Mary were then deade, without any heyre of her body begotten, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the sayde lady Mary do kepe and performe suche condicions, whiche the kynges maiestie shall hereafter by his graces letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his maiesties last will in writting, signed with his highnes hand, declare and limitte to her sayde estate, as is aforesayde: And that the sayde layde Elizabeth, for her parte, do not kepe and performe suche condicions, which the kynges maiestie shal hereafter by his graces letters patents, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his highnes laste wyll in wrytinge, signed with his most gracious hand, declare and limitte to her sayd estate in forme aforesaid: That then and from thensforth, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kynges maiestie, the sayd lorde prynce, and of the sayde ladye Mary lawfully begotten, the sayde imperiall crowne and other the premisses, shalbe and come to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kinges highnes by his letters patentes, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last will in wryting, signed with his maiesties hand, shall limitte and appoynte.

¶ Prouided alwaye that if the sayd lady Mary do not kepe and performe such condicions, whiche shalbe limitted and appoynted to her sayde estate in the sayde imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, as is aforesayd: and the sayde lady Elizabeth beinge then deade without any heyre of her bodye lawfully begotten: That then and from thensforthe, for lacke of heires of the seuerall bodies of the kinges maiestie, and the said lord prince, lawfully begotten, the said imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, shall be, come, and remayne, to suche person and persons, and of suche estate and estates, as the kynges highnes by his letters patents, sealed vnder his great seale, or by his last wil in writing, signed with his maiesties hande, shal limitte and appointe.

¶ Prouyded alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that incase the kinges maiestie do not declare and limitte by his letters patentes, or by his last will, in forme as is aforesayd, any condition to the estates and interesses afore limitted to the said lady Mary and lady Elizabeth, nor to the state or interest of any of them: That then euery such of the sayd lady Mary & lady Elizabeth, to whose estate or interest no condition shalbe limitted by the kynges maiestie in forme aforesayd, shall haue and enioye suche interest estate and remainder in the sayd imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, as is before limited by this act, without any maner of condicion: Any thing

in this presente acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And foras much as it standeth in the onely pleasure & wyll of almyghty god, whether the kynges maiestie shall haue anye heyres begotten and procreated betwene his highnes, and hys sayde most entierly beloued wyfe quene Katherin, or by any other his lawful wyfe, or whether the sayd prince Edward shal haue issue of his body lawfully begotten, or whether the lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth, or any of them, shall haue anye issue of anye of theyr seuerall bodyes lawfullye begotten, and if suche heyres shulde fayle (whyche god defende) and no prouision made in the kynges lyfe, who shulde rule and gouerne this realme, for lacke of suche heyres, as in this present acte is afore mencioned: That then this realme, after the kinges transitory lyfe, and for lacke of suche heyres, shuld be destitute of a lawful gouernour, to order, rule and gouerne the same. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of thys present parliament, that the kynges highnes shall haue full power and auctoritie, to geue, dispose, appoynt, assigne, declare, and limitte by hys gracious letters patentes vnder his great seale, or ells by his highnes last will made in writing, and signed with his most gracious hand, at his only pleasure, from time to time hereafter, the imperiall crowne of this realme, & all other the premisses, to be, remaine, succede, and come after his decease, and for lack of lawful heyres of either of the bodyes of the kinges highnes and prince Edward begotten, and also for lake of lawfull heyres of the bodies of the sayd lady Mary, and lady Elizabeth to be procreated and begotten, as is afore limitted in this acte, to such person or persons in remainder or reuersion, as shall please his highnes, & according to such estate, and after such maner and forme fashion order or condicion, as shalbe expressed declared named & limitted in his highnes letters patentes, or by his last will in writing signed with his most gracious hand, as is afore sayd: Any thing cõteyned in this present act, or in the sayd former act, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstanding.

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¶ And for further corroboracion of this presente acte, and of the sayde acte made in the sayde XXVIII. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord, and also vtterly to exclude the longe vsurped power auctoritie and iurisdiction of the bysshoppes of Rome, where in the sayde acte made for the establishement of the kynges succession, at the sayde parliament holden at Westminster the VIII. daye of June, in the XXVIII. yere of the kinges maiesties raigne, there is one oth limited in the sayd acte, as in the sayd acte amongest other thynges appereth. And where also at the sayde parlyament, there was an other statute made and ordeyned agaynst such as wolde bother toll and stand to the iurisdiction power and auctoritie of the see and bishop of Rome, in whyche statute ther is comprysed an other othe in suche wyse, as in the same statute amongest other thyngs is mencioned. Forasmuch as in both the sayd othes, mencioned in the sayd seueral actes, there lacketh ful and sufficient wordes, wherby some doubtes might arise: Therfore be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that from and after the laste day of this session, all

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and euery ſuche perſone and perſones, which be ordered and limitted by the ſayd ſeueral actes, to take the ſayde othes mencioned in the ſame actes, ſhal from thenſforth, in lieu and place of thoſe two othes, take & ſweare this corporal othe, accordinge to the tenor enſuing. And that they, whiche haue ſworne the other forſaid othes or any of them, ſhall take and eſteme it of the ſame effecte and force, as thoughe they had ſworne this, notwithſtandinge the former othes not withſtanding, bicauſe they be not ſo pithie to al effectes, nor ſo plainly ſet forth, as were conuenient. Therfore be it enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, that after this preſent ſeſſion, the ſayd othes, ſpecified in the ſaid ſeueral actes, ſhal not hereafter be miniſtred, nor any perſon hereafter be compelled to accept the ſame, and this othe hereafter mencioned this acte, to ſtand in force and place of the ſayde two othes.

I, A.B. hauinge nowe the bale of darcknes of the vſurped power, auctoritie, and iuriſdiction of the ſee and biſhoppes of Rome clerely taken awaye from myne eyes, do vtterly teſtify and declare in my conſcience, that neyther the ſee nor the biſhop of Rome, nor any forayne poteſtate, hath nor ought to haue any iuriſdiction power, or auctoritie within this realme, neyther by goddes lawe, nor by any other iuſt lawe or meanes. And though by ſufferaunce and abuſions in times paſſed, they aforſayde haue vſurped, and vendicated a fayned and an vnlawfull power and iuriſdiction within this realme, whyche hath ben ſupported tyll fewe yeres paſſed, therfore bycauſe it might be demed and thoughte therby, that I tooke or take it for iuſte and good, I therfore now do clerely and frankely renounce, refuſe, relinquiſhe and forſake that pretended auctorite, power, and iuriſdiction, both of the ſee and biſhop of Rome, and of al other forayne powers: And that I ſhal neuer conſent, nor agree, that the foreſayd ſee or biſhoppe of Rome, or any of theyr ſucceſſours, ſhall practiſe, exerciſe, or haue any maner of auctorite, iuriſdiction, or power, within thys realme, or any other the kynges realmes or dominions, nor any forayne poteſtate, of what eſtate, degree, or condicion ſo euer he be, but that I ſhall reſiſte the ſame at all times, to the vttermoſt of my power: And that I ſhall beare faithe trouthe and trewe alegiaunce to the kynges maieſtie, and to his heyres and ſucceſſours, declared or hereafter to be declared by auctority of the acte made in the ſeſſion of the parliamente holden at Weſtminſter the xiiij. day of January, in the xxv. yeare and in the ſayde acte made in the xxviij. yeare of the kynges maieſtyes reigne: And that I ſhall accept, repute, and take the kynges maieſtie, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, when they or any of them ſhal enioy his place, to be the onelye ſupreme head in earth vnder god of the church of Englande and Ireland, and of al other his highneſſes dominions: And that with my body cunnynge, witte, and vttermoſte of my power, without guile, fraude, or other vndue meane, I ſhall obſerue, kepe, maynteyne, and defende all the kynges maieſties ſtyles, titles, and righes, with the hole effectes and contentes of the actes prouyded for the ſame, and all other actes and ſtatutes made or to be made within this realme, in and for that purpoſe, and the derogation

rogation, extirpation, and extinguishmente of the usurped and pretented auctorite, power, and iurisdiction of the see and bysshop of Rome, and all other forayne potestates, as afore: And also as well the sayde statute made in the sayde XXVIII. yere, as the statute made in the sayde session of the parliament holden the XXXV. yere of the kynges maiesties raigne, for establishmente and declaration of his highnes succession, and all actes and statutes made and to be made in confirmation and corroboration of the kinges maiesties power, and supremacie in earthe of the churche of Englande, and of Irelande, and other his gracis dominions, I shall also defende and maintayne with my bodye and goodes, and with all my wytte and power, and this I shall do agaynste all maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degre or condition they be, and in no wise do nor attempt, nor to my power suffer, or knowe to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges priuili or apertly to the let, hinderaunce, damage, or derogation of any of the sayde statutes, or of any parte of them, by any maner of meanes, or for or by any maner of pretence. And in case any othe hath ben made by me to any person or persons, in maintenaunce, defence, or fauour of the see and bishop of Rome, or his auctorite, iurisdiction, or power, or agaynst any the statutes aforesayde, I repute the same as vayne and adnihilate, and shall holly and truely obserue and kepe this othe, so helpe me god, all sainctes, and the holy euangelistes.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all and euerye person and persons, spirytuall and temporall, suing lyuery restitution or oultre le mayne, out of the kynges his heyres or successours handes, or doing any fealtie to his highnes his heyres or successours, or which shalbe sworne to the kynge, his heyres or successours, or that shall haue any offyce, fee, or rowme of the most gracious gifte of the kynges maiestie, his heyres or successours, or shalbe receyued in seruice with his grace, his heyres or successours, shall make take or receaue the sayde othe. And that also all and euery other ecclesiasticall person, at the time of hys taking of orders, And al and euery other person, whiche shalbe promoted or preferred to anye degre of lernyng, in any vniuersitye within this his realme, or other the kynges dominions, at the time of is or theyr promotion or preferment, or euery of them shall make, take, and receyue the sayde othe, by this acte set forth and declared, as is aforesayde, before his or theyr ordinary, or the commissary of suche vniuersitie. And that all and singulier other the kinges maiesties subiectes and resiantes within this his graces realme, and others his maiesties dominions, at hys highnesses will and pleasure shall accepte and take the same othe, before suche commissioner or commissioners, as his highnes shal appoynt for the same.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if any persone or persons, limitted or commaunded by thauctorite of this acte, to make and take the sayd othe, or commaunded by any other person or persons, auctorised by the kynges hyghnes commission vnder his greate seale, to make the

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sayd othe, obstinately refuse that to doo: that then euerye such offence and contempte shalbe high treason, and the offendours therof, being lawfully conuicted, shall suffer paynes of death, and other forfaitures, penalties, and losses, as is limited & accustomed in cases of high treason, by any lawes or statutes of this realme, heretofore had or made in any wise cõcerning the same.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree, dignity, or condition so euer they be, at any time hereafter, by wordes, writing, imprintinge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously or wyllingly procure or doo, or cause to be procured or dooen directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges, to or for the interruption, repell or adnullation of thys acte, or of any thinge therin conteyned, or of any thing that shalbe done by the kynges highnes, in the limitacion and disposition of his maiesties crowne, & other the premisses, by auctorite of the same, or to the peril slaunder or disinherition of any the issues and heyres of the kynges maiestie, beyng limited by thys act, to inherite & to be inheritable to the crowne of thys realme, in such forme as is aforesayde, or to the interrupcio or disinherition of any person or persons, to whom the imperial crowne of this realme, and other the premises, is assigned limitted & appoynted by this act, or shalbe by the kynges maiesties letters patentes vnder hys great seale, or by hys last will in writyng, signed with hys most gracious hand lymyted & disposed by the auctorite of this act, as is aforesayd, whereby any such issues or heyres of the kynges maiestie, or suche other person or persons, might be disrobed disturbed or interrupted, in bodye or title of the inheritaunce of the crowne of thys realme, as to them is limited in thys act in forme aboue reherced, or as to them shall be limitted and assigned by the kynges highnes, by vertue and auctorite of thys acte: that then euery suche person and persons, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, and theyr aydours counsaylours mayntenours & abbettours and euery of them, for euery suche offece afore declared, shalbe adiudged hygh traytours, and that euery suche offence afore specified, shall be adiudged hyghe treason, & the offendours therin, theyr aydours cousailours mayntenours and abbettours, and euery of them, beinge lawfully conuict of any suche offence, after the lawes and customes of thys Reame, shall suffer peynes of death, and losses and forfaytures, as in cases of hygh treason. Sauing alway to euery person and persones and bodyes politike, to theyr heyres assignes and successours, and to the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than suche persones as shall be so cõuict or attrayned, and theyr heyres and successours, and al other claming to theyr vses, al suche right title vse interest possession condition rentes fees offices annuities and comunons, which they or any of them shall haue, in or vppon any suche manours landes tenementes rentes annuities or hereditamentes, that shal so happen to be lost and forfayt, by reason of anye conuiction or attaynder for any the treasones and offences aboue reherced, at any time before the sayd treasons and offences committed.

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¶ An acte concerning the tryall of treasons committed out of the kynges maiesties dominions. Cap. ii

FOr although there as some doubtes and questions have bene moued, that certayne kindes of treasons mysprysions and concelementes of treasons, done perpetrated or committed out of the kynges maiesties realme of Englande and other his graces dominions, can not, ne maye by the commonlawes of this realme be inquyred of, herde and determined within this his sayd realme of Englande, for a playne remedy order and declaration therein to be had and made: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all maner of offences being already made or declared, or hereafter to be made or declared, by anye the lawes and statutes of this realme, to be treasons, mysprysions of treasons, or concelementes of treasons, and done perpetrated or committed, or hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed by any person or persons oute of this realme of Englande, shall be from henseforth inquired of, herde and determined before the kynges Justices of his benche, for pleas to be holden before him selfe, by good and lawful men of the same shire, where the sayde benche shall sytte and be kepte, or els before such commissioners, and in such shyre of the realme, as shalbe assigned by the kinges maiesties commission, and by good and lawfull men of the same shire, in lyke maner and fourme to all ententes and purposes, as if suche treasons, mysprysions of treasons, or concelementes of treasons, had bene done perpetrated and committed within the same shire, where they shalbe so inquired of, herde, and determined as is aforesayd.

Prouyded alwayes that if any the peeres of this realme shall happen to be indicted of any such treasons or other offences aforesayd, by auctoritye of this acte: That then, after such indictement, they shall haue their tryall by their peeres, in suche lyke maner and fourme as hathe bene heretofore accustomed.

¶ An acte for the ratification of the kynges maiesties style. Cap. iii.

WHere oure moste dradde naturall & gracious soueraigne liege lorde the kynge, hath heretofore be and is iustely lawfully and notoriously knowne named published and declared to be kyng of Englande Fraunce and Ireland, defendour of the feyth, & of the churche of Englande and also of Irelande in earthe the supreme hed, and hathe iustely and lawfully vsed the title & name therof, as to his grace appertaineth: Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commones in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singular his graces subiectes and resiantes, of or within this his realme of England Ireland and els where within other his maiesties dominions, shal from henseforth accepte & take

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the same his maiesties stile, as it is declared and setth forth in maner & fourm followynge, that is to say, in the latine tongue by these woordes; Henricus octauus Dei gaatia Angliæ, Fráciæ & Hiberniæ rex, fidei defensor, & in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ & Hibernicæ supremum caput. and in the englyshe tongue by these woordes, HENRY the eyght, by the grace of god kynge of Englande Fraunce & Ireland, defendour of the fayth, and of the churche of England & also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: And that the sayd style declared and set forth by this acte, in maner and fourm as is aboue mencioned, shall be from henseforth by thauctoritie aforesayd, vnited and annered for euer to the imperyall crowne of this highnes realme of Englande.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condition so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the feast of Ester nert commyng, craftely imagine inuēt or atempte by colour of any pretence, to deprive the kynges hyghnes, the queene, the prince, or the heires of the bodye of the kynges maiestie lawfully begotten, or the heyres of the body of the prince lawfully begotten, or any person or persōs, to whom the imperiall crowne of this realme is limitted in this present session of parliament, or at any tyme hereafter shall be limitted and disposed by the kynges highnes, by his gracious letters patentes, or by his highnes last wil in writing, signed with his most gracious hand of any of theyr titles stiles names degres or royal estate or regal power, whiche as is aboue sayd, is limitted vnited or appointed to the imperiall crowne of this his realme, or that hereafter by auctoritie of parliament shall be set forth limitted vnited or apoynted to the sayde imperiall crowne: that then euery such offēce and cōtempt shalbe demed and adiudged high treasō, and the offendour and offendours therin, and theyr aydours counsellours maynteynours and abbettours, and euery of them, beynge thereof lawfully conuicted, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytours, & shal suffre peynes of death and other forfaitures penalties and losses, as is accustomed and limitted by any lawe or statute in this realme hertofore had or made, for or in cases of high treason Sauing to euery such person and persons, and bodies politike, to theyr heyres assignes and successours, and to the heyres assignes and successours of euery of them (other then suche persons as shalbe conuicted or attaynted, and theyr heyres and successours, and all other claiming to theyr vse) all suche right title interest vse possession condicion rentes fees offices annuities and commons, whiche they or any of them shall haue in or vpon any manours landes tenementes rentes fees offices annuities or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be loste and forfaite by reson of any conuiction or atteinder, for any of the treasons or offences aboue rehersed, at any tyme before the sayd treasons or offences committed.

¶ An acte touching the reparing and amending of certayne decayed houses and tenementes, as well in Englande as in wales. Cap. iiii.

FORASMVCHE as in times past diuers & many beautiful houses of habitacion haue bene within the walles & liberties of the towne of Shrewesbury in the countie of Saloppe, the citie of Chester in the countie of Chester, the towne of Ludlowe in the cōtty of Saloppe, Hauerford west in the countie of Hauerforde in Southwales, the towne of Pembroke tenbie in the countie of Pēbroke, the towne of Karmerdyn in the countie of Karmerdyn, the towne of Mountgomery in the countie of Mōntgomery, Cardiffe, Swanesse, Cowbryge, Newe Radnor & Prestēd in the cōtty of Radnor, the towne of Brecknok in the countye of Brecknoke, and the towne of Monmouth in the cōtty of Monmouth, the towne of Maldon in the cōtie of Esser, the townes of Abargauēny, Vske, Carlyon, and Newporte in the countie of Monmouth, the townes of Lācaster, Preston Lyrepole, and Clypgan, in the county Palancine of Lancaster, whiche nowe are fallē downe, decaied, and at this time remayne vnreedyfied, lyinge as desolate and voyde groundes, and many of them adioyning nigh vnto the high stretes replenished with muche oydure filth and vncleanes, with pittes sellars and vautes lying opē & vncouered, to the greate perell and daūgier of all the inhabitātes and other the kynges subiectes passyng by the same, and some houses be very weake and feble redy to fal downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the decay and hinderāce of the said citie boroughes and townes. It maye therfore be enacted by the kyng our souerame lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodies politike, beinge owners or possessioners of any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at any time within fiue and fortie yeres next before the making of this acte, haue bene buylded for houses of habytation, or for any house or houses of habytation nowe or hereafter beyng in decaye and not fully fallen downe, within the lyberties and precinctes of any of the sayde boroughes townes and places, doo not sufficiently reedyfie builde & repaire, or cause to be reedified builded and repayred the sayde desolate voide groundes and decaied houses, conueniēt for habytacion and dwelling, within two yeres next after proclamacion to be made in or vpon the same voyde grounde or groundes, decaied house or houses, by the maiors, aldermē bailiffes and burgesses or other head officers, within the precincte of theyr owne auctorytes: that than it shall be lawfull for the chiefe lorde or lordes immediate, of whom suche desolate and voide grouōdes, decayed and ruinous houses be holden, after the sayde two yeres be expired, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses wyth the curtilage, backesyde, gardeyn, and orcharde adioyning to the same, yf they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or grounde, and excede not one acre of grounde, to them and to theyr heyres or suc-

or ſucceſſours or to their owne proper vſe for euer: ſo that the ſayd Lorde or lordes immediate, entringe by the auctoritie of this act, do ſufficiently reedify, builde or repayre the ſame voide grounde or decayde houſes, within two yeres and an half next and immediately folowyng the determination of the foreſaide firſt two yeares. And in caſe ſuch lorde or lordes, as maye entre by this acte, do not entre and wel and ſufficiently reedifye build or repayre the ſame voide groundes or decayed houſes within the ſaid two yeares and an halfe, to them limpted by this acte, or if ſuche lorde or lordes immediate as maye entre by this acte, do ſufficiently reedifye builde and repayre the ſame voyde groundes or decaied houſes within the ſayd two yeares and an halfe to them limpted, and after they theyr heyres or ſucceſſours ſuffer the ſame houſes or voyde groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifye the ſame ſufficiently within two yeares and an halfe of ſuch ruine or decaye: that then is ſhalbe lefull to all perſon or perſons or bodies politike, as ſhal then haue any rent charge ioyntly or ſeuerally going out of the ſayde voyde ground or groundes, or decayed houſe or houſes, in anye of the ſayde citie boroughes townes or places, immediatly after the ſayd two yeres and an halfe erpyred, to enter into the ſame, and to haue to ſuche of them, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, to their owne proper vſe, as ſhall ſo builde the ſayde voyde groundes or decayed houſes by auctoritie of this acte, the ſame voide groundes or houſes, with the curtilage backeſide gardeyne and Orcharde adioyning to the ſame, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the ſayd decayed houſe or ground, and excede not the quantity of one acre of ground, diſcharged of al rentes goinge out of the ſame groundes or houſes, as well againſt the ſayde lorde and lordes immediate, as all other perſon or perſons or bodies politike, hauinge any rent or rentes charges, rent ſecke out of the ſame, other than the fee ferme of the ſayde Cittye boroughe towne or place, or ſome parcell thereof, ſo that the ſaide perſon or perſons or bodies politike, hauing the ſayd rent charge, entring by the auctoritye of this acte, do ſufficiently reedifye builde and repayre the ſame deſolate and voyd grounde or groundes, or decayde houſe or houſes, wythin one yeare and three quarters next and immediatlye folowynge the determination of the ſayde two yeares and a halfe, to the ſayde lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in caſe ſuch perſonne or perſons or bodyes politike, hauinge anye of the ſaid rentes charges as maye enter by this acte, do not enter, and wel and ſufficiently reedifye build or repayre the ſame voyde groundes or decayed houſes, wythin one yeare and three quarters to them appointed by vertue of this act, or if they or any of them, hauing ſuch rente charge, and that may enter by this acte, do ſufficientlye builde and repayre the ſame voyde grounde or groundes, or decayed houſe or houſes, within the ſayd one yeare and three quarters to them limited, and after they theyr heires or ſucceſſours ſuffer the ſame voyde ground or groundes, houſe or houſes, to fal in ruine and decaye, and do not builde or reedifye the ſame ſufficientlye wythin one yeare and three quarters after ſuch ruine or decaye: that then it ſhalbe le-

full to the mayres, aldermen, and burgesses, and other the head officiers of the saide citee boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, and their successours, and euery of them, within the limittes of their auctorities, immediatli after the said yere and thre quarters expired, into euery suche desolate and voyde groundes, decaye or ruinous houses, to enter, and to haue holde and enioy to them and theyr successours for euer, to their owne vses, the same groundes or houses and euery of them, with the curtilages gardeins orchardes and backesydes to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the sayde decayed house or grounde, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde, clerely discharged of all rentes going out of the same groundes or houses, as wel against the sayde lord or lordes immediate, as al other person or persones or bodies politike, hauyng such rent charge or rent secke as before is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place or parcel therof, so that the same mayres aldermen and burgesses, or other head officer, as is afore sayde, or theyr successoures, for the tyme being, do reedify builde or repayre, or cause to bee reedifyed or repayred the same grounde or groundes, house or houses, within thre yeres nert and immediatly folowing the determinacion of the sayde yere & thre quarters limited or appointed to suche person or persons, or bodies politike, that haue or shal haue any rent as is aforesaid. And in case the said mayres aldermē and burgesses or other hed officiers as is aforesaid, or their successours, do not enter & reedify build and repaire the same voyde grounde or groundes, decayed house or houses, in forme aforesaide, within the sayde terme of iii. yeres after theyr sayde entry, or if they sufficiently reedyfy build and repayre the same voide ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the saide thre yeres to them limitted by this act, and after they or theyr successours suffer the same house or houses, voyde grounde or groundes to fall in ruine and decaye, and doo not builde and redifye the same sufficientlye within thre yeres after suche ruine or decay: that then it shall bee lefull to the first owner or owners, possessoure or possessours of suche grounde, or groundes, decayed house or houses, theyr heires or successours, immediatly after the said thre yeares to the said mayres aldermen and burgesses, and other hed officers, as is afore lymytted, expired, in to the same houses grounde or groundes, curtilages gardeynes orchyardes and backesydes to entre, and the same to retaine to them, their heyres and successours, as in theyr fyrst estate, any thyng conteined in this present acte to the contray not withstanding.

Prouided alway, that this acte or anye thynge therin conteyned bee not in any wyse hurtfull, or preiudiciall to any person or persons, beinge at the tyme of the sayde proclamacion made, vnder the age of xxi. yeares, or beinge feme couert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea, in the kinges warres, or in other lefull affayres, or to anye person or persons not beinge than of whole and perfect memory: duryng the time that suche person or persons shall be within age, married, in prison, or of no perfecte memorie, or beyond the sea,

so that the same person or persons, theyr heyres or successoures, after that he or they come to theyr full age of xxi. yeares, or be vnmaried, out of the prysen, or come again within this royalme, or be of whole and perfect memory, within thre yeres than next insuing, maye edify the same desolate or void groundes, or repaire the sayde decaied houses.

¶ An acte concerning the qualification of the statute of the vi. articles. Cap. v.

Where by the good and godlye acte and statute, concernyng the VI. articles, made in the parliamēt holde at westminster the XXVIII. day of Apryl, in the XXXI. yere of the kinges maiesties most noble raygne, it was ordayned and established amonges other thinges, that for certaine dyndes of heresies & other offences, expressed in the same statute, the offendours therin being of them cōuicted, shulde suffer peines of deathe, or other suche peines as for euerye of the offences in the same statute expressed, is in the same specially and severally mencioned: And where also by force of the same statute diuers secret and vntrue accusaciōs and presentmētes may be maliciously conspired against the kinges subiectes, and kept secret vncreueled, that such as be accused shuld not haue knowledge therof to come to theyr declaratiō, vntil a tyme may be espied to haue them therof by malice cōuicted, to the greate peril and dāger of the kinges maiesties subiectes, if the same statute shulde not in some part therof be tēpered qualified or reformed. And to the intent that all presentmētes and inditemētes of suche offēces as be conteined in the sayd statute, concerning the sayd VI. articles, wher vnto any person shalbe put to answere, shulde be taken in opē and manifest courtes by the othes of XII. indifferent persones, according to good equitye and conscyence, and as other presentmentes haue ben vsed to be taken wythin this realme in such weightie causes, according to the landable custome and vsage of the same. And that also the inquiries and trials of and vpon the sayde presentmentes and inditementes may iustly and charitably procede without corruption or malyce accordingly. Be it therfore enacted by auctoryty of this present parliament, that no person or persons from henceforth shalbe arrained or put to hys or theyr tryall, of for or vpon any accusation information or presentment concerning any of the offences comprysed within the sayde former acte, but onelye vpon such presentmentes and inditemētes as be or shalbe founde and made by the othes of XII. men or mo, afore suche commissioners as be or shalbe specially auctoryzed to enquire of the offences conteyned in the sayd former statute by the kinges maiesties commission, or three of them at the leaste syttynge in theyr sessiones, or before the Iustices of the peace syttinge in theyr sessyons, or three of theym at the leaste, or before the Iustices of oyre and terminer, or three of them at the leaste: And that the presentmentes or inditementes hereafter to be made, be taken within one yere next after the sayde offences therin conteined, be or

shall be committed or doone. And that all accusatyons touchinge anye of the offences aforesayde, made or to be made in anye other forme then as is afore mencyoned in this presente acte, shall be voyde in the lawe to anye other respecte or purpose, but onelye as an evidence to be proven and declared to the inquestes of inquirye and delyverye before the sayde Justices, as is aforesayde. And that no person accused of or vpon anye of the offences specified in the said former acte, shalbe attached arrested or committed to warde for the same, or anye of them, before he be therof indited, as is afore sayd, onelesse it be by vertue and auctoryte of one sufficient and lawfull warrant or precept from one of the kynges maiesties honourable counsaile, or from two of the Justices or commissioners aforesayde, whereof one of them to be a lay person, anye thynge conteyned in the sayde former statute not withstandinge.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoryte of this present parliament that no person or persons shal be from henceforth accused indited comitted to pryson molested or put to answere, to for or vpon any accusacion presentment or inditement hereafter to be made or found by vertue of the said former statute, concerninge the sayde VI. articles, onelesse he or they be therof accused or indited within one yeare next after his or theyr sayd offence or offences supposed to be committed or done, anything in the sayd former acte or in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persones shal at any time hereafter heare any preacher or reader, beinge auctorised to preache or reade, speke or declare any worde or wordes supposed to be contrary to any of the sayde articles conteyned in the said former statute, in his or their sermon or reading at any place and time accustomed for preachyng or reading, and do not therof accuse the sayde preacher or reader before one of the sayde Justices within forty dayes next after hys sayde wordes so spoken, or els that the said preacher or reader be therof indited within the sayd time of forty daies, after his or their said preaching or reading: then the sayde preachers or readers and euerye of them shall be of euerye suche accusation and offence clerly acquited and discharged. Except the same accuser or accusers, do shewe alledge and proue by two sufficyent wytnes before the sayde Justices or two of them, sufficient cause why he or they dyd not make the sayde accusatiõs within the sayd time of forty daies, as is afore limitted.

¶ Prouided also that this acte or anye thynge therin conteyned shall not extende to any inditemente or presentment heretofore made by the othes of XII. men or mo, of anye of the sayde offences conteyned or expressed in the sayde former acte, concerning the sayde VI. articles, but that the same inditementes or presentmentes, so made, shall stande and abide in theyr full strength and effecte, as if this acte had neuer be had or made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And to the intente that as well the inquiries of the presentmentes and indite-

inditementes afozesayde, as the trials of and vpon the same, shall proceede iustly and indifferently. Be it therefoze enacted by the auctozitie afozesayd, that the sayde iustices, befoze whom the sayde inquiries presentmentes oz inditementes shall be taken, shall frome hencefozth haue power and auctozytie to alter and refozme all panels of inquirye, returned befoze theym by the Shiriffe oz other officers appoynted foz the same, in lyke maner as Justices of the peace maye do in theyz sessions vppon anye other inquiries. And that also the partye accused, presented, oz indyted, as is afoze sayde, vpon his arraignement oz tryall thereof, shall and maye haue all maner of chalenges, (paremptozychalenge onely excepte) as other persons arrained foz felony shall oz may haue by the lawes of this realme, any clause oz article in the sayd fozmer acte to the contrary not withstanding. And that the parties being condemned of any the offences conteyned oz mentioned in the sayde fozmer acte of syxe articles, shall suffer all such imprisonmētes losses and peines of death, as they shoulde oz ought to haue done befoze the makinge of this present acte.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctozitie afozesayde, that the sayd fozmer acte concerning the sayde syxe articles, and euery other acte touchynge the same, and all articles clauses and sentences in them oz any of them mentioned expressed oz conteyned, now being in his oz theyz fozce and effecte, oz ther then such as by this present acte be altered qualified oz refozmed, shal stande and abide in all his oz theyz full strength effect and vertue, any thing in this present acte not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded furthermoze and be it enacted by the auctozitie afoze sayde, that if any person oz persons, beyng arrayned oz put to his oz theyz trial, vpon any the offences conteyned in the sayd fozmer act concerning the syxe articles, stand muet, oz will not directly answere to the same offeces, wherof he oz they be indited as is afozesayde: that then euery such person and persons, so standing muet, oz refusing directly to answere to the same inditement, foz his oz theyz contumacie shall haue iudgement to suffer lyke peynes of death losses fozfaitures and imprisonment, as if the same person oz persons so indited, had ben therof founde guilty by verdit of xii. men, any thyng in the sayde fozmer acte, oz in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ A acte concerning the apparance of Iurours in the Millyzius. Cap. vi.

FORASMOCHE as the issues toyned in euery actiō betwe and demaunde betwene party and party at the comon lawe, are by the lawes of this realme, foz the moste part tried and trieble by the verdite of xii. men wherein is dayly sene greate delay, partly foz lacke of apparaunce of the persones returned to trye suche issues. The occasion wherof commeth by reason of mayntenaunce, imbracery, sinister labour and corrupt demeanours, and partly by reason of the chalenges of the parties, to the iurye of lawdes so returned, to the greate co-

ſtes charges and hinderance of the parties to the ſayde actions ſuites and demaundes, and to the greate delaye and hinderance of Juſtice. For reformation wherof, and for the more expedition of iuſtice hereafter to be had in ſuch maner triall of iſſues: Be it enacted by the auctorytie of this preſente parliament, that in euery caſe, where ſuche perſons, as ſhulde paſſe vppon the tryall of any iſſue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, commonly holdē at Weſtminſt. ought by the lawe to diſpēde xl.s by the yere, of freehold for terme of lyfe: that the writtes of Venire fac. which from and after the fyrſt day of Apryl nexte commynge, ſhall be awarded and directed for the impannelyng of ſuch perſons as ſhall trye the ſame iſſue, ſhall be in this fourme. Rex, &c. Præcipimus &c. quod venire fac, coram, &c xii. liberos & legales homines de viſn. de B. quorum quilibet habeat quadraginta ſolidarū terræ tenement, vell reddit, per annum ad minus, per quos rei veritas melius ſciri poterit: Et qui nec &c. And ſo forth the reſidue of the ſayd writte after the auncyent forme. And in euery caſe, wher it is not requiſite, that the perſons that ſhal paſſe vpon the triall of any iſſue ioyned in any of the kynges courtes aforeſayd, ſhall diſpende xl. s. by the yere of freeholde: that then the writtes of Venire facias, that ſhalbe awarded after the ſayd fyrſt day of Apryll, ſhall be made after the forme aforeſayde: omitting this clauſe, Quorum quilibet habeat quadraginta ſolidarum terræ ten, vel reddit per annum ad minus. And that vppon euery ſuche writ & writtes of venire fac. that ſhall haue the ſayd clauſe, Quorum quilibet, &c. the ſhyrffe or other miniſter or miniſters, to whom the making of the panel ſhal appertain, ſhal not returne in any ſuch panel any perſon, onles he may diſpende xl.s. by yere at the leaſt, of eſtate of freeholde out of auncien demene within the county, where the iſſue is to be tried. And alſo ſhall returne in euery ſuche panell vpon the ſame Venire facias, fyve ſufficient hundredours at the leaſt, yf there be ſo many hundredours within the ſayd hundred where the Venewe lyeth, vpon peyne to forfait for euery perſon, beinge returned in any ſuche panell, that can not diſpende xl.s. by the yere, as is aforeſayd xx.s. And for euery hundredour, that ſhalbe omytted in ſuche returne of the number aforeſayd xx.s. And in euery writte of Venire facias, wherin the ſayd clauſe, Quorum quilibet, &c. ſhalbe omitted, the ſhiriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, to whome the makinge of the panelle ſhall appertayn, ſhall not returne in any ſuche panell any perſon, onleſſe he may diſpend some landes or tenementes of eſtate of freeholde out of auncient demene, within the county where the iſſue is, to be tried. And alſo ſhall returne in euery ſuche panell vppon ye ſame Venire facias, fyve ſufficiente hundredours at the leaſt, if there be ſo many hundredours within the ſayd hundred where the Venewe lyeth, vpon lyke peyne as is aforeſayd.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoririe aforeſayd, that vpon euery fyrſt writte of Habeas corpora or Diſtringas, with a Niſi prius, delyuered of recorde to the ſhiriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, to whom the making of the returne ſhall appertayne, the ſayd ſhiriffe and other miniſter and miniſters ſhall from and after the ſayd fyrſt day of Apryll, returne in iſſues vpon euery

pon euery perſon, impanelled and retourned, vpon any ſuche writte, at the leaſt v.s. And at the ſecond writ of Habeas corpora or Diſtringas, with a Niſi prius, vppon euery perſon impanelled an returned, vpon any ſuch writ x.s. at the leaſt. And at the third writte of Habeas corpora or Diſtringas, with a Niſi prius that ſhalbe further awarded vppon euery perſon impanelled and returned vpō any ſuch writ xiii.s. iiii.d. And vpō euery writ that ſhalbe further awaredd to trye any ſuche iſſue, to double the iſſues laſt afore ſpecified, vntyll a ful iury be ſworne, or the proces otherwiſe ceſſed or determined, vppon peine to forfayte for euerye retourne to be made contrary to the fourme afore-ſayd v.poundes.

¶ And for a more ſpedy triall of iſſues to be tried by the verdit of xii. men hereafter to be had. Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that in euery ſuch writ of Habeas corpora or Diſtringas, with a Niſi prius, where a full iury ſhall not appere before the iuſtices of aſſiſes or Niſi prius, or els after apparaunce of a full iury, by chalenge of any of the parties, the iurye is lyke to remayn vntaken for defaut of iurours: that than the ſame iuſtices vpon requeſt made by the party plaintife or demandant, ſhall haue auctoritie by vertue of this act to commaunde the ſhiriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, to whom the making of the ſayde returne ſhal appertayn, to name and appoynte as often as nede ſhall require ſo many of ſuche other able perſons of the ſayd county then preſent at the ſayd aſſiſes or Niſi prius, as ſhal make vp a full iurye, whiche perſons ſo to be named and impanelled by ſuche ſheriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, ſhalbe added to the former panell, and theyr names annexed to the ſame. And that euery of the partyes ſhall and may haue vps or theyr chalēge to the iurours ſo named, added and annexed to the ſayd former panell by the ſayd ſhiriffe or other miniſter or miniſters, in ſuche wyſe as if they had bene impanelled vpon the Venire facias, awarded to try the ſayd iſſue. And that the ſayd iuſtices ſhall and maye proceede to the tryall of euery ſuche iſſue with thoſe perſones that were before impanelled and returned, and with thoſe newly added and annexed to the ſayde former panell by vertue of this acte, in ſuche wyſe as they might or ought to haue done, if all the ſayd iourours had ben returned vpon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to trye the ſayd iſſue. And that all and euery ſuche triall had after the ſayd firſt day of Apryll, ſhall be as good and effectuall in the law, to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if ſuche triall had ben hadde and tried by xii. of the iurours, impanelled and retourned vpon the writ of Venire facias, awarded to try ſuch iſſue. And in caſe ſuch perſons as the ſayde ſhiriffe miniſter or miniſters ſhal name and appoint, as is aforeſayd, or any of them, after thei ſhalbe called, be preſent and do not appere, or after his or theyr appearance, done wilfully withdraw hym or them ſelues from the preſence of the court: that then ſuch iuſtices ſhal and may ſet ſuch fine vpon euery ſuch iuroir, making defaut, or wilfully withdrawing himſelf as is aforeſayd, as they ſhal thinke good by theyr diſcretion, the ſayd fine to be leuied in ſuch maner and fourme as iſſues forfayted and loſt by iurours for defaut of

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theyr apparance at the common lawe, haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where any iury, that shalbe returned by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, shal be made full by the commaundement of the sayde iustyces by vertu of this present act, that yet neuerthelesse such persons as were returned in the sayd panell by the sheriff or other minister or ministers to trye any such issue that shall not appere, but make defaulte, shall lose the issues vpon them returned, in suche wyse as thoughe the same iury had remayned for default of iurours.

¶ Prouided al waye and be it enacted, that vppon a reasonable excuse for the defaute of apparaunce of any iurour or iurours sufficiently proued before the iustices of assise or Nisi prius, at the day of theyr apparance by the othes of two lawfull and honest witnesses, that the same iustices shal haue auctoritie by theyr discretions to discharge euery such iurour of euery such forfayture of issues vpon hym returned. And that the shiryffe and shiryffes or other minister or ministers, hauing commaundement by the sayde iustices to omyt the returninge of suche issues as is aforesayde, vpon suche iurour or iurours, shalbe therein discharged of the penaltyes aforesayde, for the non returninge of the saide issues, and that yet notwythstandynge the sayde returne to be good and effectual in the lawe, anye lawe vsage or custome to the contrary notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided also & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde iustices, afore whom any such aurye should apere in the county, where such issue is to be tried by vertu of a writ of Nisi prius, do not come at the day & place apoynted, but that the assise or Nisi prius for that tyme shalbe discontinued for not cõmyng of the sayde iustices, or for any other occasyon, other then by defaulte & lacke of iurours: that then euery one of the same iurours shalbe discharged for forfaiting of any issues vpon him returned in the same writ. And the sheriff or other minister or ministers shalbe likewise discharged of the penalties of this estatute for the non returning of suche issues, as ar before limitted in this act, any article or sentence herein conteined to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ AND be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if vpõ any suche writ of Habeas corpora or Distringas, with a Nisi prius, issues be returned vpon any hundredours iurour or iurours by the shiriffe or other minister or ministres, to whom the execution of the same writ or writes shal appertayne, wher as the same hundredours and iurours shal not be lawfully summoned warned or distrained in that behalfe: that then euery such shiriffe or other minister or ministres aforesayde, shall lose for euery such offence so committed, double so muche as the sayde issues returned vpõ suche hundredours or iurours not lawfully summoned warned or distrained, shal amount vnto: the moitie of al which forfaitures cõteined in this present act, other then the issues to be returned vpon the iurours as is aforesayde, shall be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to him that wille sue

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for the same by action of det bill plaint or information in any of the kinges competent courtes, in which no wager of law effoine or protection shalbe allowed ne admitted. Saving to all maner of persons and bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, hauing lawfull right title and interest to haue suche issues, to be before any such statutes of anne or Nisi prius, at any time or times hereafter lost and forfayed all such right title & interest, as they or any of them shuld or might haue had to such issues to be lost and forfayted, as though this acte had neuer bene had or made.

¶ Prouyded also that thys acte nor any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to any citie or towne corporate, or to any shiriffe minister or ministers in the same, for the returne of any inquest or panell to be made and returned of persons inhabiting in the sayd cities or townes corporate; but that they, and euery of them, shall and may returne suche persons in euery suche inquest or panell, as before this tyme they myghte and haue bene accustomed to do, and as this acte had neuer bene had or made: so that the same shiriffe minister or ministers returne vpon suche persons as shall be impanelled like issues as are before mentioned in this act, anything in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstanding. This act to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

¶ Anacte for the repealyng of a certayne statute concerning the bryngyng in of saltfyshe and stockfyshe. Capi. vii.

Where in the parlyamente begonne and holden at London, the. xii. day of Nouember, in the. xxj. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, and from thense adiourned to Westminster, and there holde and continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolution therof amonges other it was enacted by the auctoritie of the same that no maner of person or persons, of what estate degree or condition he or they shulde be, other then such person or persons as then were or hereafter shalbe marchant venturers to Islande, for the taking of fysh, or that be doggers otherwise called doggermen, or suche as now or hereafter shall be fisher men, that actually labour for the takyng of the same fish in the east sea syde or in the east sea coste, shuld bye any of the kyndes of the sayd fysh at or vpon the stone, or at the sayd east sea syde or east sea costes, to sell the same fysh again or any part therof at any of the faire or faires called Sturbridge fayre, saint Iues fayre, or Ely fayre. And that no maner of person or peesons, other then the sayd marchaunt venturers doggers or fysher men, shulde from henseforth sell any saltfysh, stockfysh, lyng, haberden, lobfysh, or suche other kynde of saltfyshe, at or within any of the sayde fayre or fayres, wherof the kinde of the sayd fyshe is vsually wonte to be layd vppon lande at the sayd east sea syde. And also that no maner of person or persons, being owner or owners of any of the sayde shyp or shyppes, nor yet any mayster or maisters of the sayd shyppes, shulde at any time after the same, bye any

dole ordeles of any of the mariners of any of the laide shyp or shippes, called the mariners dole fish. And where it was also enacted ordeined and prouided by the same acte, that no maner of person or persons, wouide from thensforth be reputed and taken to be a marchant venturer, to take aduantage or benefit of the same acte, except his aduenture in the sayde shyp or shippes to Iseland, shuld amounte to the summe of. xx. li. without fraude or coune, as by the same acte more plainely it doth appere. Sens the makyng of which acte the trade and aduenture to Iseland hath moch decaied, not onely by cause that aduenture is so daungerous and chargeable to the marchant venturers, doggers called dogger men, and fisher men, beyng nowe compelled to make this aduenture at theyr onely charges, where before the making of the sayd acte a great number of persons of those parties and other places of this realme, did aduenture their marchādise and wares with them, some to the value of. x. li. some. v. li. some more or lesse, as theyre habilitie did serue them, as they yet wold do, if the said acte were not to the contrary: But also for that the sayde marchantes doggers and fishermen at their comyng home, after their longe trauaile and charges, can haue no porte sale nor redy vtterance of theyr fish. And wher in tymes past aswel diuers marchantes of London and Couentre, as of other places within thys realme, did repaire & come to the said venturers immediatly after theyr coming home, and for redy money bought theyr fish at the said coste syde, and caried the same fishe to Ely fayre, Sturbridge fayre, saint Jues fayre, and other fayres and marketes for the vniuersall prouision of this royalme: Nowe the sayde venturers doggers and fishermen be dryuen to trauayle and sete to the same marketes and fayres, for the selling of theyr fishe, and in the mene tyme to make shyftes for the paying the wages and charges of theyr mariners and seruauntes, and abyde a greate tyme before they can haue any returne, to theyr aduantage of theyr aduēture, to theyr great werines: and lyke hereafter to be the vtter decaye of the Jselande flete, if remedy therfore be not the soner prouided.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorities of the same, that the sayde acte be repeled, and all and euery thynge therin conteyned shall from henseforth be frustrate voyde and of none effecte, any thynge therin conteyned, or any other acte or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concerninge Coupers. Capi. viii.

IN moste humble wyse shewen vnto your excellent hyghnes, your faithfull subiectes the coupers of your citie of London, that wheare in the parlyament holden at London, the thyrde daye of nouembre, in the .xvi. yeare of youre moste gracious raygne, and from thense adiourned to westmūst. and there by diuerse prorogatiōs cōtinued, vntyl the .xv. daye of

of Januarij, in the. XXIII. yere of your said noble raigne: it was in the said XXIII. yere emonges other thinges stablished and enacted, that euery artyficer of the craft or mistery of coupers, that wil exercise or practise to make any vessels for bere or ale to be put to sale, should make the same vessels and euery of them, of good and seasonable woode: and that no such artificer of coupers shal enhaunce the prices of barrels kylderkins or firkins or other vessels in the sale of them, to any ale bruer or bere bruer or other person, but kepe the rate and prices, that is to say, for euery bere barrell. ix. d. for euery bere kilderkin. v. d. and for euery bere firkin. iii. d. the ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkin. ix. d. and the ale firkin. v. d. vpon paine to forfaite for euery barrell kylderkyn and fyrkyn, defectyue in the measure limytted in the sayde acte, or enhaunced in the price in any pointe contrary to the said acte, iii. s. iiii. d. as by the same acte more plainely appereth. Syns wherby time the price of the woodde or timbre, whereof such vesselles ben made, is marueilously enhaunced, so that they are enforced to pay muche more therefore, then they were afore this time, and are likely to pay more, rather then lesse, if remedy therfore be not prouided: to the greate impouerishyng and vtter vndoing of the saide coupers.

¶ In consyderation whereof be it enacted by the kynge oure souerayngne lorde, the lordes spyrituall and temperall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that euery artyficer of the crafte or mistery of coupers, after the feest of the natiuitie of sayncte Johan baptiste nexte comyng, may lawfully take for euery bere barrell, by him or by them to be solde. x. d. and for euery bere kilderkin. vi. d. and not aboue, vpon peine to forfeyte for euerye bere barell enhaunced in price contrary to this acte. vi. s. viii. d. and for euery bere kilderkyn lykewist enhaunced. iii. s. iiii. d.

¶ Item that, euery bere bruer or other person, that shal after the feaste aboueseyd, ship or cary any bere into the parties of beyond the sea, other then within the kinges dominions, to the intent to sell the same bere so shipped and caried, shal fynde sufficiente surety before the customers of the porte, where such bere shalbe shipped, to bryng in from the parties of beyonde the sea aforesaide, as much clapborde or other borde mete for beare barrelles or kilderkyns, as shall and may be mete to make as muche and lyke quantitie of vessel as he shall so carye out with bere.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorytye afore sayde, that no man, beinge of the crafte or mistery of coupers, nor none other person inhabityng within the citee of London, or the suburbes of the same citee, or within. ii. miles compasse therof, shall cut minishe or translate, or cause to be cut mynished or translated, to the hynderaunce of the bruers, any barrelles kilderkyns or fyrkyns, vppon payne to lose for euerye barrell so cut mynished or translated, vi. s. viii. d. and euery kilderkin so cut translated or minyshed, iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery firkin. xx. d. except such persons as brew for theyr owne prouision, and not to sale, and such persons as shall cut diminishe or tran-

translate the same vessels for hys owne vse, and put it to any other vse then biere or ale.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that at al times whensoeuer any of the bere bruers shall require of the sayde wardens of the coupers for the tyme being, any vessell, vpon reasonable warninge gyuen to them by any of the bere bruers, that then the saide wardeines shal prepare & deliuer from time to time, vppon euery such request, to the sayd bere bruers, as many barrels and hylderkynes, as they neede and requyre to haue for the seruinge of the kynges louinge subiectes, vppon payne to forfaite for euerye tyme vnyttinge or neglectinge the same. xl. s. the one halfe of whiche penalties aforesayd, to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by byll, plainte, action, or informacion, in anye of the kinges courtes, in the which action, and sute the defendante shall not wage his lawe, or any essoyne or protection to be admitted.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lefull to and for the artificers of the crafte and misterye of coupers and euerye of theym, to sell all suche barrels and vesselles as they shall make for bere to be caryed into Flaunders, at and for such price and prices, as they can get for the the same, anye thinge in this acte, or the estatute made in the xviii. yeare of your most noble reigne, to the contrary notwythstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted, that as wel the former estatute, made in the xviii. yeare aforesaide, as also suche recognisaunces as the sayde coupers stande bounden in, for performance of the same, shall stande and abyde of of lyke force and effect in al thinges, not mencyoned and prouided for in this estatute, as though this statute had neuer ben made.

¶ Prouided also and be it further enacted by the said auctorytie, that no maner person or personnes, at anye time after the saide feast of the natiuitye of saint Johin Baptiste, shal cary transport or conuey any maner of bere out of this realme, into anye parties oute of the kinges dominions, to be solde or exchaunged for any other marchandyse, in anye greater larger or bigger vessell then a holye a barrell, vppon peyne to loose and forfaite for euerye suche vessell, beinge in quantitye aboue a barrel. vi. s. viii. d. the one moitye of the sayde forfaytures to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other moitye to hym or them that will sue for the same, to be recouered in maner and forme aboue expressed and declared, except such bere as shalbe conueyed ouer the sea to serue the king in his warres.

¶ Prouided further more, that this acte or any thinge therein contayned or expressed, shall not extende or be taken to be hurtefull or prejudiciall to anye person or personnes, for or concerninge the caryage conueyance or puttinge to sale of anye vessell or vesselles, beinge more larger or bygger in quantitye or content, then a barrell, or of any bere in the parties of Ireland, and Shotlande, thyther onely repayringe for fish, so that the saide vesselles and bere be not altered, vented, exchanged or put to sale in anye other place or country, then onely in Ireland or Shotlande, anye thinge contayned in this acte to

the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the end of the nert parliament.

¶ An acte concerning the partition of Wapping marshe. Cap. ix.

Where in consideration of the great costes and charges, that one Cornelis Wanderdelf, late of the towne of in Brabant, did expende and susteyne in & about the recouering, inclosing, and inning of the marshe, called saint Catherins marshe, otherwyse called Wapping marshe, in the countie of Midd. which marshe being long time surrounded & ouerflowen w̄ water, was recouered & inned by ꝑ said Cornelis: the kings maiestie, of his bounteful clemency & goodnes, and also all and euerye the owners, inheriters, & possessioners of the same marshe, were contented and agreed, that the same Cornelis, in recompence and satisfaction of his sayde costes and charges, and for his diligente and manifolde peynes in and aboute the same susteyned, should haue holde and enioye to hym hys heyres, and assygnes, the moytie or halfe deale of the same marshe, by metes and boundes to be deuyded: the whiche Cornelis afterwardes, afore any dyuysion therof made, bargayned and solde all that hys part moytie and portion of the same marshe, for certaine summes of money by one Richarde Hill of London mercer to hym paide, to the same Richard and to his heyres. After the whiche bargayne and sale had and made, the moytie or halfdeale of the sayde marshe, was by acte of parliament, in the xxvii. yeare of the raygne of oure sayde soueraygne lorde, made sure to the same Richarde Hil and his heires. And further by the same enacted, that the right honorable lorde, the Duke of Norff. nowe liuing, the late lorde Mayndsore, the abbottes of Walcham and Stratford nowe deceassed, and sir John Dantesey yet liuyng, before the feast of al saintes nert ensuing, should make partition, separation, & diuision of the same marshe, as by the same acte more playnely it may appeare. But for as muche as the sayd duke & the other persons aboue named, were otherwyse letted & busied in matters of more weight and greatter importance, there was no diuision nor limitation of the sayde marshe made: not only to the great hynderance and domages of the forsayd Richard Hylle, and of all and euery other persons, beynge owners, inherytours, tenantes, and fermers of the same, but also to the no little perille and daungier of the losse drowonynge and surrowonynge of the same marshe, for lacke of the preseruation of the bankes, and the maintenaunce and reparations of the dyches and sluces to the same belongyng, partlye for that that the owners and inheritours of the same, knewe not what part or portion of the sayd marshe dyd or should to hym or them belong or appertayne, & partly for that that any one of theym would not disbourse any money to be employed, or to be bestowed vpon the reparations or thinges therevnto requisite. For remedy and redresse wherof, and to the intent that euery person, hauing interest in and to the said marshe, may haue and know his part and

portion by metes and boundes. It may therfore be ordeined, established and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that on this side the feaste of all Saintes next comming, partition, seueraunce, diuision, and limitation of the said marshe, may be limitted, appointed, assigned, and set out to euery person, nowe owner or inheritour of the same marshe, to and for his parte and portion in the same, by syr Edmunde Walsingham, syr Arthur Darcy, syr Richard Gresham, syr William Roche, and syr Rouland Hyll, knightes, Robert Hemage squyer, Henry Whitreason, Richarde Harry yong gent. Richarde Geruays mercer, Nycolas Wylford marchant taylour, and John Sturgeon haberdasher citezens of London: indifferently named, elected, & chosen, by the assentes, willes and agrementes of the owners, inheritours, and possessioners of the saide marshe, as they or tenne. ir. viii. vii. or vi. of them, shall iudge determine and awarde by theyr discretions to stande with equitie, right, and conscience. And that the moytie of the sayd Richarde Hill, shall be separate and seuered by it selfe from the parties and portions of all and singular the residue, owners and inheritours of the same marshe, which determination, ordinaunce, decree, awarde, limitation, diuision, and iudgement, by the same syr Edmunde, syr Arthur, and the residue afore named, with them, by.x.iv.viii.vii.or.vi of them, had made, decreed, awarded, limitted, determined & adiudged, shall by auctoritie of this act, be put in writing, and shalbe taken demed & adiudged, to be a good perfecte effectual and final iudgement and determination, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, to binde as well the said Richarde Hill, as all and euery other the owners, inheritours, and possessioners of the same marshe, theyr heyres and successours, and euery of them, to stande, obserue, fulfill, and kepe the same award, decree, separation, deuision, partition, iudgement and limitation, thereupon and than had, determined, decreed, limited and adiudged.

¶ And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde syr Edmund, syr Arthur, and the other persons with them aboue named. r. ir. viii. vii. or. vi. of them, at all tymes on this syde the said feast of al Saintes, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to call before them to accomptes and reckeninges, as well the saide Richarde Hyll, as all and euery other person and persons, whiche haue receiued the issues, reuenues, or profites, rysen and growen of the same marshe, sythens the innyng recouerye and shuttinge vp thereof, and also suche persones as haue bene at charges for the defence and mayntenyng of the reparations of the walles, seluses, dyches and bankes of the same, and vppon the reckenynges and accomptes thereof deliberately viewed and hearde, to sette suche ouer and determination, and shall also deduct, allowe and awarde, suche summes of money and other allowances in euery behalfe, as to them. r. ir. viii, vii. or. vi. of them by their discretions and wysedomes, shal seme & be thought to stande with equitie and conscience. The which order, decree, iudgement, and determination by theym. r. ir. viii. vii. or. vi. of theim put in wryting by vertue of thys acte, shall stande firme and stable, and for a full determinate order, decree final,

finall ende and perfect iudgement, without appellations, contradiction, or other defence or suite hereafter concerning the same, to be had prosecuted or made, in euery condition, and to all intentes constructions and pourposes, as though all and eurye the sayde parties, inheritours, owners, and possessyoners of the sayde marshe, or of anye parte thereof, were bounden by recognisance before the Lorde Chancellour of Englande, to obserue, performe fulfill and kepe the same or the lyke order decree separation awarde and iudgement. And that euery party, whiche by the same decree and iudgement, shalbe awarded and adiudged to haue any alowaunce or recompēce concerning the premisses, for none payment and contentation thereof: shall and may haue his remedy by action therefore as the case shall require, at the common lawe, wher against the defendante shal make no dilatory or forein plea, nor any wager of lawe, protection, priuiledge, or essoyne to be admitted or alowed. Sauing to all and euery persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than the owners and inheritours of the sayd marsh, all suche right title and interest, rentes, annuities, wayes, commons, liberties and other commodities, as they or any of them might, should, or ought to haue had, of in or to the sayde marshe marshe, or any parcel thereof before the making of this acte, this present acte, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the repayring, making, and amending of the Cundites in London. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as it is very commodious necessary and profitable to all cities, townes, and inhabitations, to haue swete and holsome running waters and freshe springes, to serue the same for their busynesses and necessaries, and specyally within great townes and cyties, to be conueyed by cunduites and fountaynes, whereunto requireth aboundance and copiositie, for the seruinge of the inhabitauntes of the same, whereof the citie of London hath bene before this tyme well furnyshed and aboundantly serued, tyll that nowe of late, that eyther for faynt nes of the springes, or for the dirnes of the earth, the accustomed course of the waters, comming from the olde springes and auncient heades, are sore decayed diminished and abated, and dayly more and more be like to appeyre and fayle, to the great discommoditie and displeasure both of the citezens and inhabitantes within the sayd citie and suburbes thereof, as to all other persons having recourse to the same to the great decay of the citie, if spedy remedy the sooner be not therin had forsene and prouided. For remedy wher of sir William Bowyer knight nowe Mayre of the sayde citie, intending and pondering the same necessitie muche willing to helpe and relieue the sayde citie and suburbes with newe fountaynes, and freshe springes, for the commoditie of the kynges sayd subiectes, calling to hym as well dyuers graue and expert persons of his bre-

therne and other of the comminaltie of the saide citie as other persones, in and about the conueyaunce of water well experimented, hathe not onelye by diligente searche and explozation founde oute dyuers greatte and plentyfull sprynges, at Hampstede heathe, Marybone, Hackeney, Mylwell hylle, and dyuers places within fyue myles of the sayde citie, verye mete, propise, and conuenient to be brought and conueyed to the same, but also hathe laboured studied and deuysed the conueyaunce thereof by cundytes, vautes, and pypes to the sayde citie and otherwise, to his great trauayle, labour, and peyne, and also to the greatte charges and costes of the citizens of the sayde citie: Whiche good and profitable purpose, can not sozte to conclusion, nor take good effecte, without the ayde and consent of the kinges maiestie, and of his highe courte of parliament. Wherefoze may it please the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lozdes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, to establishe and enacte, that it shall be laufull to the mayze and comminaltie of the sayde citie of London foz the tyme beyng, and to their successours assignes and seruauntes, at all and euery tyme and times hereafter, to enter into the groundes and possessions, as well of our saide soueraigne lozde the kyng, his heyzes and successours, as of euery other persone and persones, bodies politike and cozpozate, where they shall fynde oz knowe anye suche sprynges to be, oz may be founde foz the intent aboue saide, so that it be not into their houses, gardeins, ozchardes, oz places inclosed with stone bricke oz mudwalles, and there to digge pittes, trenches and diches, and to erect heades, lay pipes and make vaultes, and to do al and euery suche thinges in the same places and groundes, whiche shall be mete propise and necessary only foz the conueyaunce of the sayde water and sprynges to the citie, and the suburbes of the same, and also to haue free ingresse egresse and regresse in to all suche places, where suche heades, pipes, oz vaultes, shall be erected layde oz made, to viewe and see from time to time the sayde heades, pipes, sulpyralles, and vaultes, and them to amende, repayze, translate, and to doo all thynges necessary and conuenient, as well foz the fyndinge of newe sprynges, as foz the conueyance of any water oz sprynges nowe founde oz hereafter to be founde, to the citie and suburbes afozesayde, without interruption lette oz impediment of the owners of the grounde their lessees, assignes, oz ministers, oz any other person.

¶ And further be it enacted by the sayde auctozitie, that the sayde mayze, and his successours and euery of them, foz the digging and breaking of any suche soyle oz grounde, in any place oz places foz the intent and purpose afozesayde, shall within the space of one moneth next after any suche grounde shall be broken by the ministers oz workemen of the said mayoz oz his successours oz theyr assignes, foz the intentes and purpoles afozesayde, satisfye, content, and pay vnto the owners oz possessioners of the sayd soyl oz ground so broken oz digged, as muche money foz the same diggynge and breakynge, as shall be adiudged and taxed by the determination and iudgement of three

or foure indifferent men, to be assygned by the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, by vertue of the kynges commission from time to tyme to them dyrected at the costes of the sayd mayre and comminaltie, and that to be vsed for euermore hereafter. And that all suche summes as after the sayde tyme shall be tared by the sayd three or foure men, by vertue of the sayd commission, for satisfaction of any suche breakyng and defacing of the grounde, shall be payed and satisfied to the possessioner or possessioners, owner or owners, of the said grounds, or to their minister, assignes, or officers by the sayd mayre or his successours for the time being within. x. dayes nexte after the sayde taration or iudgemente so made and adiudged, vppon peyne the sayde mayre or successours, so denyinge or refusynge the payment thereof, for euerye suche offence, to forfayte. xiii. s. iiii. d. ouer and aboue the summe so to be assessed, the one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, and the other moitie to the party greued that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action of det, byl, plaint, informacion or otherwyse, in which action, byll, or plaint, no wager of lawe protection or essoine shall lye. And neuertheless the partie, whose ground hereafter shal be so broken or digged, for non payment of all suche summes of money as by the sayd thre or foure men for the tyme beynge, shall be tared and adiudged, shall haue an action of det against the sayd mayre or his successours, by whose cõmaundement any such grounde shall be so broken, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde, for the recouery of the same det so tared, in which action no wager of lawe protection nor essoyne shall lye. And if it shall happen that the sayde three or foure men so named by the said lord Chauncellour, in fourme aforsayd, do not, nor shall not agree in makynge anye suche taration for anye dyggynge, trenchyng, or breakyng of suche grounde within the sayde tyme to them lymited, or that the sayde mayre or his successours for the time being, do not offer or tender to the partie so greued a reasonable amendes and satisfaction for the breakyng, dygging or trenchinge, his or their sayde grounde: that than the partie or parties so greued, and whose lande or soyll shall be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shall haue his lawfull remedy agaynst the sayd mayre and his successours, by whose commaundement any suche soyll or grounde, shall be for the purpose aforesaide digged or broken, by action of trespasse, and to recouer damages for the same, any thing in this present acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if the said maire, his successours, officers, ministars, or workemen, shall be interrupted molested or prohibited at any time hereafter, to digge & trenche any groundes for the intentes aboue saide, or for the laying of pipes, makynge of heades, bautes, or fountaynes, concerninge the conueyaunce of any newe springes to the saide citie and suburbes, or for the searche repayringe or amendement of the defautes of the same, or for the conueyaunce of any newe springes or water, or other thinges, requisite and necessarye to be had made

or done at any tyme or tymes hereafter, concerning the premisses or any of them, by any owner lessee, minister, officer, or other persone what so euer he be, than euery suche persone owner, possessour or persones, so molesting, resisting, or letting the sayde mayre and his successours, or his or their officers ministers or workemen, cõtrary to the true meaning of this act, shal forfeit for euerye such offence. xl. s. sterlinge, the one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our souereigne lorde, and the other moitie to the mayre and comminaltie of the citie of London, and their successours, and the same to be recouered by action or plaint of det, in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be admitted or allowed.

Prouided also and be it enacted, that it shall not be lawefull to the sayde mayre nor comminaltie, nor to their successours, or ministers, to take awaye any water or spryng nowe brought, or hereafter shalbe brought or conueyed by pipes or trenches to the mansion of any persone or persones, for the necessary vse of their housholde, nor that any persone or persones, by any waye disceite, meane, or any other crafty cõueiance, shal vndermine, minish, withdraw, or abate anye spring or springes founde, or hereafter to be founde, nowe brought or conueied, or at any time hereafter to be conueied set and brought to the sayd citie, wherby the water shalbe minished, stopped, abated, or otherwyse altered from his due course and conueiaunce, vpon peyne to forfeite to the party greued treble damages, the same to be recouered against the party offendinge, by action or plaint of det in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche no protection essoyne or wager of lawe to be allowed.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extende to geue any libertie or auctoritie to the saide mayre and comminaltie, or to any of their successours, to enter or dygge in anye of the kinges groundes, for or concerninge the conueying of any water in or to the sayde citie, without the kinges licence therin first had and obteyned, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contraye notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if the sayde mayre and comminaltie of the citie of London, or their successours, at any time hereafter do fetch and conuey any water from any spring or springes, within the saide heath called Hampstede heath, vnto the sayd citie, and there erecte and make heades and vaultes for the conueyaunce of the same water, that then they the said maire and cõminaltie & their successours, shall for euer pride beare, and pay yerely vnto the bishop of Westm. for the tyme being, and to his successours, at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell, one pounde of pepper, in and for the acknowledgynge hym and them for the lordes and very owners of the sayde heathe. And that for the sure payment thereof vnto the sayd bishop for the time beinge, and to his successours, the sayd mayre and comminaltie for the time beinge, shall within three monethes next after the erection and makinge of any suche heades and vaultes vppon the saide heath, make or cause to be made to the sayd bishop for the tyme being

ynge, and his ſucceſſours, a ſufficient graunt in wrytinge vnder their common ſeale with clauſe of diſtreſſe, within anye their landes or tenementes, within the ſayde citie of London, whan, and as often as it ſhall happen or fortune the ſayde pounde of pepper at any tyme after the grant therof to be behinde vnpayde by the ſpace of .x. dayes after the ſaide feaſt aboue limitted, for the yerely paiment thereof, and it be laufully aſked or demaunded by the ſayd biſhop, or his ſucceſſours, or his or their aſſignes, of the ſayd mayre and his ſucceſſours, vpon any court day within the Guilde hall, this preſent act of parliament, or any thing therin cõteined to the cõtrary notwithſtanding.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it further enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that the ſayde mayre and comminaltie or their ſucceſſours, ſhal not at any tyme hereafter medle with the ſpring at the foote of the hyll of the ſayde heath, called Hamſted heth, now cloſed in with bricke, for the eaſe commoditie and neceſſary vſe of the inhabitantes of the towne of Hamſtede, nor do cauſe or procure to be done any thinge, acte or actes, to the impayring, hurte, or diminiſhyng of the water of the ſame ſpring, at any time hereafter, this act or any thyng therein conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding. And alſo it ſhall and may be lawefull to the ſayde byſhop and his ſucceſſours, to dygge, finde, and conuey, or cauſe to be digged, founde, and conueyed, from any ſpring or ſpringes, in any grounde or groundes, on the lefte ſyde of the hyghe waye, leading from the towne of Hamſtede aforeſaide, towardes Hendon, to the manour place of Hamſtede aforeſayd, water ſufficient for the vſe and cõmoditie of the ſame manour place, the ſayde acte or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding.

¶ An act for the due payment of the fees and wages of knightes and burgeſſes of the parliament in Wales. Cap. xi.

Where the knightes of all and euery ſhyre of this realme of Englande and Wales, and the burgeſſes of all cities townes and boroughes of the ſame, be named, elected, and choſen, for their aſſembly in the kinges hyghe courte of parliament, as by auncient laudable lawes and cuſtomes of this realme, hath bene vſed and accuſtomed, at and by the kynges maieſties highe commaundemente, vnto the whiche knightes and burgeſes their fees and wages be aſſigned certainly, that is to ſaye, to euery knyght by the day .iiii. s. and to euery citezen burgeſſe, by the daye .ii. s. or more, as heretofore hath bene accuſtomed, accomptinge for the ſame ſo many dayes, as the ſayde hyghe court of parliament endureth, with additton therunto of ſo many dayes as euery ſuche knight and burgeſſe maye reaſonably iourneye and reſorte from their habitations or dwelling places, to the ſaide highe court of parliament, and from the ſayde hyghe court to retourne to their habitations or dwellynge places, together with their coſtes of wrytes and other ordinary fees and charges: whiche wages, fees, and charges, at al times ought

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to be leuied and collected by the shyriffes, and by the mayres baylyffes and other head officers, of cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayd, wherein some of the said shiriffes, maires and bailiffes, and other head officers of and in cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, haue bene negligent and laches, not indeuourynge theim selues in accomplyshemente of theyr duties in collection and payment of the same in due fourme, accordinge to iustice, to the greate hurt, iniury, and delay of the kinges saide subiectes. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the shiriffes for the tyme beinge, of euery of the .xii. shieres in Wales, and in the countie of Monmouthe, from the beginning of this present parliament, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to gather and leuy, or cause to be gathered and leuied, the saide knightes fees and wages of the inhabitantes of the saide .xii. shyres, and of the saide countie of Monmouth, whiche ought to paye the same: and the same so gathered, shall paye, or cause to be payed to euery suche knight or knightes, or to his or their assignes, within the terme of twoo monethes after that any suche knighte or knightes shall deliuer or cause to be deliuered the kinges writ De solutione feodi militis parliament. to any suche shiriffe, and euery suche shiriffe, making defaute of paiment of the saide fees or wages, in maner and fourme as is aforesaide, to lose and forfayte .xx. li. whereof the one moitie to be to the kinges vse, and the other to his or their vse that will sue for the same, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde, by information bill or plaint, or otherwise, afore anye of the kynges officers: wherein non essoyn protection nor wager of law shal be admitted. And if it shall happen anye shiriffe, in any of the saide .xii. shyres and countie of Monmouthe, to make defaute of payment of the sayde wages or fees, by a lenger terme than twoo monethes: than euerye suche shyryffe to forfayte for euery moneth that he or they shall make defaulte, twenty pounds, to be forfaited and leuied in maner and fourme as is aforesayde. And that euery maire and bailiffes, and other head officers, of cities, boroughes, and townes in euery the saide .xii. shires, and in the saide countie of Monmouth, within like terme and space of two monethes after the receite of the kinges maiesties writ De solutione feod. burgent. parliament. lyke as is before mentioned for gatheringe or leuying of the knightes fees, shall leuy, gather, and pay the wages and fees to their burgesses, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aforesaide, and in and vnder like prine and forfaitures, as be before mētioned. to be leuied of the goodes and cattalles of euery suche mayre, bailiffe, and other head officer, to whome the kinges sayde writ shal be directed for the leuying of suche fees, makinge defaulte of payment of the sayde fees and wages to the burgesses, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, for as muche as the inhabitantes of all cities and boroughes in euery the sayde .xii. shyres within Wales, and in the sayde county of Monmouth, not finding burgesses for the parliament them selues, must beare and pay the burgesses wa-

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ges within the shyre townes, of and in euery the sayd. xii. shyres in Wales, and in the saide countie of Monmouth: that from the beginning of the said parliament, the burgesses of all and euery of the saide cities, boroughes, and townes, whiche be and shalbe contributory to the payment of the burgesses wages, of the said shire townes, shalbe lefully admonished, by proclamation or otherwise, by the mayres bailiffes or other head officers of ỳ said townes, or by one of them, to come and to gine their elections for the electing of the saide burgesses, at suche time and place leful and reasonable, as shall be assigned for the same entẽt by the said maires, bailiffes, and other head officers of the said shire townes, or by one of them, in which elections the burgesses shall haue like voyce and auctorittie, to electe, name, and chose the burgesses of euery the saide shyre townes, like and in suche maner as the burgesses of the sayde shire townes haue or vse.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that two Justices of peace in euery the shires in Wales, and in the said countie of Monmouth, by force of this act shall haue full power and auctorittie, indifferently to lot and tax euery citie, borough, and towne, within the shires of Wales, wherin they do inhabite, and in the said countie of Monmouth, for the portions and rates that euery the sayd cities and boroughes, shall beare and paye towardes the sayde burgesses, within the said shire townes of euery of the said shires in Wales, and the countye of Monmouth, which rates so rated and taxed in grosse by the said two Justices of peace, as is aforesaid, shalbe againe rated and taxed on the inhabitãtes of euery the sayd cities and boroughes, by .iiii. or .vi. discrete and substanciall burgesses of euery the sayde cities and boroughes in Wales, thereunto named and assigned by the mayre, bailiffes, or other head officers of the sayde cities, townes, and boroughes, for the time being, and thereupon the maire, bayliffes, and other heade officers, of euery suche citie, borough, and towne, to collecte and gather the same, and thereof to make payment in maner and fourme as is aforesaide, to the burgesses of the parliament for the tyme beyng, within lyke tyme, and vpon the lyke peynes and forfeytures as is aboue mentioned.

¶ An acte for the remission of the Ione. Cap. xij.

THe kinges moste humble, faithfull, louing and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, prudently and louingly considering and calling to their remembraunces, not onely the innumerable benefites and goodnes, whiche they hertofore haue receiued, had, and inioyed, by and from his moste royall maiestie, by the tranquilitie of peace, due and iust administration & execution of Justice within this his realme of England, sithe the time of his assũption of his crowne, estate & dignitie royal, to his great laude, glory and honour, but also the inestimable costes charges and expen-

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tes, whiche his hyghnes neceſſarily and of fine force hath bene coacted and compelled to ſuſteyne and ſuppoꝛt, chiefly foꝛ the ſuertie and comfoꝛt of hys gracis ſubiectes, as by ſundꝛye wayes and meanes, and vpon iuſt and reaſonable occaſiõs and grounde, in and foꝛ the maintenaunce of his warres, inuaſion and defence of his enuemies, repꝛeſſing and ſubduing rebels and traytours: Concludinges of peace, amitie, and concoꝛde in all Chꝛiſten regions, reformyng and extinctyng, may damnable and daungerous ſciſmes, opinyons, and argumentes, ſpꝛong and ryſen in the Churche of Englande, and alſo of Irelande, whereof he is in earth ſupꝛeme head, whoſe moſt godly and honourably actes, as well marciall, as other, hys moſte politike and pꝛudent affaiers and enterpꝛices haue not only redounded to his immoꝛtall fame and honour, but alſo to the great quiet commoditie and pꝛofite of this realme of Englande, in and about the whiche, his maieſtie (as it is not vnknowen) hath taken intollerable paynes trauaile ſtudye and laboure, in his owne moſte ꝛoyall perſone, and expoſed and diſpended much notable treſure and ineſtimable ſubſtaunce, as well ryſen and gꝛowen by any maner contribution made to his maieſtie by his ſayd louing ſubiectes, as alſo of his owne pꝛeely reuenues of his cꝛowne, whiche els his highnes might haue reſerued and kepte to his owne vſe and commoditie. And not withſtanding that his maieſtie, of his ineſtimable goodnes hathe of longe time like a charitable louynge and mooſte vertuous pꝛynce, tendered, truſted, loued, and fauoured Frauncis nowe the frenche kyng, and ſhewed vnto hym dyuers and ſundꝛy ineſtimable gratuities and amities, as well by redeming him and his chyldꝛen out of captiuitie and thꝛaldome, as alſo relieuing hym of his pouertie by dyuers and ſundꝛy pꝛeſtes and lones of notable ſummes of money to hym made, truſtyng thereby to haue pꝛeſerued and continued loue, amitie, peace, and concoꝛde, betwene the regions of England and Fraunce: Yet the ſame frenche kyng, nothyng regarding his honoure, othe, trouthe, pꝛomyſe, and fidelitie, made vnto his maieſtie, hath not only moſt ingratefully & wꝛongfully withdꝛawen from his ſaid maieſtie, the due rightfull and accuſtomed pencion, alwayes heretofoꝛe vſed (as of righte) to be payde to his mayeſtye, and this his realme, out of the realme of Fraunce: but alſo hathe inferred and done vnto his maieſtie, and hys louyng ſubiectes, manye other ryghte great and intollerable diſpleaſures, wꝛonges, iniuries, and damages: And foꝛ the mayntenaunce thereof, hath confederated hym ſelfe with the greate Turke, common ennemy to all Chꝛiſtendome, pꝛetending thereby to ſatiſfye hys owne ambycious mynde, and entendynge to putte vniuerſall trouble and diuiſion in all the monarchie of Chꝛiſtendome, and ſubdue the realme of Englande, to his power and ſubiection. And where alſo his maieſtie is iuſtely and lawfully intitled vnto the cꝛowne and realme of Scotland, and to whoſe hyghnes as to theyꝛ naturall and ſoueraigne liege loꝛde, all the inhabitauntes of the ſame, oughte to beare due obedience and be ſubiectes: Yet neuertheles the ſame frenche king ceſſeth not dayly to pꝛocure, moue, & ſtere the ſame Scottes, contrary to the dutie of their allegiance, faith, and

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promyse, confirmed with great other, not only to rebel against his maiestye, but also to make dyuers and sundry incurses, inuasions, spoyles, burninges, murders, wastinges and depopulations in this his realme of England, and to make opē warre against the kinges maiestie, this his realme of Englād, and other his graces dominions. Wherfore the kynges moste excellent maiestie, like a moste godly vertuous and prudent prince, intendyng as well to mete with their sayd malicious pretensed purposes and enterpryses, as also to recouer his rightes of his auncient inheritaunces, is forced, and can of his honour no lesse do, but determyne hym selfe, by the helpe of almightye God, to put his owne royall persone, with the power of his realme and subiectes in armure, to the intent to leuy warre, and to prosecute his sayde enemies, with the swoorde to the extremitie of his power: trusting thereby to reduce and bryng his sayde ennemies, to suche resonable conditions of peace, that the same shall redounde to his graces honour, and to the vtilitie, profit, commoditie and suerty of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same. For the maintenaunce of whiche his maiesties warres, are required inestimable summes of treasure, to be employed and defrayed about the same.

¶ Wherefore his moste louing and obedyente subiectes, consyderynge that it is their office and moste bounden dutie, to honour, ayde, mayntayne, and suppoorte his maiestie in all hys iuste quarelles, with theyr bodyes, landes, goodes, and substaunce, myndynge to beare with his hyghnes, in thys hys moste gracious and godly enterpryse, to the eleuiation of parte of his greate and inestimable charges, callynge to theyr remembraunce, that dyuers and sundry of his louyng and obedyent subiectes, sythen the fyrst day of Januarye, in the. xxxiii. yeare of hys mooste noble reygne, haue aduaunced vnto hys maiestie, by waye of preste and lone, dyuers and sundry seuerall and particular summes of money. For the repayment whereof, sundrye and seuerall wrytynges, vnder hys maiesties priuye seale, were seuerally deliuered vnto hys sayde louynge and obediente subiectes, to be repayde vnto them, at sundrye dayes of payment, yet to come: Whyche summes of money, as it is notoriously knowen, hys hyghnes hathe fully and holye conuerted and employed, to the behofe, vse, and commodytie of hys louynge subiectes of thys his realme, and for the common wealth and defence of the same.

¶ In consyderation of all and syngular the premisses, hys sayde humble, faythfull, louynge, and obedyente subiectes, of one mynde, consente, and assente, and by auctoritie of thys presente parliament, doe for theim selues, and all the whole bodye of thys realme, whome they do presente, freely, lyberally, and absolutely, geue and graunte vnto the kynges highnes, by auctoritie of thys presente parliamente, all and euerye summe and summes of money, whyche to them, or any of theim, is ought or myght be due by reason of anye money, or anye other thynge, to hys grace auaunced or paide by waye of the sayde prest or lone: And vtterly, frankly, liberally, moste willingly and beneuolently, for them, their heyres, executours, and successours, do remit, release and quiet clayme vnto his highnes, hys heyres, and successours for e-

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ner, all and euery the same summes of monye, and euery parcell therof. And all and syngular suites peycions and demaundes, whiche they or anye of them, theyr heyres successoures and executours, or the heyres executours or successours of any of them haue had or may haue for the same or any parcell thereof: Moste humbly and louingly beseching hys hyghnes, for the more cleare discharge of the same, that it maye be ordeyned and enacted, by the kynge our soueraygne Lorde, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled; and by auctoritie of the same, that all promysses, bandes, letters, vnder the kynges pryuy seale, signet, sygne manuell, or great seale passed, and all other bondes or promysses, what so euer they be, had or made to anye persone or persones, spirytuall or temporall, shyre, citye, borough, wapentake, townshyp, hamelet, vyllage, hundred, churche cathedrall or collegyat, or to any guilde, fraternitie, or bodye corporate, felowshyp or company, or any other, hauing capacitie to take any bande promyse or writyng, especially or generally, joyntely or severally, touchynge or concernynge the sayde prest or lone, and euery of them, or the repayment of any summe or summes of money for the same, be from henceforth voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any persone or persones, what so euer he or they ye, whiche at any time after the sayde first daye of January, which was in the sayd .xxxiii. yere of the raigne of our now most gracious soueraigne lorde, hath payde aduanced or deliuered to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, or to any persone or persones to his vse, any summe or summes of money, by way of prest or lone, as is aboue sayd, and haue agayn obteyned of or from the kynges maiestie, the sayd summe or summes of money so aduaunced, prested, or lent to his hyghnes, or anye percell thereof, or any other recompence what so euer, by bargayne, graunt, gyfte, sale, commaundement, assignement, repayment, by of or from his maiestie, or by any other what soeuer meane: That then all and euerye the sayde summe and summes of money, and euerye parcell thereof, so aduaunced prested or lent, and repayde or receyued by any manner of meane, as is aboue sayd, or otherwyse recompenced, shall be repayde or satisfied vnto the kynges maiestie, or to the coferer of hys moste honourable housholde, or to suche other persone or persones, as by his maiestie shalbe therunto assigned or appoynted, to the vse of his maiestie, by suche persone or persones, that so aduanced prested or lent any such summe or summes of money, or by the executours of such persone or persones deceassed, hauing sufficient goodes of their testatours in his or theyr hande or handes, the .xiiii. daye of Febryary, the .xxv. yeare of the reigne of our nowe moste gratious and naturall soueraygne lirge lorde, or of the heyre or heyres of the same persone or persones, so deceassed, hauynge landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to hym or them so discended, in fee symple or fee tayle, from the same person or persons, that is so aduaunced, prested, or lent any summe or summes of money, as is aboue sayde, the .xiiii. daye aboue sayd, at the lyberty and pleasure of his highnes, before the feaste

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of all saintes next commynge, without anye maner of contradiction, or farther delaye: Any warrant, bargayne, couenaunt, graunt, agrement, assignement, or other commaundement heretofore made to the contrary not withstanding: The same summes to be demaunded and recouered by his maiestie in any of his courtes, by byll, action of det, information, or otherwyse: In whiche no wager of lawe, essoine or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any person or persones, whiche haue auanced prested or lent to the kinges maiestie, any summe or summes of money, as is abouesaide, haue bargayned and solde the sayde summe or summes of money, so auaunced, prested, or lent, and the det and duetie of the same to any person or persones, what so euer he or they be, and haue receiued any summe or summes of money, couenaunt, promise, or other thing or thinges, in and for the recompence thereof: That than all and euery suche bargaine and bargaines, sale and sales, couenaunt or couenauntes, promise and promises, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

And that than all and euery person and persones, whiche so haue bargained, obtained, or bought, any suche summe or summes of money, so auaunced, prested, or lent, as is abouesayde, shall be repayed and restored to all and euery summe and summes of money, or other thinge or thinges, of what nature or qualitie so euer it be of, or by the persone or persones, that so bargained and solde the same, or of or by the executour or executours of suche persone or persones, being dead, haunge goodes sufficient of his or their testatour in his or their hande or handes, the. xiiii. daie abouesaide, or of or by the heire or heires of the saide persone or persones being dead, as is aboue sayde, hauing landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to him or them discended, in fee simple, or in fee tayle, the xiiii. daie abouesaid, by or from the saide persone or persones, that so made bargaine or sale, as is aboue sayde, at the libertie and pleasure of the sayde persone and persones, that so bargayned or bought the saide debte, dutie, and money lent, or his or their executours or administratours as is abouesayde, without contradicion or delaye. And for the recouery of the same, shall haue his or their remedy and recouery by action of det detinue or accompt, as the nature or qualitie of the thing requireth, against the witholder or witholders therof. In whiche action no wager of lawe essoyne or protection, shall be permitted suffered or allowed.

¶ An acte that the demaynelandes and tenementes in Walsingam, belonging to the late priory there, may be let by copy of court rolle. Cap. xiij.

THe kynges imperiall maiestie, moste beningnelye calling to his gracious remembraunce, that his towne of little Walsingham, otherwyse called newe Walsingham, which heretofore, as well through the great and continuall trade of al maner of marchaundise in times paste, there vsed and prac-

tyſed, as alſo by and through the populous concourſe and reſorte of his people from all partes of this realme in tymes paſte, within the ſayde towne frequented and continued, was growen and commen to be very populous, welthy, and beautifully builded, is at this preſent by the greate decaye and withdrawyng of the ſayde trade of marchaundiſe there, and by dyuerſe other ſundrye occaſions of late happened, lyke to fall to vtter ruine, and to be barrayne, deſolate, and vnpeopled: myndyng of his accuſtomed goodnes and princely zeale, to ſuſteyne and mainteyne his ſayd towne of new Walſingham, in no leſſe welthe, ryches, beautie, and proſperitie, than the ſame at at any tyme heretofore hath bene ſupported and mainteyned, is pleaſed and contented, that where his ſayde maieſtie is ſeaſed of the manours of Graſiges, Colinghams, Bottes, Fennes and Marſhes, with the appurtenances in the countie of Norffolke, whiche ſayde manours were parcell of the poſſeſſions of the late Abbey or Priorye of Walſingham, in the ſayde countie of Norffolke, that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, that all thoſe his gracis houſes, lands and tenementes, with the appurtenaunces, beynge parte or parcell of anye of the demeanes of the ſayde manours of the Graunges, Colynghams, Bottes, Fennes, and Marſhes, with the appurtenaunces, or anye of them, ſhall from henceforth be vſed and taken to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as copyholde, landes and tenementes, and ſhall and maye from henceforth be graunted by coppe of courte rolle, by the hyghe ſtewarde or vnderſtewarde of euery of the ſayde manours, or by their ſufficient deputye or deputies, lawefully auctoriſed in that behalfe, to any perſone or perſones, in fee ſimple for terme of lyfe or liues, yelding, reſeruing, doing, and payinge, ſuche rentes, ſeruices, fines, heriottes, & cuſtomes, as within the ſayd copies, ſhall be ſpecified and mencioned, and for defaute of none doing or paying of the rentes, dueties and ſeruices, in any the ſame copies to be mencioned, all and euery ſuche parte and parcel of the ſaid demeanes, wherof any ſuch copy or copies ſhall be made, in ſuche maner and fourme as is before rehearſed, ſhall from the time of euery ſuche copy therof to be made, be and remaine in ſuche lyke iſſues and forfaytures to euery intent and purpoſe as other coppe hold and cuſtomary landes and tenementes of euery ſuch the ſaid manours nowe do, wherof the ſaid demeane manſions, houſes, landes, & tenementes, ſo to be graunted by copy, bene parcell.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that all and euerye the copies hereafter to be made of any part of the premiſſes, in maner and forme by copy of court rolle, as is aboue ſpecified, ſhall from and after the ſame copie and copies ſo to be made and graunted, as is aforeſayde, be as good, ſure, beneficiall and effectuall in the lawe, to euery purpoſe and intente, to all and euery ſuch perſone and perſones, whiche ſo ſhall happen to accept receiue and take the ſame, according to the fourme, tenour and effecte of euery the ſayde copies, as well againſte the kynges hyghnes, hys heyres and

succeſſours, as against all and euery other perſone and perſones, and their heyres, and the heyres of euery of them, that ſhal hereafter happen to be lord or lordes of the ſaide manours and other the premiſſes or any of them, as if the ſame demeanes, houſes, landes, and tenementes, had bene alwayes accuſtomably vſed to be graunted or letten by copy of courte rolle, anye lawe cuſtome or vſage heretofore to the contrary hereof had made or vſed in any wyſe notwithſtanding. Sauing to all and euery perſone and perſones, and bodies politike, and their heyres and ſucceſſours, and the heyres and ſucceſſours of euerye of them, other then oure ſayde ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, his heyres and ſucceſſours, all ſuche ryght, title and intereſt, rentes, annuities and leaſes, and all other profittes, whiche they or any of theym, haue clayme, ought, may or might haue had in or to the premiſſes, or to any parte or parcell thereof, in ſuche lyke maner forme and condition, to all intentes reſpectes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ An acte for the reſeruation of rentes vpon houſes with landes belonging to the ſame, vnder the clere yerly value of xl.s. Cap. xiiii.

PLeaſeth it your moſte excellent maieſtie, that where as in the parliament begon at weſtminſt. the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeare of your moſte gracious reigne, and by diuers prorogations there continued, vntill the xiii. day of February, in the xxvii. yeare of youre ſayde reigne, and than and there it was amongeſt other thynges enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by auctoritie of your byghe courte of parliament, that youre ſayd maieſtie ſhall haue and enioye to your byghnes, your heyres and ſucceſſours for euer, all and ſinguler ſuche monaſteries priories and other religious houſes, of Monkes, Chanons, and Nonnes, of what kyndes or diuerſities of habites, rules or order ſo euer they were then called or named, whiche then had not in landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pentions, or other hereditamentes aboue the clere yearely value of. CC. li. and all the ſites and circuites of all ſuche religious houſes, and all and ſingular the manours, graunges, mereſes, landes, tenements, reuerſions, rentes, ſeruices, tithes pencions, aduowſons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions and other hereditamētes appertayning and belonging to euerye ſuche monaſtery priorye and other religious houſes, not hauing as is aforeſayde, landes and tenementes aboue the ſaide clere yerelye value of. CC. pounde, in as large and ample maner, as the abbottes, priours, abbeſſes, priorſſes, and other gouernours of ſuche monaſteries priories and other religious houſes, than had or ought to haue had the ſame in the right of their houſes. And that your ſaid highnes ſhould haue to you and to your heires, all and ſinguler ſuch monaſteries, abbeyes, and priories, whiche at any time within one yeare nexte afore the makinge of the ſayde act, had bene graunted to your ſaid maieſtie by any abbot priour, abbeſſe or priorſſe, vnder their couent ſeales, or that otherwyſe had bene ſup-

preſſed or diſſolued, and all and ſingular the manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, reuertions, tithes, penſions, portions, churches, chapels, aduouſons, patronages, rightes, entrees, conditions, and all other intereſſes, and hereditamentes to the ſame monaſteries, abbayes, or priories, or to any of them, than appertayning or belonging, to do and vſe therwith your ſayd highnes owne will. And furthermore, by the ſaide act it was ordeyned and eſtabliſhed, that all and euery the premiſſes, ſhould be in the order ſuruey and gouernaunce of your ſaid highnes court, then erected and called the court of the augmentations of the reuennes of your highnes crowne, exrept alwaye and reſerued ſuche, And as many of the ſame monaſteries, priories, and houſes, with all their hereditamentes and poſſeſſions, whiche your ſaid highnes by your letters patentes vnder your great ſeale, ſhould then declare and lymitte to continue and be in their eſſentiall eſtate, and to perſeuer in the body and corporation, as they were before the makinge of the ſayde acte. And where alſo it was then further enacted, by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that vpon all and ſingular letters patentes, than to be made vnder the great ſeale of Englande, of any manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, belonging or appertayning to any of the ſayd houſes compriſed in the ſaid act, and committed to the ſuruey of the ſaide court, to any perſon or perſones, or body politike, of any eſtate of inheritaunce, there ſhould be reſerued to youre ſayd highnes, your heires and ſucceſſours, a reuine by knightes ſeruice, in capite, and a yerely rent of the tenth part of the yerely value of the ſame landes, to be compriſed in euery ſuche letters patentes, according to ſuche rate, as the ſame manours, landes and tenementes geuen, ſhould be declared, expreſſed to be of yearely value in the ſame letters patentes, any thing or clauſe conteyned in anye warrante to the contrarye therof not withſtandyng, as more playnely at large it maye appeare by the ſayde eſtatute. Sence the making wherof, a great numbre of your moſte bounden louyng and obedient ſubiectes, haue purchaſed and obteyned of your ſaide highnes, by your graces letters patentes, diuers and ſundrye houſes, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, parcell of the premiſſes, by ſmall quilletes parcels and portions, according to their powers habilities and ſubſtaunce, towardes the ſuſtentation of them ſelues, their wyues and children. And for as muche, as they be not able to mayntein their poore family of the yerely iſſues and profites comming and growing of the ſayd ſmall quilletes houſes and tenementes, paying and doing the reuues and ſeruices reſerued for and vpon the ſame, in ſuche maner as of right appertayneth: It may therfore pleaſe your ſayd excellent maieſtie, of your moſte abounda[illegible] grace, that in conſideration of the premiſſes, and for the eaſe and reliefe of youre ſubiectes, that it maye be enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by your highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, that from and after the firſt daye of Aprill, in the xxxvi. yeare of youre moſte noble reygne, that youre ſayde highnes, your heires or ſucceſſours, ſhall or may at your will and pleaſure

vpon your letters patentes, of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuertiõs, rentes, seruices, tithes, pentions, portions, aduousons, patronages, or other hereditamentes, not exceding the clere yerely value of .xl.s. whiche were belonging to any of the sayde houses comprised in the sayde acte, whereby any estate of inheritaunce doth or shall passe from your sayd highnes, your heyres or successours (houses, tenementes, cotages and gardeins, whereunto no landes, tenementes or hereditamentes do appertayne, only excepted) reserue vnto your sayde highnesse, your heyres and successours, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or elles a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, at your free will and pleasure, with the yerely rent of the tenth parte of the sayde landes and tenementes to be comprised in euerye suche letters pateutes, according to suche rate and value, as the same manours, landes and tenementes, shall be expressed and rated to be of the yearely value of the same letters patentes, the sayde rent to be payde to the officers of your highnes sayde courte of the augmentations of the reuenewes of your crowne, to your sayde highnes vse, accordinge as other reuenues there be and shalbe payde by the auctoritie of the sayde acte. And that of houses, tenementes, cotages, and gardeynes, whereunto no landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes do appertayne, not beynge any of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kepte by a keper thereof to the kynges vse, whiche were belongynge to anye of the sayde houses comprised in the sayde acte, vpon euery the letters patentes of any the sayde houses, tenementes, cotages and gardeynes, to the whiche no landes do appertayne, whereby any estate of inheritaunce dothe or shall passe therein from your sayde highnes, your heyres or successours, to reserue vnto the same your highnes, your heyres and successour, at your owne wyll and pleasure, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or els a tenure in socage or free burgage, and not in capite, with the yearely rente of the tenthe parte, as is aforesayde: any lawe statute, custome, vsage, or any other thynge or thinges heretofore to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for pauing of Cambridge. Cap. xv.

FOr as muche as the auncient borough and towne of Cambridge, well inhabited and replenished with people, bothe in the vniuersite, where noble and many worshipfull mens children be put to learning & study, also with diuers and sundrye artificers and other inhabitantes, is at this day very sore decayed in pauing, and the highe streates and lanes within the same towne exceadingly noyed with filth and mier, lying there in great heapes and brode plashes, not onely noysome and combrous to the inhabitauntes of the sayd borough, and suche other the kinges subiectes as daily do pas by and through the same on foote: but also very perillous and tedious to all such persones, as shall on horseback conuey or cary any thing with carteg

by and through the same. For the amendement and reformation whereof, it may please the kynges highnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it maye be ordeyned established and enacted, that all and euery persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, which nowe haue or at any tyme hereafter shall haue holde and enioye, any houses landes, tenementes, gardeines, yeardes, orchyardes, barnes, stables, cotages, curtilages, or other groundes or soyles, set lying and being within the saide towne, nert adioyning or abutting vpon euery highe wayes, streates, or lanes within the same towne of Cambridge, in fee simple, fee tayle, frank almoigne by deuine seruice, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or the wardship or custody of any heyre or heires, during the nonage of the same heire or heyres, or els by execution, by wryte of Elegit, or for or by estatute of the staple, recognisans or statute marchant, or otherwyse in hys owne ryghte, or in the right of his wyfe, shall on this syde the feaste of saynt Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God, after the course and computacion of the churche of Englande. M.D. XLV. well and sufficiently, paue or cause to be paued with pauing stone, all and euery the highe wayes and stretes, lying directly before their sayde houses, landes, tenementes, gardeines, yeardes, orchiardes, barns, stables, cotages, curtilages, groũdes, or soiles, set, lying & being in the high stretes and lanes, in the saide towne hereafter specified, that is to saye the highe strete called the bridgstrete, from saynt Peters churche at the castell ende, directly as the same high strete ledeth & stretcheth ouer the great bridge, and so throughout the preachers strete on both sides of the same stretes, to the lane betwyxte saint Nycholas hostyll and the late dissolued place of the friers preachers, leading towardes Waldon: And also the highe strete called the high warde strete, from the ende of saint Johns lane ouer against the rounde churche, directly as the same high strete leadeth and stretcheth from the same corner, vnto the late heremitage of saint Anne, on bothe the sides of the same strete. The market place of the same towne, and all other common streates and lanes within the same towne, that nowe be paued, or at any time heretofore hath bene pauid, euery persone and persones as is aboue said, to paue suche parte and quantitie of the saide wayes stretes & lanes, vnto the middes of the same wayes stretes and lanes, and in length as his or theire houses, tenementes, groundes and soyles, do lye and extende by and against the sayde wayes stretes and lanes.

And furthermore be it enacted, that Jesus lane, the blacke friers lane, with the wayes leading vnto Barnwel, and so throughout the same towne to Sturbridge bridge, Harlestone lane, saynt Gyles lane, to the ende of Newnam lane, extending and leading from the bridge against the mylles, vnto the ende of the same lane, ouer againste the Quenes colledge, and the lane leading from saint Johns vnto the water syde, and all other common backe lanes belonging to the same towne, that nowe be not, nor heretofore

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haue not bene paued with pauing stones, and at this daye be very noyous and in great ruine and decaye, shall be sufficiently made, repaired and amended, with grauell and other thinges, by suche owners and possessioners of houses, landes, tenementes, gardeyns, orchiardes, cotages, curtilages, and other groundes and soyles as is aforesaid, set lyng and being in euery of the said lanes, before the said feast of saint Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, aboue written, vpon peine of euery persone charged or chargeable or whiche ought to paue the said wayes, stretes, or lanes by force of this act, to forfayte for euery yarde square, not paued before the saide feaste of saynte Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas. xii. d. For euerye poole of the saide lanes aboue named, not made nor amended with grauell, by the daie and feaste aboue said, to forfeyte. ii. s. and that al & euery person and persones, nowe hauing, or whiche hereafter shall haue any landes, tenementes, gardeines, orchiardes, cotages, curtilages, or other groundes or soyles, in fee simplee, fee tayle, franke almoigne by diuine seruice, for terme of lyfe or otherwise, as is aboue sayde, adioynynge and lyinge to and nexte the sayde highe wayes or highe stretes and lanes aboue named or any of them, their heyres assignes and successours, after and from the saide feaste, shall perely supporte, make, repaire and mainteine, all and euery the sayde pauementes ouer against his or their houses, landes, tenementes, gardeines, orchiardes, and other the premisses, as is aforesayde, from tyme to time, and at al times hereafter, as often and whan nede shall be, vpon peyne to forfeyte for euerye yarde square, not sufficiently paued, amended or repaired. vi. d. and for euery poll of the lanes called Jesus lane, the blacke friers lane, Harlestones lane, saint Gyles lane, to the ende of Newnam lane, and the lane leadinge from saint Johnshceine to the water syde, and all other backe lanes belonginge to the same towne, not sufficiently mainteyne repayred and kept with grauell. vii. d.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the chauncellour, viceechancellour of the vniuersitie of Cambridge and their successours, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and bailiffes, or his or their deputie and deputies, and their successours, with foure assistantes, as they bothe thinke mete and conuenient, twoo of the vniuersitie, and twoo of the towne of Cambridge for the tyme being, shall haue at all tymes full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte, twyse in the yeare, at Easter, and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after the saide feastes, to make enquiry, and to call afore them twelue men, as well of scholer seruantes, as other inhabitauntes indifferētly chosen of euery warde within the town of Cambridge, and liberties thereof, and shall sweare theim to make presentmente of all suche persone and persones, that from tyme to time as nede shall require, do not paue such their parte and portion of the saide wayes, streetes and lanes before specified, ouer against their houses, landes, tenementes, gromdes and soyles in the sayde towne, nor amende all the other sayede lanes within the sayde towne and liberties thereof, with grauell, according to the purporte

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and meaning of this acte. And also that the chauncellour vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the maire and baliffes, or his or their deputie or deputies, with foure assistāces with them afore specified within the said vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, for the time beinge, and their successours, shall haue full power and auctoritie, twise in the yeare, to set suche fines and amerciamentes of all and singular persone and persons, that hereafter be remisse and negligent in pauing, amending and repairing the sayde highe waies, stretes and lanes, or any of them, according to this act, whiche be now paued and amended, or by force of this act, hereafter shalbe paued and amended, as shalbe seme and thought by their discretions conuenient & necessary. And the same fines and amerciamentes forfaited and assessed of scholers and scholers seruauntes, and euery of them according to the composition betwixt the vniuersitie and the towne, to be gathered by the beail, and imployed and conuerted to the vse of the vniuersitie. And that the chamberleyne of the sayde towne of Cambridge, or els suche an officer, as the mayre than being, shall appoynte, shall leuy and gather suche penalties, fines and amerciamentes, forfayted and assessed of euerye burgesse and forreyners, for euer within the sayde towne, or the precincte of the same, offendinge contrary to this acte, by distresse, or els by plainte or action, to be taken or commenced by the sayde chamberlaine, or els suche an officer, as the mayre shall appoynte, before the mayre and baliffes of the sayd towne: And the money comming of the saide penalties, to be employed and conuerted to the vse of the saide towne.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Chauncelour or vicechauncelour for the time being, or the mayre for the time being, of the sayde vniuersitie and town of Cambridge, at any time at the daies appointed by this act, or within one moneth after the said feast of sainct Peter the aduincula, commonly called Lammas, for the intent and purpose abouesayde, to be holden and kepte within the same towne, before the Chauncellours vicechauncellour, or his or their deputie or deputies, the mayre or his deputie, be negligent and remisse to charge by othe or othes, suche persones to finde and present the sayd defaultes and negligences of all persones, offending contrary to the true purporte and meaning of this act, than the sayde Chauncellour or vicechauncellour for the tyme beynge, or the mayre for the tyme beynge, at the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas, or within a moneth after euery of them, so being negligent or remisse, or els after the sayde charge gyuen, and presentment made by the saide. xii. men, they their deputies or assignes be remisse and negligente in leuyinge and executinge of the same, for affection, lucre or parcialitie, and do forbeare to leuy the sayde amerciamentes, fines and penalties, so forfaited and founde, assessed wholly and truely of all person and persones within the sayde vniuersitie and towne of Cambridge, so offendinge contrary to this acte, in forbearing and not doyng the same, by the space of. vi. wekes after any one of the sayde feastes, to lose and forfayte for euery tyme so negligent. C. s. The one halfe to be to the vse of

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the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to the vse of the kinges subiectes, that will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by bill, action, information or otherwyse, wherin no waget of the lawe, essoyne, or protection, shall lie for the defendaunt.

¶ And further be it enacted, that no persone or persones, exercisinge the handecrafte or occupation of pauinge within the sayde towne, shall take aboue. i. d. q. for euery yarde square pauinge, or els to take for his dayes laboure. bi. d. and finde him selfe. And if any persone or persons, vsinge and exercising the sayde crafte of pautour within the sayde towne, do or hereafter shall refuse or deny to worke for the wages aboue lymitted, then he or they so refusing, to incurre the penalties compryled in the statute of Winchester made for artificers and labourers, and in all thinges to be ordered and vsed, according to the purport and true meaning of the same.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it also enacted, that if any the inhabitantes, or any other person or persons, be fermers or occupiers of any of the sayde houses, landes, tenementes & other grounded, within the said towne, paying the old and auncient customes to be payed yerely for the same, within. x. yeares past; be compelled to paue and repayre the stretes and highe wayes before their houses tenementes and other grounded and soiles, by force of this act, that then euery such inhabitantes, or other person fermer or occupier therof, shall defalke abate & retaine in his owen handes, as much of his rent or ferme due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue payde layde out and expended in and about the same pauinge and reparations, and the lessoure for so muche money as the same shal amounte vnto, to haue none action reentre or remedy for none payment of the same rent or ferme, onlesse it be otherwise agreed betweene them, vpon the taking of suche lease by indenture or otherwyse.

¶ An act concerning the examination of the Canon lawes by xxxii. persones to be named by the kynges maiestie, during his highnes lyfe. Cap. xvi.

Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the fourthe daye of Februarye, in the seuen and twety yeare of the reigne of oure moste dreade soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the kynges highnes with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in the same parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the kings maiestie should haue ful power & auctoritie, as well alone & after the dissolution of the said parliament at his libertie & pleasure, to name and assigne xxi. persons of the clergy, and xxi. lay persons of the temporaltie. And if any of the same persons so named happened to decease, that then the kinges maiestie should haue power & auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from time to time other in their places, so ofte as the number of the sayde xxxii. persones, to diligently serche and examine the canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouincial and synodal, mencioned and specified in the

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saide acte. And that the said .xxxii. persones, so to be nominated and appointed by his maiestie at al times from thencefoorth for terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of the saide parliament, should haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to time, by the kings commandement, for the due and perfecte execution of the saide acte according to the intentes and true meaning of the same, as in the sayde acte plainely appeareth. Sithence the making of whiche acte diuers vrgent and great causes and matters haue occurred and happened, whereby the sayde nomination and appointment of the sayde .xxxii. persones by the kynges highnes, haue bene omitted, whereby the sayde serche view and examination of the said canons constitutions, ordinaunces, prouinciall and synodall, haue not bene had ne made according to the tenour purport and effecte of the same acte.

Wherefore be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, any acte tofore made to the contrary notwithstanding, that the kynges maiestie shall from henceforthe from tyme to tyme during his highnes life (whiche our lorde long preserue) haue power auctoritie and libertie, to nominate and assigne .xxi. persons of the clergy, and .xxi. lay persones of the temporalitie, to peruse ouersee and examine all maner of canons constitutions ordinaunces prouincial and synodall, and further to set in order and establyshe all suche lawes ecclesiasticall, as shall be thought by the kynges maiestie and them conuenient to be vsed and set forth within his realme and dominions, in all spirituall courtes and conuentions. And if after suche nomination, any of the sayde persones so to be nominated, happen to decease, that then the kynges sayde maiestie shall haue full power and auctoritie, to nominate and assigne from tyme to time, as is aforesaid, other in their places, to supply the number of the sayde .xxxii. persons. And that the sayd .xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie as is aforesayde, at all times from henceforthe shall haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to tyme by the kinges commaundement, for the perfecte establyshement of the saide lawes, according to the due intent and true meaning of this act, and of the prouisions therin, any acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that till such tyme as the kinges maiestie, and the sayde .xxxii. persones haue accomplished and executed the effectes and contentes, afore rehersed and mentioned, that such canons constitutions ordinaunces synodal or prouinciall or other ecclesiasticall lawes or iurisdictions spirituall, as be yet accustomed and vsed here in the churche of Englande, whyche necessaryly and conuenientye are requysite to be putte in vre and execution for the tyme, not beynge repugnante contrariante or derogatory to the lawes or statutes of the realme, nor to the prerogatiues of the regal crowne of the same or any of them, shall be occupied exercised and put in vre for the time within this or any other the kynges maiesties dominions. And that the ministers and due executours

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of them, shall not incurre any damage or daungier for the due execucyng of the forsaide lawes, so that by no colour or pretence of them or any of them, the minister put in vre any thing prejudiciall or in contrary of the regall power or lawes of the realme, any thinge what so euer to the contrary of this present acte not withstanding.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche lawes and ordinaunces ecclesiasticall, as shall be deuised and made by the kinges maiestie and .xxxii. persones afore mencioned by vertue of this presente acte, shall after they be made establysshed and declared by the kinges maiesties proclamation vnder his highnes great seale, be onely taken, reputed and vsed, for the kinges lawes ecclesiasticall of this realme, any acte to the contrary of this statute not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the preseruation of woodes. Cap. xvij.

THe kyng our soueraigne Lorde, perceiuing and right well knowyng the great decaye of tymber and woodes vniuersally within this his realme of England, to be such, that onlesse spedy remedy in that behalfe be prouided, there is great and manifest likelihode of scarcitie and lacke, as wel of timber for building, making, repairing, and maintenyng of houses and shippes, as also for fewel and firewood, for the necessary releefe of the whole cominaltie of this his saide realme, wherfore be it ordeined & enacted by his highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that in and vpon all and singuler seuerall woodes, commonly called copies, woodes or vnder woodes, which frõ or after the feaste of saint Michael the archaungell, whiche shall be in the yeare of our lorde God. M.D. XLIIII. shall be felled at fourtene yeres growing or vnder, there shalbe lefte standing and vnfelled, for euery acre of woode that shall be felled within the sayde copies, twelue standilles or stoyers of oke, and if there be not so many standilles or stoyers of oke, that then there shall be lefte so manye other kynde, that is to saye, of Elme, Asshe, Aspe, or Beche, as shall make vp the sayde nombre of xii. standilles or stoyers, lykelye to proue and to be tymber trees, the same standilles or stoyers, to be of suche standilles or stoyers, as haue ben left there standing at any the felling of the same copies, woodes, or vnderwoodes in tyme past. And in case there be no suche standilles or stoyers there standing, whiche were there lefte at the laste felling of the same copies or vnderwoodes, than the same standilles or stoyers there to be lefte, shall be lefte at this nowe nexte fellinge of the sayde copies, woodes, or vnderwoodes, of suche moste likeliest okes: and if there be not sufficient of okes, then of the moste likeliest elmes, asshe, aspe, or beche, to proue and to be tymber trees, as shall growe within any suche seuerall woodes copies or vnderwoodes, and that the same standilles or stoyers so left, shalbe preserued and not felled or cutte downe, tyll they and euery of them shall be of .v. inches square within three

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foote of the grounde, vpon peyne that euery owner of euery suche standilles and stozers, hauinge an estate of inheritaunce, oz an estate foz terme of lyfe of freholde oz by coppe of court rolle, oz foz yeares in the grounde oz soile, where the same standilles oz stozers shall growe, causing oz commaundinge any suche coppies, woodes, oz vnderwoodes, to be felled oz cut downe, and not leauing the sayd standilles oz stozers there standing in fozme afozesayd, to lose and fozfayte foz euery standill and stozer so not lefte standinge in the said coppies, woodes, oz vnderwoodes. iii. s. iiii. d. And vpon pein that euery owner, as is afozesaid, of any suche coppies, woodes, oz vnderwoodes, causing oz commaunding any of the said standilles oz stozers so left, as is aboue saide, to be cut downe contrary to the fozme of this act, to fozfeyte and lose foz euery of the sayde standilles oz stozers, whiche shalbe cut down, three. s. & foure. d. the one halfe of whiche saide fozfaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lozde, and the other halfe to be to the partie that will sue foz the same in any court of recozde, by action of debte, byll, playnt, oz infozmation, in the whiche action, bill, plainte, and infozmation, no pzotection, wager of lawe, nozessoyne, shall be admitted oz allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitie afozesaide, that all and singular copies and vnderwoodes, whiche after the saide feaste of saint Michell the archangell, shall happen to be felled oz cutte downe, at the age of. xiiii. yeares growethe oz vnder, and not being aboue the said age, from and after the twenty daye of Apzill, nert after the felling thereof, during the terme of foure yeares then nert ensuing, shall be sufficiently enclosed, oz the springes thereof otherwise saued and pzeserued from destruction by anye maner of cattell oz beastes by him oz them, whiche then shall haue lawful interest and possession in the saide woodes, coppies, oz vnderwoodes, as is afozesayde, vppon peyne of euery person oz persones so bounden, to enclose, fence, saue oz pzeserue, the sayde coppies oz vnderwoodes, to fozfayte and lose foz euerye roode thereof so not enclosed, fenced, saued, oz pzeserued, during the said foure yeares. iii. s. iiii. d. foz euery moneth that the same coppies oz vnderwoodes, shall happen to lye oz be vnclosed, not fenced, saued, oz pzeserued, as is afozesayde. And that all and singuler coppies oz vnderwoodes, whiche after the sayde feast of sainte Michell the archaungell, shall happen to be felled oz cut downe, being aboue the age of. xiiii. yeares growthe, and not aboue the age of. xviii. yeres growthe, from the. xx. day of Apzil nert after the felling oz cutting downe therof, during the terme of. vi. yeares nert ensuing the same. xx. day of Apzill, shall be sufficiently inclosed, oz the springes thereof otherwyse saued and pzeserued from the distruction thereof by any maner of cattell oz beestes, by and at the costes of suche, whiche then shall haue lawfull interest and possession in the sayde woodes oz coppies, as is befozesayde, vpon peyne of euery persone oz persones so bounden to enclose, fence, saue, oz pzeserue the sayde coppies oz vnder woodes, as is afozesaid, to fozfaite and lose foz euery roode, so not enclosed, fenced, saued, oz pzeserued, duryng the sayde. vi. yeares. iii. s. iiii. d. foz euery moneth that the same coppies oz vnder woodes shall happen

happen to lye or be vnclosed, and not feared saued or preserued as is aboue sayde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no persone or persons, after the sayd feast of Sainct Michaell tharchangell, shall conuerte or bourne from pasture or tillage, any suche coppice or spridde woodes conteining in quantitie two acres or aboue, whether the woodes or vnderwoodes, and put or reserued to the vse or encrease of woode or vnderwoode, and being two furlong distant from the house of the owner thereof, or from the house wherunto the sayd woode doth lye, appertayne or belonge, sufficient to satisfye and lose for euery acre of woode, so to be conuerted or tourned from woode into pasture or tillage as is.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this act shall not extende to any copies, woodes or vnderwoodes, disforested or tourned into tillage aforesayde, within xx. yeres last past, although the more parte of any part thereof be, or were ouergrowen with bushes or vnderwoode.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, which be or shall be owners of any seuerall woodes or copies growing and set or to be set and growe, being aboue the age of xxiiij. yeres growne, that at the fellinge be reserued vpon the same, leaue standing within the precinct of the sayd perambulacions, for euery acre so sold all sortes of timber sise aforesayde, such quantitie of trees as is or shall be as many trees of the three sortes before, and for lacke of them two trees for euery acre so sold, of any other trees of nature, value, or sise as shall make the full number of xxiiij. of the sayd three sortes at the least amongst euery of the same trees there so left to stande continue and to be preserued by such owner or owners as aforesayde, during the space of xxiiij. yeares next after such fellinge of the same woodes. And also shall from the xxv. daye of Aprill, next after the fellinge thereof, leaue the same so vnfelled, or other trees growing, sufficient for stauelles, as the same shall stande by the statute in that behalfe made and prouided for the preseruation thereof by any meanes to be sold or otherwise disposed, vpon euery such grounde or pasture, for bodies and stauelles, as aforesayde, hauing regarde of the same growe, and not to be vnderstanded to the sayde woodes to be felled, but that the owner thereof may vse and dispose the same at his pleasure, and also to leaue standing for euery such great tree so felled, two other trees, as is aforesayde, to be cut downe and taken to the vse of the owner of the same great trees so left, which shall be to all intentes and purposes as effectually done, as if the same great trees so left, were also felled. And vpon paine also to lose and forfeite for euery xx. acres of such great woode so not enclosed saued or preserued as aforesayde, during the sayd space of xxiiij. yeres, for euery acre xl. s. [illegible]

¶ Prouided also that it shall be lawfull to euery person or persons owners of any of the sayde coppices woodes and vnderwoodes, standing or growing within

woodes and treesaforesaid, to fell, cut downe, and take any of the same for building, repairing, enclosing and mainteining of houses, orchiardes and gardeins, and every of them, and for paling, rayling, or enclosinge of parkes, foxes, chases or other grounds, & for making or repairing of water wo[r]kes, dampes, bridges, sludgates, mudding, repairing, or mendinge of shippes or all other vessells, and for all other thinges concerning their owne vses or affaires, in suche like maner and fourme as he or they should or might lawfully have done before the makinge of this acte, any thing in this present acte before vnprouided to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone or persones, whiche after the xxix daye of Iune aforesaid, shall haue any woodes, or vnderwoodes, whether any other person or persones shall thereof haue will, sale or not of suche woodes, to sell or cause to be sold any timber trees, or other trees, growing or being vpon the said woodes and vnderwoodes, there growing or being, or that shall growe or be in any the same woodes or vnderwoodes, aforesaid, to any person or persones, but all such trees as hereafter by this acte be limited and appointed to be reserued, vpon the said woodes and vnderwoodes, where the said woodes do lye and be grow, or within the pale of the parke of the said grounde of Eyshe, wherevpon suche woodes or vnderwoodes shall and growe, shall amount vnto, shall be by the lorde and owner of the same trees, or the said grounde or Eyshe, bought, sold, or otherwise bargained, sette or enclosed in manner and fourme as by this acte hereafter shall be declared, in payne and penalty for euery such offence to forfeite and lose the double value of the said trees, to be recouered by suche meanes and waies as hereafter in this acte shall be declared.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the said lorde of the said grounde or Eyshe, shall cause to be marked, sette and reserued, of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, standing and growing vpon the said grounde or Eyshe, xxx standerdes of timber trees, of the beste and most profitable for timber, and not decayed, to be left standing and growing vpon the said grounde or Eyshe, for euery acre of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, and of no more nor lesse, in such sorte and maner as hereafter in this acte is declared and appointed, that is to say, xv standerdes of the beste and most profitable for timber, and not decayed, of the age of xl yeares or vnder, and xv standerdes of the beste and most profitable for timber, and not decayed, of the age of lx yeares or vnder, and not aboue, and no more nor lesse, to be reserued and left standing vpon euery acre of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, and that the said xxx standerdes, and euery of them, shall be marked, sette and reserued, by the discretion of foure honest and lawfull men, whereof two to be chosen by the lorde of the said grounde or Eyshe, or his bailiffe, and two by the tenaunte or tenaunts of the said grounde or Eyshe, or their bailiffe, if the lorde or owner of the said grounde or Eyshe, or his bailiffe, or the tenaunte or tenaunts of the said grounde or Eyshe, or their bailiffe, will not or refuse to make choise of two honest and lawfull men, to marke, sette and reserue the said xxx standerdes, and euery of them, vpon euery acre of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, that then two honest and lawfull men, to be chosen by the bailiffe of the hundred, where the said woodes and vnderwoodes lye and growe, or by the bailiffe of the franchise, where the said woodes and vnderwoodes lye and growe, if the said woodes and vnderwoodes lye and growe within any franchise, shall marke, sette and reserue the said xxx standerdes, and euery of them, vpon euery acre of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, in such sorte and maner as is aforesaid, if the said lorde or owner of the said grounde or Eyshe, or his bailiffe, or the tenaunte or tenaunts of the said grounde or Eyshe, or their bailiffe, will not or refuse to make choise of two honest and lawfull men, to

saide two iustices shalbe thought mete and conuenient. And vppon or after the apparaunce of the same lordes, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or the more parte of them, the same iustices shall open and declare vnto the same lorde, owner, commoners and inhabitauntes, the cause of their assemblie and apparaunce: and that done, shall by the aduised and assent of the said lorde, owners, commoners and inhabitauntes, or their lawefull deputie or deputies, or of the more parte of theym, effectually proceede to the seuerynge, deuidinge, meating and bounding of the sayde fourth parte of the sayde woodes and vnderwoodes, or of so muche thereof, as shall amount to the fourth parte thereof. And if the same iustices, owners commoners and inhabitantes, or the more parte of them, can not or will not agree vppon the diuision bounding or setting out of the saide fourth parte thereof, as is afore sayde: that than the sayde iustices shall haue full power and auctorite by this act, to seuer, deuyde and set out by mete and bounde, the fourth parte of the said woodes and vnderwoodes, or so muche therof vnder the same fourth part of the saide woodes and vnderwoodes, as shal by the discretions and wisedomes of the saide iustices, be thought necessary and requisite to limit and set out: And within the moneth next after such seuerance and setting forth thereof, the owner or owners of the same woodes or vnderwoodes; in forme afore declared, shall sufficientlye inclose the same parte of the sayde grounde or soyle, so set forth as is aforesaid, and after suche enclosure made, the sayde owner of the sayde woodes or vnderwoodes, may at his libertie and pleasure, fell cut downe, and take the said woodes and vnderwoodes, being or that shalbe in or vpon the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes, grounde or soyle so set forth, or any part therof.

Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that there shalbe lefte standing and vnfelled in and vpon the sayde parte of euery the same woodes or vnder woodes, grounde or soyle, so seuered, bounded & set out distinctly in maner and fourme as is afore sayd, at euery felling thereof, suche and like number of standils or stores of young ones or other younge trees of elme, asshe, aspe, or beeche, if it be copies or vnderwoodes, which shall be so felled or cutte downe. And if the woodes, that shall be felled, shalbe great trees or great woodes, then suche number shall be lefte standinge of great trees, in or vpon the sayde parte to all intentes constructions and purposes, and vpō like & the same penalties as is before limitted and appointed for not leauing reseruing & preserueing of standils and stores abo ue appointed to be left standing in seuerall woodes and grounded. And that the sayde parte or parcell so seuered, bounden and set out in maner and fourme aforesaid, after euery felling or cutting downe of the coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes for the time being in or vpon the same, by the auctorite of this act, shalbe sufficiently enclosed and fenced, and the enclosure thereof sufficiently and continually kepte, made, repayred, preserued, and mayntayned by the space of. vii. yeares next after euery felling thereof, in like maner and forme to all intentes and purposes, and vpon the same and like penes and penal-

ties as is before limitted, rehersed and appointed, for the not closynge or fensyng, and for the not keeping, maintayning, repayring and preseruing of the sayd seueral coppyes vnderwoods and woods. And also that the standils, storers and great trees limitted and appointed to be left standinge in, or vppon the sayde parte, shalbe there left standinge, preserued and not cut downe in suche like maner and fourme, and by all suche tyme, and vppon suche like penalties to all intentes and purposes, as is afore limitted, appointed, and declared for the preseruation and not felling of the said standils, storers, and great trees lymitted and appointed to be left in, and vpon the sayde seuerall coppies, vnderwoodes and woodes. And that after the said felling of ỳ sayd coppies, vnderwoodes and woods, standing growing, or being, or that shal stande, growe, or be in any such part of any the sayde woodes, groundes or places as is before declared, no beastes or cattell, duringe the space of vii. yeares nexte after the fellinge of the same woodes shall willingly, by anye personne or persons, be put in, or shalbe suffred to feede or to continue in anye parcell of any such parte so set forth as is aforesaide, duringe the sayde terme of vii. yeres next after the felling therof, vpon peyne of forfayture and penalty of iiii. d. for the putting in of euery beast, or wilful suffring of euery beast or cattel to be put into any of ỳ sayd seueral copies, vnderwoods or woods.

¶ And if it shall happen anye personne or persons beinge owner or owners of any such woodes, vnderwoodes or coppies, set, lying, and beinge in anye waste ground as is aforesaid to cut downe any trees or vnderwoodes, contrary to the forme aforesayde: that then euerye person or persons owner or owners, so offending contrary to this acte, shal lose and forfeit for euery tree so cut downe vi. s. viii. d. the one halfe of all the said forfaytures to be to oure soueraigne lorde the king, and the other moytie to such person that wil sewe for the same by bill, plaint, action of det, or information in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which suite no protection, wager of law, or essoyn shal be allowed nor admitted.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the authoritye aforesayde, that for asmuch as the sayd tenantes, commoners and inhabitantes, shalbe by auctority of this act excluded of their commune in the sayd part so to be seuered and set forth as is aforesaid, by al the sayd space and terme of vii. yeares next after the felling or cutting downe of the sayd coppyes, woodes and vnderwoodes, that shal growe in or vpon the same part from time to time, that in recompence thereof the same commoners tenauntes & inhabitauntes shall and may vse, take, and haue they' cõmune for their cattell, wythin ỳ residue of the said woodes, vnderwoods, grosid & soyle, not being inclosed, in maner and forme as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made. And that the lord beinge owner of the sayd grounde or soyle, shalbe by the auctoritye of this acte excluded and forclosed, to put or haue anye cattell or beastes in or vppon the same residue, or to take anye profit of the pasture in or vpon the sayd residue, during and by all the sayd terme and time of vii. yeres next after the fellinge or cutting downe of the sayde coppyes, woodes, or vnderwoodes, beinge or

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growyng, or that shalbe, or growe in or vpon the sayde parte, which shalbe so seuered, deuided, set out, bounded and inclosed, as is aforesayde. And that from and after the sayd vii. yeares erpyred and ended, vntil the next fellinge or cutting downe of the sayd coppyes, woodes or vnder woods, being vpon the sayd part, being so seuered & deuided as is aforesaid, aswel the same part as the sayd residue of the sayd ground & soile, shall lye & be vsed in commune, and the pasture and other profites thereof, shal and may be vsed and taken, aswell by the lorde being owner of the said grounde or soyle, as by the sayd tenantes, commeners and inhabitantes, in like maner, forme and condition, as it should or ought to haue bene before the making of this act, & as if this acte had neuer bene had or made: any thing in this acte contayned to ỹ contrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also that it shalbe lawfull to euerye person and persons to fell and to enclose all theyr coppyes woodes and vnderwoodes in anye waste grounds, which before the making of this acte haue bene vsed to be enclosed preserued and kept for the maintenance of wood & vnderwood, anye thinge in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And whereas peraduenture the Lord or owners of the forsayd woods and vnderwoodes, after that they haue enclosed and felled the fourth part thereof, or asmuch of the same as shalbe to them limitted and assigned by ỹ sayd Justices of peace or commoners, will not, nor do not fel the same woodes and vnderwoodes so enclosed or to be enclosed, but suffer the same to stand and growe, whereby the cõmoners, who ought to haue theyr cõmune of pasture wythin the same part so enclosed, shall lose and be put from theyr sayd cõmune therein: Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritye aforesaid, ỹ if the same part of wood and vnderwood so enclosed, be not felled within viii. monethes nexte after the enclosinge thereof: That then and so longe as the same woodes shall not be felled, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde commoners, to put their cattel into the same wood and ground so enclosed, and that the owner thereof shal leaue open conuenient places, wythin ỹ same enclosure, wherby the cõmoners beastes may haue accesse & come into the same wood so enclosed, and there to pasture and feede, as longe as the same woode shall stand and be vnfelled, any thing contayned in this acte to the contrary notwythstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by auctoritye aforesayd, that this acte ne any thyng therin conteyned or expressed, extende or be preiudiciall to any of the lordes or owners of the woodes, vnderwoodes or woodlandes growynge or beinge within any of the townes parishes or places commonlye called or known to be wythin the weldes of the countyes of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, or of any of them, other then to onlye the comm̃ woodes growyng & being wythin any of the sayd weldes of the sayd countyes of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex: any thyng in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this present acte or any thyng therein contayned,

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shall not extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull, or extende to charge any person or persones, whiche before the feaste of saint Michael the archaungell, in the xxxiiii. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the. viii. haue bargayned and boughte woodes or great trees, growyng in any the same woodes, for or concerning the felling or cutting downe of the same woodes or trees, or not leauynge of any standilles or stoyers of and in the same, according to the tenour of this present acte: any thing penaltie or forfeyture in this present acte conteined to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or anye thinge therein conteined, shall not extende to charge any person or persones with any penaltie or penalties conteined in this present acte, for or concerning any tymber trees growing within two miles of the sea, in the county of Cornewal or any other timber trees within the realme, being seare and dead in the toppes, or anye tymber trees to be taken by vertue of the kynges highnes commission within the realme, or for or concerning any offence done contrary to the tenour of this acte: onelesse the same persone or persons offending this acte, be sued for the same within one yeare next after the same offence committed or done: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any persone or persones do breake or destroy any seuerall fences or hedges, made or to be made for the sauing of the same woodes, underwoodes, grotides or spyles, that euery persone so offending shall forfeyte and lose for euery suche offence x.s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons suffer his swyne, being of the age of ten weekes or aboue, during such yeares as the said woodes be appointed and ordeined by this acte to be enclosed, at any time after the first day of August next comming, to go or runne in any common or seuerall ground or woodes, onelesse the same swyne be sufficiently ringed or pegged, that then the owner or owners of euery suche swyne shall forfeite and lose for euery suche his swyne, that shall so go or runne in any the sayde grounds, woodes, or underwoodes and not being sufficiently ringed or pegged as is afore said, from and after the sayde first day of August next coming. viii d. the one half of all & euery the said forfaiture, if it be in any of the kynges woodes or grounds, to be to his highnes, and the other to the finder thereof. And if it be within any other persone or persones sayde grounds, woodes or underwoodes, then the one halfe of all and euery the same forfaitures to be to the owners of the soyle, and the other part thereof to be to him that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, action, information, or other wyse in any court of record, wherein no wager of law, essoyne or protection shalbe allowed nor admitted.

¶ Prouided alwaye that where any woodes or underwoodes, shall after the saide feast of saint Michael the archaungel, be felled or cut downe in any parke or grounde inclosed, wherein any deere shalbe then kepte, that the owner

ner or owners, possessioner or possessioners of suche parke and parkes or groundes inclosed for dere, to be chargeable for the enclosure and preseruation of the same, as is aforesaid, but onely for the space of iiii. yeres after any such tyme of felling or cutting downe of the same coppies, woodes or vnderwoodes, and not aboue: anye thing contayned in this acte to the contrarye thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that if the enclosure or enclosures of anye of the sayde coppies, woodes, vnderwoodes or groundes, happen to be broken or pulled downe by anye personne or personnes against the willes and mindes of the owner or owners possessioner or possessioners of the same woodes or vnderwoodes, whereby cattel or beastes escape into the same woodes, groundes, or vnderwoodes, and dystroye or hurte the spринge thereof, or if the same woodes, grounds, or vnderwoodes be by any meanes destroyed, hurted, or hindred, by any maner of person or persons, or by the cattell or beastes of any person or persons wythoute the assents, minds, and wylles of such owner or owners, possessour or possessours: that then and in euery such case the sayd penaltyes contayned in this acte, to be extended vpon the same person or persons, in or by whose defaute the same spring, wood, or vnderwood shalbe so destroyed, hurted or hindred, and not vppon the owner or owners possessour or possessours of the sayde woodes, grounds, or vnderwoodes, any thing contained in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull to euery owner and owners, possessour and possessours, theyr fermours and assignes of al and singular the sayd woods, vnderwoodes, groundes and coppies, after such time as the same woods, vnderwoodes, groundes, and copppes; haue bene fensed and inclosed, or the spryng therof otherwyse preserued by the space of two yeares nert after the fellinge thereof, to put coltes and calues, beinge vnder the age of one yeare, into the sayd woodes, vnderwoodes, groundes and copppes, any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse not wythstanding.

¶ And this present acte and actes to endure onely by the space of vii. yeares nert after the sayd feast of S. Michel tharchangell: and from thence vntill the ende of the nert Parlyament.

Thomas Berthelet regius impressor excudebat.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPRIMENDVM SOLVM.

Thomas Berdelet regius impressor excudebat.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPRI-
MENDVM SOLVM.

An Acte concerning the kynges generall pardon. Capi. xxiij.

THe kynges moste royall maieſtie, prudentlye conſyderynge, that albeit hys hyghnes of hys moſt excellent pitie benignitie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercyfully and liberally hath graunted hys moſt free and generall pardon to all and ſyngulet hys ſubiectes, by the whyche hys maieſtie hath remitted and releaſed innumerable and ineſtimable ſubſtance and profyttes, which he mought haue lawfully had and taken by the lawes and cuſtomes of this his realme, truſtinge by his often remiſſion pardon and mercy inſtilled to his ſubiectes, to allure offendours from vice to vertue, and that they wold put theyr diligent deuoyrs, to amend and reſourme theyr abuſes: yet neuertheleſſe his louinge and obedient ſubiectes, ſithens his laſte moſt gracious and lyberall pardon to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties loſſes forfeytures and damages, wherof none or fewe of them are able to make ful recompence or condigne ſatiſfaction to this hyghnes, if his maieſtie ſhuld proceede againſt them by due courſe of his lawes, truſtyng that now from henſeforth they wyl eftſones amend and beware the incurring of the foreſayde dangers and perilles, ſeynge they haue had ſo many admonitions and gentle warnynges, and perceyuyng alſo the great ſeale and affection, whyche hys louing ſubiectes beare vnto hym and his dignitie royall, as by many waies in this preſent parliament they haue declared and ſhewed. In conſideration wherof, and truſting as afore, the kynges hyghnes to ſhewe vnto his louynge ſubiectes, that he bothe can and will conſider whan he is both kindly and louingly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare alſo his tender loue and affection, which he beareth vntoo his nobilitie and ſubiectes, accordyng to his accuſtomable goodnes, is contented and pleaſed at this time to extende his pitie mercy and benignitie to al and ſingular his ſubiectes of this his realme of Engländ, Wales, the yles of Jernſey and Garnſey Berwike and Caleys and the marches of the ſame, by waye of his free pardon and remiſſion, as hereafter foloweth, rather coueting their amendmentes by gentle and merciſull meanes, than to be enriched by theyr euyll deedes and offences. And for that his ſaid free pardon to be had take and enioyed to and by them and euery of them, by vertue of this preſent act, his grace is fully and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to ſaye: That al and euery of his ſaid ſubiectes as well ſpiritual as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the ſayde yles of Jernſey and Garnſey, Berwike and Caleys and the marches of the ſame, the heyres ſucceſſours executours and adminiſtratours of them and euerye of them, and all and ſyngular bodyes in any maner of wyſe corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, ridinges, hundredes

lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythinges and euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhalbe by auctoritye of this preſente parliament acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged againſt the kinges highnes, his heyres, ſucceſſours, executours, and euery of them, of all maner treaſons, felonyes, robberyes, offences, contemptes, treſpaſes, wronges, diſceites miſdemeanours, forfeytures, penaltyes and profittes, ſummes of money, peines of death, peynes corporall and pecuniarye, and generally of all other thinges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgementes and executions, in this preſente acte hereafter not excepted nor forpriſed, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyſe or by anye meane pardoned before, and vnto the xiiii. daye of January, in the xxxv. yeare of his moſt graceous reigne, to euery or any of his ſaid ſubiectes, bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, ridings, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages and tythinges or any of them.

¶ And alſo the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritye of this preſente parliamente, that his ſaide free pardon ſhall be as good and effectual in the lawe to euery of his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies corporate and other before reherſed, and to euery of them, by the ſaid generall wordes before reherſed, in and againſt all thinges which be not hereafter in this preſent acte excepted, as the ſame pardon ſhoulde haue bene of al offences, contemptes, forfaytures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had bene particularye, ſingularye, ſpecialye and plainlye, named reherſed and ſpecifyed, and alſo pardoned by proper and expreſſe wordes and names in their kinds, natures and qualityes by wordes & termes thereunto requiſite, to haue bene put and expreſſed in this preſente acte of free pardon. and that his ſayde ſubiectes, nor anye of theym or the heyres executours and adminiſtratours of any of them, nor any of the ſayd bodyes corporate, and others before named or any of them, be or ſhalbe ſued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or catteles, for any maner matter cauſe, contempte, miſdemeanour, forfaiture treſpas, offence, or any other thing ſuffred done or cõmitted before the ſaid xiiii. day of January, againſt his highnes his crowne, dignitye, prerogatiue, lawe or ſtatutes, but onlye for ſuch matters, cauſes, and offences, as be plainlye reherſed in the exceptions in this preſente acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other, anye ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſes, or preſident hereafter had, made, or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandinge.

Alſo the kynges highnes of hys bounteous liberalitye, by auctoritye of this preſent parliamente, graunteth and freely gyueth to euerye of his ſayde ſubiectes and to euerye of the ſayde bodyes corporate and other before reherſed and to euery of them, all ſuch forfaytures and ſummes of money by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or ſhould belong or appertain by reaſon of any offence, cõtempt, treſpas miſdemeanour, matter cauſe or quarell, ſuffered, done or committed by them or any of them, before the ſayd xiiii.

daye of Januarye, which be not hereafter plainlye forprysed or excepted in this present acte. And all and euerye the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singular bodyes corporate and other before reherſed, maye by hym or theym selues, or his or theyr deputye or deputies, or by his or theyr atturneye or atturneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this presente acte of free pardon, for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, gyuen or graunted, wythout any fee or other thing in anye wyse payinge to anye person or persons for writinge or entre of the iudgemente or other cause concerninge such plea, writinge or entre, but onely xii.d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shall enter the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the parties discharge in ỹ behalfe: any statute or vse to the contrary notwythstanding.

¶ And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliamente, that this his sayde free pardon, by the generall wordes before reherſed, shal be reputed deemed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his, and els where, in al and singular clauses wordes and sentences mentioned and reherſed in this sayde free pardon, most beneficiallye and auayliablye to all and singular his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, and moste stronglye in barre and discharge against his highnes hys heyres, successours & executours, in euery thing wythout anye obstacle, ambiguitye, chalenge or other delaye whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, obiected, or alledged by the king our soueraigne lord, his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his, or any of their general attourney or attourneys, or by any person or persons, for his highnes or anye of his heyres, successours, or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliament, that if anye officer or clerke of anye of his highnes courtes, commonlye called the kinges benche, chauncerye, and common place, or of his eschequer, or anye other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes, wythin this Realme, at anye time after the fyrſt daye of Maye next commynge, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God M.D.xliii. make out or wryte out any maner writs or other processe, or any erretes, sommons or other precepts, wherby any of the said subiectes, or any of the sayd bodies corporate, or other before reherſed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, somoned or otherwise vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or catelles or in any of the, for or because of any maner thinge pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon. Then he so offending, and thereof lawfully condemned, shal pelte and pay for recompense thereof to the partye so greued or offended, treble damages, accompted as parcels of these damages al costes of the suite: And neuertheles all and singular such writtes, proces, erretes and precepts, so to be made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Excepte and alwayes forpryſed oute of this generall free pardon, all and all maner of hereſies and erronious opinions, and all maner of ſuche highe treasons committed or done by any perſon or perſons, by anye ouert deede wrytinge or printing, only againſt the kinges and the Queenes moſt royall perſons, or either of them, the heyres and ſucceſſours of his maieſtye or any of theim, and all inſurrections, rebellions, conſpiracies and confederacies, traiterouſly had, committed, deuiſed or done by any perſon or perſons againſt the kinges perſonne or this his realme. And alſo excepted all treaſons committed or done by any perſon or perſons by colour of any pretence to the intent to deprine the kinges maieſtye of his title of ſupreme hed of the church of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them. And alſo excepted al maner of treaſons committed or done by any perſon or perſons in the parties beyond the ſea, or in anye other place oute of the kinges dominions, and all ſuites punithementes, executions, peynes of death forfeytures and penaltyes, for or by reaſon or occaſion of anye of the hereſyes or treaſons afore excepted. And alſo excepted and forpryſed oute of the ſaide pardon, all offences and contemptes committed and done by any perſon or perſonnes againſte the ſtatute or ſtatutes of prouiſion and premunire, or againſte anye of the ſame ſtatutes, and all forfeytures, profittes and utyes that maye growe or come to the kinges highnes by reaſon of the ſame. And alſo excepted all prepenſed and voluntarye murders, all kindes of voluntarye and wilfull poyſoning of any perſon or perſons, and all offences concerninge the abhominable vice of buggerye. And all and ſingular burgularyes of houſes and Churches, and al robberyes of goodes in Churches or Churche. Al robberies done vppon or to wemnes perſonnes, all rapes and carnal rauiſhmentes of women, all wilfull and felonious burninge of houſes, all wilfull eſcapes, as well of heretykes traytours and felons, as of clerkes atteinted. And alſo excepted all felonyes and robberyes againſt the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, of felonious taking or ſtealing of any money, goodes or cattelles aboue the value of xl.s. And alſo excepted all and ſingular acceſſaryes of or to the ſaide offences before excepted, and to euerye of them or any of them. And alſo excepted all atteinders and vtlaries of hereſyes, treaſons, murders, robberies and burgularies, and alſo of felonyes aboue the ſumme of xl.s. promulged or had againſt any perſon or perſons.

And alſo excepted all offences committed or done by anye conjuration nygramācy witchcraftes ſorcery or inchaunmentment cōtrary to ỳ fourme of anye the ſtatutes in that caſe prouided: And all offences done by dygging downe or caſting downe of anye croſſe or croſſes. And alſo excepted al maner of prophecying vpon declaration of names armes badges or other thinges contrary to the ſtatute in that caſe prouided. And alſo excepted all riottes, routes, and vnlawfull aſſembles committed or done aboue the nomber of xii. perſonnes. And alſo excepted all maner of alienations and gyftes into mortmayne or to the vſe of any maner of mortmayne, without the kinges lycence. And all maner of takinge the ſame riotes, ſummes,

and profittes of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of anye traytour, murderer, felon, clerke or clerkes attainted, persons outlawed, and fugitiues, or of anye of them. And also excepted all treasure trouue, and all intrusions had, made or done in any manours, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes. And also excepted all wastes of the kynges woodes, in anye of his forestes, parkes, chaces and els where, and all offences against vert and venyson, in any of the kinges forestes, parkes or chaces, contrary to the statute or statutes thereof had or made. And al wastes committed and done in any of the kinges wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of anye of the kinges committees. And also excepted all forfeytures of mariage, and all offences of vsurye and corrupte bargaynes. And also all concelementes of customes and subsidies, and of all and singuler accomptantes. And also excepte all and singular dettes due to the kinges highnes, or to anye other to his vse. And also excepte all enclosures and decapes of houses of husbandry made, done, committed or permitted contrary to the fourme & effect of anye estature or estatutes heretofore made, and all issues, profittes, amerciamentes, fynes and other penaltyes, whiche nowe be due for anye suche enclosure or decayes. And also excepted all maner of raisinges, interlinings, embesilinge and withdrawinge of any record in any of the kynges courtes against the fourme of the statute in that case prouided.

¶ And also excepted all maner of vnlawful claymes, vsurpations, vser abuser and not vser of anye liberties, fraunchises, priuileges and iurisdictions, whereof or for the which anye writ or suite of Quo warranto is nowe depending in any of the kinges courtes. And also excepted and forprised al offences committed suffered or done by any person or persons against the fourme of the statute or statutes of sewers and bedels. And also excepte all and singular alienations wythout licence, of anye manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king in chiefe: and al raushmentes and withholdinges of the kinges wardes, and wardes landes, at anye time come or growen to the kinges handes, and not yet discharged.

¶ And also excepted all accomptes, and all actions suites & impetitions for the same. And all arrerages of accomptes and dettes due for the same, and all detayning and wythholdinge from the kinges highnes of any of his goodes or catteles. And also excepte all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all escapes of clerkes attainted, and al homages and reliefes, rentes, seruices and arrerages of the same not done or payed.

¶ And also excepted all dettes which were due to the moste noble kinge of famous memory kinge Henry the seuenth, or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation or other wyse.

¶ And also all and singuler those forfaytures beinge due to oure soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viii. by anye penaltye, statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudgement or by agreement of the offendour or offendours.

¶ And also excepted all forfaitures and other penalties and profites gro-

wertor due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, whereof any seasure is made, or any information is geuen in the kynges eschekier, or anye suite or action commensed in the same eschekier, or in the kynges benche, common place, or in the sterre chamber, or whereof the kynges highnes by his bill signed or otherwyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignemente to anye person or persons.

¶ And also excepted all tithes fines and amerciamentes assered, taxed, set, extreted, or iudged seuerallye or particularlye, extendinge to anye summe or summes of money.

¶ And also excepted and forprised oute of this generall and free pardon all such persons as the sayd xiiii. daye of Januarye or after, and before the xxii. daye of Marche, in the yeare of oure Lorde God. M. D. xlvi. were or be in prison within the towre of London, or elis where for anye maner offence of heresye or highe treason. And also excepted all and euery such personne and persons as haue bene heretofore excepted and forprised by name or names in any general pardon, or in any other pardon geuen or graunted by our sayde soueraigne lord the king.

¶ And also excepted all such personne and persons, which haue heretofore fledde for their offences of heresye or highe treason out of this realme of Englande, or other the kinges dominions of the same.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritye of this presente parliament, that all and euery personne and persons, which haue tended or ought to sue liuery out of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the kinges handes, of any manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his or theyr liuery and liueryes out of our sayd soueraigne lorde the kinges handes, for his or their manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, any article acte or actes, thing or thinges, in this presente acte of generall and free pardon comprysed and specifyed to the contrarye notwythstandinge.

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STATVTES MADE IN the parliament, holde at westminster in the xxxvij. yere of the moste renoumed Henry the eyght, by the grace of God kinge of Englād Fraunce, and Irelande, defender of the faithe, and of the churche of England and also of Irelande, in earth Supreme head.

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WHere before this time the lorde Chauncellour of Englād for the time being, hath by reason of his office of the chācellourshyp, the nominacīō and appointmēt of the Custos rotulorum within al & euerie shire of this realm of Englād and Wales and other the kings dominiōs, marches & territories of the same, & that in like maner al and euery persons, which had had & enioyed the said office of ỳ Custos rotulorū, hath had vntil now late the nominacīō and appointment of the clerke of ỳ peace w̄ in such shires wher he or they had & enioyed the said office of the Custos rotulorum. And where now of late diuers & sūdri persons within this realme, being not lerned nor yet mete ne able for lacke of knowledge & learninge to occupie & exercise the said offices of the Custos rotulorum, & of ỳ clerkeshyp of ỳ peace haue of late yeres by labour, frendshyp, & meanes attained & gottē for terme of their liues of the kinges maiestie, seuerall grantes by his highnes letters patentes to them made of the said clerkeshyps of the peace. By reason wherof, and for that the parties to whome the said seuerall grauntes haue bene so made and graunted, haue not bene sufficiently learned to exercise and occupie the same office and offices, many and sundry inditementes as well of felonie, murder, and other offences and mildemeanours, and the proces awarded vpon the same enditmentes, haue not only bene by reason therof made clerelye frustrat and voide sometime by reason of the negligent ingrossinge and kepinge of the said inditementes, & sometime by reason of the imbeselinge or rasure of the same inditementes, but also diuers and sundry bargaines and sales of diuers and sundrie manoures landes and tenementes had and mad betwen partie and partie, haue bene made frustrate and voide, for lacke of sufficient enrollemente of the bargeines and sales to be had and made bye the clerkes of the peace, to the greate hinderaunce of Justice, and to the disinheritaunce of diuers of the kinges most loving subiectes.

¶For reformacion whereof, to the intente that iustice may be the better hereafter preferred, and that the same offices maie hereafter bee occupied and exercised bye suche persons, learned in the lawes of this realme, as shalbe able to exercise and supplie the same: Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, withe the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and of the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctoritis of the same, that no person or persones shall frome henssorthe bee nominated and appointed to the saide office and offices of the Custos rotulorume within anye shire of this realme of Englande Wales and other the kinges dominions marches or territories of the same, but suche as shall haue a bill signed with the kinges hande for the same, whiche byll signed

shalbe a sufficient warrant by the auctoritie aboue saide, to the saide lorde chauncellour of England, and lorde keper of the greate seale, for the time being, to make from time to time commission or commissions, assignynge and autorisinge thereby the same person to be Custos Rotulorum, vntill the kinge hath by an other bill assigned with his owne hende, appointed and ordeined one other person to haue occupie and exercise the same office of the Custos rotulorum, and that the said person appointed and assigned to be Custos Rotulorum, as is aboue saide, shalle and maye occupie exercise and enioye the same office of the Custos Rotulorum by him selfe or by his sufficient deputie, lerned in the lawes of this realme, and mete and able to supply the saide office accordinge to the tenour of the saide graunte or commission.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament that euerie Custos Rotulorum for the time beinge, shall at all times hereafter in euerye shyre of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions marches and territories of the same, nominate elect appoint and assigne all and euerie person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be clerkes of the peace within anie of the said shires of this realme of England, Wales and other the kinges dominions marches and territories of the same, and to geue and graunte the same office and offices of the clerkeshippe of the peace to such able person instructed in the lawes of this realme, as shal be able to exercise and occupie the same, to holde and enioye the same duringe the time that the saide Custos rotulorum shalle occupie and exercise the foresaide office of Custos rotulorum: so that the saide clerke demeane him in the saide office iustly and honestly. And that it be lawfull to euerie suche grauntes of the saide clerkeship to occupie and enioye the same office of the clerkeship of the peace by him selfe, or by his sufficiēt deputie, instructed in the lawes of this realme, so that the same deputie be admitted taken and reputed by the said Custos rotulorum, to be sufficient and able to exercise occupie keape and enioye the same office of the clerkeshippe of the peace.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by thauctoritie aboue saide, that all suche as nowe haue anie of the saide offices of Custos rotulorum or clerkeship of the peace, by the kinges letters patentes of commissione to them made, shall and maie enioye haue and exercise their saide offices by vertue of the same letters patentes or commission by them selfe or by their sufficient and able deputie, instructed in the lawes of this realme. Anie thing in this present acte had or made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and bee it enacted by auctoritie aboue saide, that the archebishop of yorke, the bishop of Durham, the bishop of Elye and euerye of their successours, and all and euerie suche person and persounes, corporacions and bodies corporated, to whome the kinges maiestie or anie of his noble progenitours by his or theire letters patentes, haue geuen and

granted anie libertie and auctoritie, or otherwise haue auctoritie by other lawfull meanes or waies to ordeine make and constitute anie of the sayde officers of Custos rotulorum or clerke of the peace within anie countie palentine or other place, shall and maie haue and enioye the same libertie & auctoritie, accordinge as they haue had & enioyed the same, anie thing in this presente acte had or made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte for the partition of Hounsloo Heathe. Cap. ii.

WHere the kinges maiestie is at this presente seysed of one estate of inheritaunce of the waste grounde and soyle commonly called Hounsloo heathe, conteining in it selfe foure thousande twoe hundreth foure score thirtene acres and one roode, lyinge and extendinge into the fieldes parishes and hamlettes of Isleworth Brainford ende, Twitenham, Heston, Feltham, Harlington, Crayneford, Harmondesworthe, Stanwell, Hanworth, Bedfount, Hampton, Hounsloo, and Todington in his graces Countie of Midd. His highnesse moste prudentlie consideringe, that as the barrennesse and infertilitie therof by wante of diligence and industrie of men necessarilie requited for the amendement or maintenaunce of anie grounde, that shall bring forth his fruite, breedeth as well scarcitie and lacke of all maner of graine, grasse, woodde and other necessarie thinges amonges his graces subiectes the inhabytances of the said parishes, as also is the verie originall mother and continuall nurse of derthe of thinges amonges his people dwellinge in the confines of the same: Euen so the conuersion therof into tillage and seuerall pasture, by meanes labour and peines, besides that it shall be an exile of idlenesse in those parties, muste of necessitie cause and bring forth to all his saide subiectes plentie and abundaunce of all the thinges abone remembred. And albeit his highnesse might iustlie by the auncient lawes of this his realme approue to his owne peculiar profite and aduauntage a great parte of the same waste and heath, neuertheles his maiestie most graciously tenderinge more the common weale of his subiectes there, than the aduauncement of his owne commoditie, hath not all vnely at dede to his greate costes and charges caused diuers of his counsell, and others of his officers and ministers by vertue of his graces commission in that behalfe to them directed, to repaire thither, to bee we surueis and consider the sayd waste and heathe, and therupon to assigne out by meres and boundes to euerie of the saide parishes, a conuenient parte and porcion of the same, and out of those partes and porcions by lotte to appointe in seuerallee to euerie inhabitant within the saide parishes and hamlettes, suche quantitee of the sayde heath as by the discretion of the sayde commissioners was thought mete and conuenient, hauinge a speciall regarde to the numbre of the inhabitauntes in euery parishe, and to the numbre of acres of heath

limitted to euerie of the said hamletes and parishes, but also is contented and pleased at the humble petition and suite of his saide subiectes, to whom and their posteritie the commoditie therof shall specially redound, that it be enacted by his highnes, as hereafter ensueth.

¶ Be it therefore be it ordeined enacted and established by the kinge, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the comons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that suche parte and so muche of the saide waste and heathe, wherof his grace is nowe seised, or at any time hereafter shall be seised of one estate of inheritance, as shall be, at any tyme hereafter by his graces commissioners or foure of them heretofore named, or hereafter to be named, certified vnder their handes and seales, into his highnesse courte of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, to be mete and conuenient to be conuerted vsed or occupied into tillage, pasture, meadowe, or other seuerall ground, shall from henceforthe immediatelye bee and remaine perpetuallye copihold land, and shal be demed and adiudged of the nature, qualitie and condicion of copy hold lande to all intentes constructions and purposes. And that euery tenaunt inhabitaunt, resiaunt and other, their heires successours and assignes, and the heires successours and assignes of euerye of them, shall haue and enioye suche right, tytle, interest, possessione, remaindre and reuercion of and in the porcion and parte of the saide waste and heathe, to them or any of them by the saide commissioners assigned or to be assigned, as shall be by the sayde commissioners, or foure of them in the leaste by coppe to them or any of them to be had and made, declared or expressed, and the same shall be certified into the sayde courte of augmentacions, vnder their handes and seales.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that all and euerye tenaunte inhabitaunte and resiaunte, and other aboue remembred, shall immediatly after certyficat made (as is afore sayde) bee deemed adiudged and taken to be tenaunte by coppye of court rolle, of the parte & porcion to theim or anye of theim (as is afore saide) allotted and graunted by copie of courte rolle, to suche manour or lordeshippe being within the sayd parishes and hamelettes or anye of them, as the sayde commissioners or foure of them at the last vppon the said certificate, shall vnder their handes and seales assigne and appoint theim, or any of them vnto, and accordinge to the tenour of the copie of courte rolle, to him or theim made of the same. And that after assignement and certificate made (as is afore sayde) the same partes and porcions, shall be taken had and reputed to all intentes perpetually, as only membres and parcelles of the manours or lordeshippe, wherevnto they are so appointed and assigned. And that the shewarde for the time beinge of anye suche manours or lordeshippes, wherevnto anye parte or porcion of the sayde heath or waste shalbee, by the saide commissioners or foure of them, assigned vnto, shall after certificate thereof (as is afore sayde) haue full power and auctoritie from time to time as

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the case shall iustely require, to let and graunte the same by copie of courte rolle, to any person or persons, to holde the same parties and portions, according to the estate and interestes prescribed in their copies, at the will of the lorde, according to the custome of the manour or lordeship, whereunto the saide parties and portions are (as is aboue saide) alligned or appointed to appertaine. And also, that all customes, vsages, condicions and ordinaunces, whiche the saide commissioners, or foure of them at the leaste, shall at any time hereafter prescribe vnder decree or made concernyng any parte or parcell of the saide waste or heathe, shalbe as good firme and stable in the lawe, being certified vnder the handes and seales of the saide cõmissioners, or foure of them at the least, into the saide courte (as is aforesaide) to all purposes end effectes, as if they and euery of them were particularly recited and enacted by auctoritie of this parliament.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that if any suche person or persons, to whome any parte of the saide waste and heath shall be allotted, do either refuse to take by copie of courte rolle the parte and portions to him allotted, alligned or letten, or to be allotted alligned or letten, as is aforesaide, or els refuse to conuerte his saide parte or portion into tillage or pasture, and in suche sort to improue the same, within suche time as to him or theme shall bee prescribed or alligned by the saide commissioners, or foure of them at the leaste: that than suche person and persones, as be or shall be tenaunte for terme of life, for terme of yeres or at will, of suche mese cotage or lande, in respecte wherof the saide parte and portion is or shall bee allotted or alligned, shall and may take haue and receiue of the saide stewardes, the saide parte and portion of the saide waste, to holde at the will of the lorde after the custome of the said manour or lordeshippe, for terme of twentie one yeres, the remainder therof, after the end and determinacion of the saide leaste of .xxi. yeres, to the owner of the said mese cotage or landes: to holde to him his heires and assignes at the will of the lorde, after the custome of the sayde manour.

¶ And be it further enacted by the saide auethoritie, that if the sayde lessee refuse that to take (as is aboue saide) that than any other the kynges subiectes borne vnder his graces obediencr, shall and may take haue and receiue the same parte and portion of the saide waste (as is aboue sayde) for terme of .xxi. yeres, with like remainder to the saide owner, as is aboue saide.

Prouided also, that all and euery suche lessee for terme of .xxi. yeares (as is aboue saide) shall and may improue the saide parte and portion of the saide waste and heathe to him letten by coppie of courte rolle, durynge the saide .xxi. yeres without any interrupcion of any owner of any suche mese cotage or land, any surrendre discharge determinacion or forfaiture of his or their interest estates or termes of and in any suche mese cottage or lande not withstanding.

An acte for the amending of the high way beſides Cheſter called Huntington lane. Cap. iii.

WHere as the kinges maieſties high way adioyning to the citie of Cheſter, called Huntington lane, by the ſpace of two miles and a halfe in length, or there aboutes, was of late deepe, daungerous, and ſore for any of the kinges ſubiectes to trauayle other on foote or on horſebacke, with wayne or other cariage, and ſpecially in the winter ſeaſon: which way is now well amended and repayred, ſo that the kinges ſubiectes may eaſely paſſe and repaſſe thorough the ſaide highe way, towarde and from the ſaide citie of Cheſter. And for as much as the ſaid high way can not alway ſo continue in ſufficient amendement, without the ſame be continually looked vnto and repayred: For the continuall maintenaunce wherof, it may pleaſe the kinges highnes, that it maye bee enacted by his highnes, by the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that from henſoorth it ſhall bee lawfull for ſyr Wyllyam Stanley and ſyr Hugh Calueley knightes, and the heires males of their twoo bodies lawfully begotten, beyng of full age, and for lacke of ſuche heires males, or in defaulte of them or any of them, or ſuch heirs males beynge of full age, that it ſhall be lawfull for the Maire and the Aldermen of the ſayde citie of Cheſter, and theire ſucceſſours for euer, to name and appoint any perſon or perſons to ſuſteine, amende and repaire the ſaid high way from time to time, when and as often as neede ſhall require, yf the ſame perſon or perſons will therunto agree. And the ſaide perſon or perſons ſo named and appointed by the ſaide ſir willam Stanley and ſyr Hugh calueley, or their heires males in fourme aboueſaide, or for defaulte of ſuch iſſue by the ſaide Mayre and Aldermen: or their ſucceſſours of the ſaide citie of Cheſter, to haue free libertie during theire time, to build one houſe or cottage within the ſaide high waye in ſome conuenient place, and in the ſame the ſaid perſon to inhabite and dwell: and ſuch perſon or perſons ſo attending the reparacions of the ſaide highe way, ſhall haue alſo graſſe paſture or feding for fiue kine or fiue other head cattell in and vppon the ſayde high waye, and vpon the ſides of the ſame as farre as the ſaide highe way doth extend, that is to wit, from a place called the Bothill, to a place called Butterbache bridge, conteyning by eſtimacion the ſpace of the ſaide two miles and a halfe.

And further be it enacted, that if it fortune any ſuch perſon or perſones as ſhall hereafter from time to time be named and appoynted in manner and fourme aforeſaide, for and concernynge the ſuſtentacion and amendement of the ſaide highe way, to be remiſſe or negligent in amendyng any part therof when nede ſhall require, that than and from thens forthe it ſhall be lawfull vnto the ſayde ſyr Wyllyam Stanley and ſyr Hughe Calueley and their heires males in fourme aforeſayde, and in default of theim

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or their heires males, in fourme aforesaide, that it maye in like manner bee lawefull vnto the said maire and aldermen aforesaid and their successours, to discharge and put frome the saide house pasture and feeding curry suche person or persons, as so shall be negligente or remisse, and to assigne and put in his place one other person sufficiently to serue for the amendynge of the said way, according to the true intent and meaning of this statute.

An acte that all colleges, chauntries, frechapels, &c. shal be in the kinges maiesties disposicion. Cap. iiii.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your royall maiestie your louing subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, that where there haue bene diuers colleges, freechapels, chauntries, hospitals, fraternities, brotherheddes, guildes, & stipendarie priestes, hauing perpetuite for euer within this your realme of England, Wales, and the marches of the same, of which, some of them by the licence of your gracious highnes, or of your noble progenitours, and some of them by feoffementes and willes thereupon declared, and some of them by other deuises, conueiaunce and assuraunce, haue bene incorporated, established, founded, erected, had or made by diuers names surnames, degrees and corporacions, to haue had a perpetuall continuance for euer: sithens whiche time diuers and many of the donours, founders, or patrons, or suche as pretende to be donours, founders or patrons of the same colleges, freechappels, chauntries, hospitals fraternities, brotherhodes, guyldes, and stipendary priestes, and diuers other of their auouterous and couetous myndes, and of their owne auctoritie without your gracious licence, haue of late entred into the mansion houses, manours, landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes, to the same colleges, freechapels, chauntries, hospitals, fraternities, brotherhoddes, guildes, and stipendarie priestes belonging and appertaynynge, and haue expulsed the priestes, wardens, maisters, ministers, rulers, gouernoures, and incumbentes of the same, out and from the possession therof, and there their heires and assignes do occupie and enioye the saide mansion houses manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, and doo receiue take employ and conuert the rentes, issues, reuenues and profites of the same to their owne propre vses. And some of the saide priestes, wardeins, maysters, ministers, rulers, gouernours and incumbentes of the premisses, by couin betwen them and the patrons, donours or founders of the same or of suche as pretende to be patrons, donours, or founders of the same or other haue also of their owne auctoritie without your graces licence, bargained and solde all or parte of their manours landes and tenementes annexed, vnited, parteining or belonging to their saide colleges, freechappelles, chauntries, hospitals, and other the sayde promocions: And some

of the saide priestes, wardens, maisters, ministers, rulers, gouernours and incumbentes by the assente and consent of their patrons, donours, founders or such other as haue had interest in the same: and some of the saide priestes, rulers, gouernours and incumbentes, of their owne auctoritie, without thassent of their patrons, donours, or founders, or of suche other as haue hade interest in the same, haue nowe of late made leases for terme of life, or liues, or for terme of yeares of theire saide freechappelles, chauntries, hospitals, fraternities, brotherheddes, guyldes or othere the saide promocions, or of the manours, landes, tenementes, and othere the premisses, or of parte therof, and haue not reserued the customable rente and ferme, that the same hath bene vsed to be letten for. And some of them by couin haue suffered recoueries, leuied fines, and made feoffementes and other conueiances of all or part of their saide possessions, by reason wherof diuers of the said freechapels, chauntries, hospitals, and other promocions aboue saide, bene clerely dissolued, extincted or determined cõtrary to the willes, mindes, intentes and purposes of the founders, donours, or patrons of the same, and to the greate contempt of your maiestie, and of your auctoritie royall. And we your graces moste louynge humble and obedient subiectes right well knowynge and perceyuynge the exceedynge great and inestimable chardges, costes, and expences, whiche your maiestie hath had and sustained, and dayly doeth sustaine, aswell for the maintenaunce of these present warres against the realme of France and Scotlande, and for the preseruacion and defence of vs youre saide subiectes, against the inuasions and malice of your enemyes the frenchemen and scottes (who dayly do studie, deuise, and attempte to greeue, annoy and hurt your saide louinge subiectes) as also for the maintenaunce of youre moste royall estate, honour, dignitie and estimacion, which all your sayde louing subiectes of natutall dutie bene bounde to conserue and increase by al such wayes and meanes as they can deuise: do therfore with our whole voyce peticion and intercession moste humbly beseche your maiestie, that it may bee enacted ordeined and established by your highnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, by the auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme following that is to say.

¶ Be it enacted bye the kynge our soueraigne lorde, withe the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the saide colleges, freechappels, chauntries, hospitalles fraternities brotherhoddes, guyldes, and otherr the sayd promocions had or made to haue continuaunce in perpetuitee for euer, and beynge, or that hath or ought to be contributorie or chargeable to the paiemente of the first frutes and tenthes, according to the lawes and statutes in that behalf had and made, by what name surname degree or corporacion they or any of them were founded, ordeined, established, erected, named, called or knowen, and

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¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that al couenantes, bondes and grauntes of any rent or annuitie, made by any person or persons to any chauntrie priest or other, hauinge any of the sayde promocions

mocions, for or in consideracion of anye bargaine graunte or other assu-raunce, made of anye of the saide promocions, or anye parte of them, shall be voide and frustrate.

¶ And ouer that it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaide that all and euerye person and persons, beinge in lyfe, whiche haue or hathe for any summe of money to him or them paide, bargained or solde any manors landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, that did belonge or appertaine to any of the said colleges, chauntries, freehappels, hospitalles, fraternities, guildes or other promocions aforesaide dissolued, relinquished or determined after the saide xiii. day of Februarye, as is aboue saide, shall repay to suche person as so bought any of the saide manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, or to his executours or assignes vpon a request therfore made, as muche money as he or they receiued for the sale of the thing so by him or them solde, and for non paiement therof such person and persons as purchased or bought the said landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, shall be enabled by the auctoritie aforesaid, to sue and maintene an action of dette at the common lawes of this realme, against such person or persons as so bargained or solde to him or them, or to their behoofe, any of the premisses belongings to any college, chauntrie, freehappell, hospitall, fraternites, guilde or other promocion aforesaide, in whiche action of dette non essoine protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aboue said, that all and euerie giftes, graunte, surrendres, and all and euery other assurances, had made or done to the kinges highnes of any of the said colleges, chauntries and other the saide promocions, or of any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes to any of them annexed united or belonging at any time betweene the saide fourth day of Februarye, in the fiftie. xxvii. yeare of our saide soueraigne lorde the kinges reigne, and the fiftie. xxix. daye of Decembre, in the xxxvii. yere of his moste gracious reigne, shall bee by the said auctoritie taken iudged and deemed good and perfect, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as well against the saide chauntrie priests maisters, wardeins, ministers, gouernours, rulers and other hauing anye other the saide promocions their successours and assignes and the successours and assignes of euery of them, as againste all and euery founder donour and patron therof and euery of them, and the heires and successours of them, and euery of them.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery letters patentes made by the kinges highnesse to anye persons or persons of any of the saide colleges, chauntries, guildes, fraternites or other the saide promocions, or of any part or parcell of the saide colleges, chauntries, hospitals, guildes, fraternites, brotherheades or other the saide promocions: And that all fines feoffementes, recoueries and al other assuran-

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ces & conueiaunces therof had or made by the kings assent, consent, licence or agrement, to any person or persons, by anye chauntrie prieste, maister, wardeine, minister, ruler, gouernour or other hauinge any the said promocions, of ante of the saide colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, guyldes, fraternities, brotherhoodes or anye of the saide promocions, or of any manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belonginge, annered, or vnited, to anye of them, or of anye parte parcell or membre of the same, shal stand & be in their force and effectes, accordinge to their tenures formes and effectes, and shall be, by the auctoritie of this acte, good, perfecte, and auayla-ble as well againste the sayde chauntrye prystes, wardeyns, maysters rulers gouernours and other hauinge anye of the saide promocions, and their successoures, and the successours of euerye of theim, as againste the foundours, donoures, and patrons, of the same, and the ordinarie of them and euerye of theim, and the heires and successoures of euery of them, any lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or other thinge to the contrarie therof, not with standinge.

¶ And where also at this present time there beene a greatte noumbre of chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, frechappelles, fraternities, brotherheades, guildes, and stipendarie priestes, hauinge perpetuitie for euer, and being charged, or chargeable, to the paiment of the firste fruites, and tenthes, according to the statute, in that behalfe, had and prouided, and all colleges, as well chargeable, as not chargeable, to the payment of the firste fruites, and tenthes, and sette lyinge and beinge within this realme of Englande wales, and other the kinges dominions, or the marches of the same, hauing diuers, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and other hereditamentes, to the same, assigned, appointed, limitted, vnited, or annered, by the patrones, donours, or founders of them, which haue bene established, ordeyned, founded, had or made by the saide patrons, donours, or founders for euer, to the intent that almesse to the poore people, and other good vertuous, and charitable deedes, mought be made, done and executed, by the wardeins, maisters, ministers, gouernours, brothers, and incumbentes of the same: And for so muche as it is right well knowne, that the sayde gouernours, wardeins, maisters, ministers, brothers, and incumbentes, or the greatteste numbre of theim hitherto, haue not, ne yet do vse exercise order and rule their said chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, frechapples, and other the saide promocions, nor the manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, to the same belonging, nor yet do bestowe, expend, and employ the issues, rentes, reuenues, and profites of the same in almesse, and other deedes of charitie, according to such vertuouse and godly intentes and purposes, as the saide chauntries, freechappelles, colleges, hospitalles, and other the saide promocions were first founded, established, erected, ordeyned had made or incorporated, to the great displeasure of almightie god, & to the discontentacion of the kinge our soueraigne lorde. And for that that the kinges highnes, of his moste godlye and blessed disposicion enten-

deth to haue the premisses vsed and exercised to more godlye & vertuouse purposes, and to reduce and bringe theim into a more decente and conuenient order for the commoditie and wealth of this his realme, and for the suretie of his subiectes of the same.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynges maiestie shall and maye at his byghnes wyll and pleasure from tyme to tyme hereafter duringe hys naturall lyfe (which almighty god longe preserue) make and directe his graces commission or commissions vnder his greate seale, euerye suche commission to be had and made vppon a warraunte signed with hys graces hande) to suche numbre of persons, and into suche countries shires and places, as hys highnes shall bee thought expedient and requisite, geuing vnto the saide commissioners, or to two of them at the leaste, full power and auctoritie, by vertue of the same commission or commissions, for and in his highnesse name, to entre into all and singular suche and so manye chauntries freechappelles hospitalles colleges and other the saide promocions, and into all and singuler suche manours mansion houses mesis landes tenementes pastures woodes waters rentes reuercions seruices possessions and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer they ben, or into anye parte or parcell therof, for and in the name of seasone & possession of all the hereditamentes, annexed vnited belonginge or appertaynyng to any chauntrie hospitall frechapel college fraternitie brotherheade guilde or any other the saide promocions, or wherof anye priestes prouostes gouernours, rulers or other incumbentes so them or anye of theim, by what name surname degree title or corporacion they and euery of them or anye of them ben founded erected ordeined established named called or knowen, now hath or enioyeth, or hereafter shall haue and enioy, to the saide chauntries hospitalles freechappelles colleges fraternities brotherheddes guildes or other the sayde promocions beynge chargeable to the paiementes of the first fruictes and tenthes, and all colleges chargeable or not chargeable to the saide payment of the fyrst fruictes & tenthes, as is aforesaide, or to anye of theim, as shall be named expressed and appoynted in the saide commission or commissions, & to seise and take the same chauntryes hospitalles colleges freechappelles fraternities brotherheddes guyldes and other the sayde promotions manours landes tenementes and other the premisses mencioned in the saide commission and commissions & in euerye of them, and in euerye part parcel and membre of the same, into the kynges possession and handes; To haue and to holde the same to the kynges highnes and to his heires and successours for euer. And that the saide commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, maye enter into any parte or parcell of the saide chauntries hospitalles frechappelles colleges and other the sayde promocions, manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any suche commissione, for and in the name of all the chauntries colleges frechappelles and other the saide promocions manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, annexed vnited

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belonging or apperteininge to any of the sayde chauntries colleges chappekes or other the saide promocions, and expressed mencioned and named in any suche commission: which entree so had and made into part or parcell. for and in the name of all the premisses mencioned in anye suche commission, shall (by the auctoritie of this acte) be of as good force value and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if the saide commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, had entred into al and euery parte and parcell of the same chauntries hospitals freechappels colleges and other the said promocions, manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in ante suche commission, although the sayde chauntries and other the said promocions, manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes expressed within anye suche commission, shall happen to be in sundrye and seueral townes places shires or countres within this realme wales and other the kynges dominions. And that vpon and by anye suche entre had and made by the sayde commissioners, or by any two of them at the leaste into all, or into anye parte or parcell in the name of all the manours landes tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes, to the saide promocions or anye of them vnited, annexed, perteyninge, or in anye wise belonginge, and mencioned in the saide commission, all and singuler the saide chauntries hospitalles, freechappelles colleges and other the saide promocions, manlone houses manours orchardes gardeins landes tenementes meadowes pastures woodes waters rentes reuercions seruices tithes pencions portions parsonages appropriate, churches chappelles aduoulons nominacions patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons leetes courtes libertyes priuyleges franchyses and other hereditamentes what so euer they be to the saide promocions, mencioned in the saide commission, or to anye of them belonginge or apperteynynge vnited or annexed, so entered into, seised or vsed, shall forthe with and immediately, after suche entree had and made (as is aboue saide) by auctoritie of this acte, be deemed adiudged and deamed, and also be in the verie actuall and reall possession and seison of our sayde soueraigne lorde the king, and of his heires and successours for euer, as though all and singuler the saide chauntries hospitals colleges freechappelles and other the said promocions, and the said manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, and other the premisses what so euer they be, and euery of them were adiudged and demed by expresse woordes sentences and termes in this act to be thereafter in the actuall and reall possessions and seison of our said soueraygne lorde the kinge, and were in this present acte, specially particularly and certainely rehersed named and expressed by expresse woordes, names surnames corporacions titles and faculties, and in their natures kindes and qualities, without any inquisicion by the othes of . xii. men office or other entre or further circumstaunce therof to be had or made. And that the said commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, after suche entree and seisure so by them had and made by vertue of the saide commission or com-

missions so to them directed, shall certifie and retourne the saide commission and commissions, and euerie of them (making mencion in writing of their doinges in the same, according to the wordes and auctoritie to them geuen by the saide commission) into the kinges courte of the chauncerie, at suche daye as shall be limitted in the saide commission or commissions, there to remaine of recorde for euer.

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¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as well all and euerye the sayde chauntries hospitalles colleges freechappelles and other the sayde promocions, and all the mansion houses manours, landes, tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, & other the premisses, what so euer they bee, and euerye parte and parcell of theim, whiche (by auctoritye and vertue of this acte) beene vested adiudged demed, and also shall bee in the kinges possession and handes, as also all other the sayde chauntries hospitalles colleges freechappelles and other the saide promocions, and all the manours, mansion houses, landes, tenemētes, possessions, and hereditamentes what so euer they be, to them or any of them beelonging or appertayninge, and euery parte and parcell therof, whiche hereafter shall happen to come to his highnes handes and possession by anye suche entree seisour or taking into his graces handes by commission or commissions, as is aboueſaide, from and after the saide entree seisour and takinge into his maiesties handes, shalbe in the order rule survey and gouernance of our soueraigne lorde the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and to bee graunted letten and sette to farme by the Chauncellour officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner & fourme as other manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the said court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, beene to be graunted or letten: and that al the farmes issues reuenues and profites, comynge and growinge of the premisses, or of any parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vse, by the officers and ministers of the same coucte, in suche maner & fourme, as is vsed and had of other manours landes and tenementes, and of the issues reuenues and profites of the same, committed to the order rule survey and gouernaunce of the said court of thaugmentacions: any acte statute ordinance custome or vse here to fore had made or vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that al matters variaunces demaundes suites contencions and debates to be had or made of or for any matter or thinge, whereby the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes so appointed to the saide courte of the Augmentacions, shall bee charged sued demaunded or chalenged, to the hurte detrymente or preiudice of the kinge, shall bee hearde, examined, tryed, ended, and determined by and in the sayde courte of Augmentacions, in suche fourme maner and condicion as other matters and causes, appointed to the saide courte, be sewed hearde examined and determined or by such other waies and meanes, as to the saide courte shall seme conuenient and mete for the

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¶ And be it further ordeyned and enacted by the saide auctoritie, that all other matters variaunces contencions suites claimes and demaundes to bee had made or done betweene any of the kinges subiectes of for or concerning the sayde manours landes tenementes and the other premisses or any parte thereof, or for any trespasse or other offence touching the same, shall be sewed asked demaunded tried and determined at and by the common lawes of this realme, and accordynge to the rules orders and iudgemente of the common lawes and statutes of this realme, and not in the saide courte of the augmentacions of the reuennes of the kinges crowne: anye lawe statute ordinaunce or other thing had made or done to the contrary not withstanding, and as though the saide court of the augmentacions of the reuennes of the kinges crowne had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all recouueries fines feoffementes and other conueiaunces to be hereafter had made done or suffered for or of anye estate of inheritaunce or freeholde, without the kynges maiestyes assente consente or agreemente, by anye of the saide chauntry priestes wardeines maisters ministers gouernours rulers or other, hauinge anye of the sayde promocions of the sayde chauntries colleges guildes fraternities hospitalles and other the saide promocions, or of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the sayde chauntries colleges and other promocions vnited annexed belongynge or appertayninge, or to any parte or parcell of them, and being not had made done or suffered to the kynges highnesse, shall bee vtterly voide frustrate and of none effecte, as well agaynste the kinges maiestie as agaynste the successour and successours of euerie suche chauntrie priestes gouernours rulers and other hauing any of the saide promocions and euery of them.

Hauing to all and euerye person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euerye of them, other then the maisters wardeins ministers gouernours rulers priestes and incumbentes of the sayd chauntries hospitalles colleges free-chappelles fraternities brotherheaddes guyldes and other hauing anye of the sayde promocions, or anye of them, and the successours of them and of euery of them: and other than suche as be and pretende to bee founders patrons or donours of the premisses, or of anye of theim, or of anye parte or parcell thereof, their heires and successours and the heires and successours of euery of them: And other than suche person and persons and their heires successours and assignes, as claime or pretend to haue any estate right title interesse vse possession or condicion of in or to the premisses, or anye parte or parcell thereof, by reason of anye feoffemente fyne bargayne and sale, or by anye other waies meanes or conueiaunce to them made of anye estate of freehold or inheritaunce without the kinges assent consent or agreement, by any of the saide maisters wardens ministers gouernours rulers

pties and incumbentes, or by the founders donors or patrons of them or of anye of them, all suche right title claime possession interest rentes annuities commodities tofunges offices fees leases liueries lyuinges pensions porcions synodes procies dettes duties and other profites, whiche ther or anye of them haue claime ought maie or might haue had in of or to anye of the premisses, or of in or to any parte or parcell therof, in suche lyke maner and condicion to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made, and as though the saide chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, and other the sayde promocions had styll continued and remained.

¶ And yt is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf anye of the saide maisters wardens ministers rulers gouernours, pties incumbentes or owners of any suche chauntrie hospitall freechappell college fraternitie brotherhed guilde or other the promocions aforesaide or of anye of theim, within one yere nexte before the. xviii. daye of Nouembre, in the xxviii. yere of our saide soueraygne lorde the kynges reygne, haue made or hereafter shall make any lease or graunt vnder hys or their comon seale or other seale, or other wise for terme of yeres life or lifues of their sayde chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, freechappelles, fraternities, brotherheddes guildes and other the saide promocions or of anye parte therof, or of anye manours landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, what so euer they be, to them or to any of them vnited or annexed belonginge, or appertayninge, or to them or any of them limitted or appointed, whych manours meses landes tenementes possessions or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, were not before the said lease for the more parte of. xx. yeres laste passed, lefte nor lette to ferme, but kepte and reserued in manurance tillage or occupacion, or now be in the manuraunce tillage or occupacion of the saide maisters wardens ministers rulers gouernours pties or incumbentes of the premisses, for the maintenaunce of hospitalitie and good house kepinge: Or within one yere nexte before the saide xviii. daye of Nouembre hath made, or hereafter shall make any lease or graunt for terme of lifues, or for terme of yeares, of any of the said manours meases landes tenementes possessions hereditamentes and other the premisses, what so euer they bee, wherof and in the whiche any estate or interest for terme of ipse pere or peres, at the time of ỳ makinge any suche graunte or lease, than hade or shall haue his beinge or continuaunce; and than was or shall not be determined finished or expired: Or within one yere nexte before the saide xviii. daye of Nouembre, hathe made or hereafter do make anye lease or graunte for terme of ipse or for terme of peres of any of the saide manours meses landes tenemẽtes possessions or other hereditamẽtes what so euer they be, vpon whiche leases and graunte the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yeldẽ and reserued by the space of xx. yeares nexte before the saide. xviii. daye of Nouembre, be not or shall not bee thereupon reserued and yelden: Or yf any of the saide pties maisters wardens ministers

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mysters or other the sayde gouernours or rulers sythe the sayde .xxiii. daye of Nouembre, hath made anye bargaine or sale of his or their woods, which woods be yet growing and standing; that than all and euery suche lease & graunte of any of the premisses, and euery such bargaine and sale of wood, or woods shalbe vtterly void and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alway and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this acte, or any thing therin conteyned, shall not extende to any manours landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, which the sayde maysters, wardeins, ministers, chauntris priestes, incumbentes, or other the sayde gouernours or rulers of the premisses or of any of them, hathe or is or hereafter shall haue or be possessed or seased of, in fee simple, fee tayle generall or speciall, for terme of life, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to his or their owne proper vses by inheritaunce or purchas, and not being vnited or annexed to his or their sayd colleges, hospitalles, free chappels or other the saide promocions, nor to any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions rentes, annuities, or yerely pencion or pencions, of anye yerely summe or summes of money, heretofore geuen or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, to any of the saide maysters wardeins, ministers, chauntrie priestes, incumbentes, gouernours, rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, for terme of life onely: vnder his greate seale of England, or vnder the seale of the augmentacion of the reuenues of the kinges crowne: but that all and euery the saide maisters, wardeins ministers, chauntrie priestes, incumbentes, and other the gouernours and rulers aforesaide, and euery of them, shall and may haue holde possesse, enioye, and kepe, to their owne proper vses, all and singuler suche manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, rentes, annuities, and yerely pencions, not being annexed or vnited to his or their sayde promocions, according to such interest estate title and inheritaunce, as they or any of them hath or shall haue of and in the same: any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrarie not withstanding, and as thoughe this acte had neuer be had ne made.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that euerie of the sayde maysters, wardeins, myniysters, chauntrye priestes, incumbentes, & other the saide gouernours and rulers, from whome the kynges highnes, by vertue of this acte, shall haue, take, or seise anye of his or their manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or other hereditamentes by any of the waies or meanes aforesayde, without geuyng or allowyng anye recompence for the same, that they and euery of them from thenseforth shall yerely be defalked, abated and alowed out of their yerely tenthes hereafter to be payed, and also of their first fruites, as they shall happen hereafter to be due to the kinge in his courte of firste fruites and tenthes, so much money, and after suche rate and porcion, as the same manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche by auctoritie of this acte shall come to the kinges handes and possession by any of the waies or meanes

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aforesaide, were assessed valued, rated and tared at, in and by the taracion of the tenthes and fyrste fruictes now remayninge of recorde in the sayde courte of first fruictes and tenthes by force of the statute therof made had and provided.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesaide, ꝑ all and every person and persons, that before the makinge of this acte had or enioyed any maner of annuitee or rente, to be take or had of any of ꝑ saide chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, or other promocions aforesaide, shall have and enioye the same in like maner and forme as they shoulde or ought to have done, if the saide chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, and other the saide promocions hadde still remained and continued in esse and full beinge: any thinge in this acte mencioned to the contrarie in anye wise not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also and bee it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye person or persons have iustly and truly, without fraude and couin, payed or geuen any summes of money to any suche maister wardein, minister, gouernour, ruler, or to any other having any of the saide promocions for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, growyng in and upon anye of the premisses and not yet felled (as is aforesaide) whiche bargaine and sale by this acte is made voyde and of none effect, that the same bier, their executours or assignes, vppon request by hime or them made to the chauncellour of the courte of Augmentacions, for the tyme beynge, shalbe well and truly contented and repaied of and with the kinges treasore, remaynyng in the handes of the tresourer of the saide courte of augmentacions, for the tyme beeyng, by the handes of sayde Chauncellour Tresourer or other officers of the same courte of Augmentacions, within one yere after any suche request, and after the dissolucion of ꝑ said chauntries, colleges, hospitalles, and other the sayde promocions, or after the feuerannce of any parte of them: or els the sayde bargaynes and biers of the saide woode, shall have and enioy, cutte take and carye awaye the same woodes, so beynge by him or them bought: any thing aboue mencioned to the contrarie in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that ꝑ anye suche gouernour, ruler, wardein, maister, minister, or other hauynge anye the sayde spirituall promocions, bene or shall compounde for their fyrste fruictes for anye suche spirituall promocions, according to the lawes and statutes of this realme: And the dayes of payemente of anye parte therof at the entree and seisure therof, as is aboueside, shall not than be expired or paste, that all summes of money so to be paiable at any daye or dayes then to come shall cease and be not paied asked or demaunded, any bonde recognisance, fuertie or other thing had or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted, that all suche rentes, fermes, issues, profites

profites and other summes of moneye, due and payable for anye cause or matter concerning the premisses, or any of them, in the kynges courte of his Eschequer, shall continue, and be continually and yerely leued charged and paied in the same courte, in such maner and fourme as heretofore haue be vsed: any lawe custome vnitie of possession in the kinges highnes or other thing to the contrary not withstanding, and as though the saide promocions, manours, landes, tenemenes and the other premisses had not comen to he kinge handes or possession.

¶ An acte that the inhabitantes of London, hauing goods to the value of .CCCC. marckes, may passe in attrinctes. Cap. v.

HUmbly beseechen your most excellēt maiestie your obediēt subiectes, the maire and communaltie of your citie of London, that where as amonges diuers and sundrie liberties and fraunchesies, graunted by your moste noble progenitours to the citie of London, for diuers resonable respectes and consideracions in their charters, expressed & mencioned, one libertie is, that all inquisicions to be taken by the Justices and ministers of your highnes, of the citizens of London, shall be taken at Sainct Martines the Grounde, or at the Guylde hall of the saide citie of London, and not els where, excepte inquisicions before the Justices in Eyre at the towre of London, and for the deliuerie of the gaole of Newgate, as in the charters of your said noble progenitours, to the saide citizens of London graunted, and by your maiestie confirmed, plainlye appereth, whiche liberties the same citizens haue continually, sins the said graūtes therof to them made, exercised vsed and enioyed accordingly, as by diuers matters of recorde in your high courtes at Westminster euidently appereth.
And where also an acte of parliament concerning periurie and punishmēt of vntrue verdictes, was made and established in the .xxiiij. yere of youre most gracious reigne amonges other than and there made and ordeyned that vpon euery vntrue verdict, made after the same acte betweene partie & partie, in any suite, plainte or demaunde made, and verdicte therupon geuen, extending to the value of fourtie poundes, and not concerning the ieopardie of mans life, the partie greeued by the same verdicte, shall haue a writte of attaincte against euery person, which after the sayde acte woulde geue an vntrue verdict: And that in the said attaincte there should be awarded against the petite Jury, the partie, & the graund Jury processe of Sum. Retum. & diuerse infinite: which graunde Jury shoulde be in like nombre as the graunde Jurie is now in attaint, and that euery of them that shall passe in the same, shal haue landes and tenementes of the value of twenty marckes by yere of freehold out of auncient demeane. And also it was thē further enacted & established, that al attaintes after warders to be takē, shoulde

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be taken before youre maieſtie in youre benche, or afore your Juſtices of your common place, and in none other courte: And that the Niſi prius ſhal be graunted by the diſcrecion of the Juſtices vpon the diſtreſſe.

¶ And for as muche as the ſaide acte cannot bee duly put in execucion by the citizens of the ſaide citie for lacke of ſufficient perſons hauinge landes and tenementes to the cleere yerely value of .xx. markes out of auncient demeane, according to the tenour of the ſaide acte, and alſo that the appatans of the ſaide citizens, to be had out of the ſaid citie, is againſt the liberties and frauncheſes of the ſame citie, and no prouiſo made within the ſaide acte for the ſame citizens to enioy their auncient liberties and priuileges before reherſed. It may therfore pleaſe your maieſtie, of your moſte abundant grace, to condeſcende, that it may be enacted by your highneſſe and by the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that al and euery manner perſon and perſons, beinge citizens of the ſaide citie, and beynge in value of goodes and cattalles to the ſumme of CCCC. markes, may be impanilled and retourned, by the ſheriffe of your ſayde citie in euery atteinct hereafter to be brought by vertue of the ſaide eſtatute, vpon verdictes hereafter to begeuen by your ſaide citizens, without any challenge for the inſufficienci of freholde of any of them, to bee made by any of the ſayde parties, in any ſuche atteinete, vpon ſuche verdictes hereafter to be geuen And that the Juſtices for the time beyng, ſhall ſit onely at the Guylde hall of the ſame citie, or at ſume conuenient place within the ſame citie, and there to ſweare the graund Jurie, and to take the verdictes in ſuch atteinctes hereafter to be taken. And that the ſaide citizens hereafter be not compelled nor diſtreigned to appere in any ſuche atteinete, hereafter to bee taken vpon any vntrue verdicte, geuen or hereafter to be geuen in London, but onely within the limittes of the ſayde citie, of and for the triall of the ſame: The ſayd former acte or any thing therin conteyned to the contrarie in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ An acte againſt burnig of frames. Cap. vi.

Where diuers and ſundrie malicious and enuious perſones beyng men of euil and peruerſe diſpoſicions, and ſeduced by the inſtigacion of the deuil, and minding the hinderyng and impouerſhment of diuers of the kinges true and faithfull ſubiectes, as enemies to the common wealthe of this realme, and as no true or obediet ſubiectes vnto the kinges maieſtie, of their malicious and wicked mindes, haue of late inuented and practiſed a ne vo damnable kinde of vice diſpleaſure and damp-nifying of the kinges true ſubiectes and the comon welth of this realme, as in ſecrete burning of frames of timber prepared and made by the owners therof redie to be ſet vp and edified for houſes, cuttinge out of hed-

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des and dampnes of pooles, motes, stewes, and seuerall waters, cutting of cundut heddes or cundut pipes, burninge of waines and cartes loden with coles or other goodes, burning of heapes of woode, cutte, felled and prepared for making of coles, cutting out of beastes tonges, cutting of the eares of the kynges subiectes, barking of appell trees, peare trees, & other fruicte trees, and diuers other like kindes of miserable offeces, to the great displeasure of almightie God, and of the kinges maiestie, and to the moste euill and pernicious example, that hath ben sene in this realme. For remedie wherof be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament that if any person or persons, at any time after the first day of maye next ensuinge maliciously, vnlawfully, willingly, and secretely burne or cause to bee burned, cutte or cause to be cutt or distroied any frame or frames of timbre or any other person or persons, made and prepared, or hereafter to bee made or prepared, for or towardes the making of any houle or houles so that the same shall not be able for the purpose, for the whiche it was prepared: that thenceuery suche acte and actes so to be committed, perpetrated and done by any person or persons, shal bee deemed, and adiudged felonie: and the offendour or offendours therin, beynge lawfully conuicted or atteincted, shall haue and suffre paynes of death, and shall lose and forfayte goodes and cattals forever, and the profites of their landes, tenementes and hereditamentes for terme of his or their liues.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that suche attendor shall bee no auoydinge of anye womans dower, ne corruption of blood agaynste the heyre or heyres of suche offendour or offendours, but be it enacted, that the wife and wifes of suche offendour or offendours shall haue their dowers: and that suche heyre and heyres shall after the decease of the saide offendour haue & enioy the saide landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of suche offendour and offendours, in like maner and forme, as they should haue had, if this acte, or any suche atteinder had neuer be had ne made. And that the heyre or heires, hauing the saide landes tenementes, or hereditamentes of anye estate of inheritaunce, shall yelde vnto the partie greeued for suche offence or offences his domages of the profittes of the said landes, tenementes or hereditamentes of such offendour or offendours, where vnto he shall be inheritable by action of dette, to be taken in the common benche at Westminster, in whiche action no wager of lawe essoyne ne protection shall bee allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons, after the saide first Daye of Maye, maliciouselye wilfullye and vnlawfully cut, or cause to be cutte out the heade or heades, dampne, or dampnes of any pondes, poles, motes, stewes or other seuerall waters or the heade or heades, pipe or pipes of any conduite or conduites of any other person or persons: or maliciouslye willingly and vnlawfully, after the sayd first day of Maye, burne or cause to be burned any wayne or waynes, carte or cartes laden or to be laden with coles, or any other goodes

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or marchandises of any other person or persons: or maliciously wyllingly and vnlawfully after the saide furste day of may, do bourne or cause to be bourned any heape or heapes of wodde of any other person or persons, prepared, cutte and felled, or to be prepared cut or felled, for making of coales, billettes or talwoode: or maliciously, vnlawfully, and wyllingly, after the saide first day of May, cutte out or cause to be cut out the tunge or tunges of any tame beast or beastes of any other person or persons, the sayde beast than beyng in life: or maliciously, wyllyngly or vnlawfully after the sayde first day of May, cut or cause to be cut of, the eare or eares of any of the kinges subiectes, otherwise than by auctoritie of the lawe, chaunce medley, sodeine affaire, or auenture, or after the saide day maliciously, wyllingely, or vnlawfully barke, any appell trees, peare trees or other fruicte trees of any other person or persons: that than euerye suche offendour and offendours, shal not only lose and forfaite vnto the partie greeued treble damages for suche offence or offences, the same to be recouered by action of trespasse, to be taken at the common lawe, but also shall lose and forfait to the kinges maiestie, and his heires, for euery such offence, tenne poundes sterlynges in name of a fine.

An acte for abrogacion of sire weekes session. Cap. lvi.

Where in the parliament begunne at westminster, the .xvi. day of Januarye, in the .xxviij. yere of the kinges maiesties reygne, it was enacted amongest other thinges that al and singuler the Justices of peace, within any shire, cytye, borough or place within this realme of Englande, Wales or any other the kinges dominions, should yerely at the generall sessions of the peace, to be holden next after the feaste of Easter, assemble them selues together, that is to say, euery numbre of them within the limittes of their commissions, wherin they be named iustices of peace: & at and vpon such their assemble, should diligentlye together amonges them selues peruse, examine, study & know the effectes and true intentes of the lawes statutes ordinances and prouisions hereafter specified: that is to say, the lawes & statutes heretofore made and prouided, concerning or in any wise touching bacaboundes, reteinors, geuing liueries, signes, tokens or badges, mayntenaunce, imbracerie, bowstaues, and archerie, vnlawfull games, forestallers and regratours, victaile victailers, and inholders, and euerye of them, and of all statutes and lawes made in the same parliament, touchinge the same or anye of them: And after the perusinge and deliberate vnderstanding of the saide lawes statutes and ordinaunces, they shoulde deuise amonges them selues, howe the same might be best put in due and iuste execucion and for the better procedinge therin, they shoulde deuide and seuer them selues, limitting and assigninge alwaies the noumbre of two of them at the least, or more, into hundredes wapentakes, rapes, commotes

[illegible] of townes & villages by their discrecions. And that the said Justices so deuided, or two of thē at the least, should in euery quarter of the yere, whan & after the said feast of Easter then next comming, hold and kepe, within the limities of their diuisions, one sessions, beside the generall quarter sessions for the peace. The said one sessions to be kepte & holden alwayes within the limites of their deuision, at x in one such day, as by them should be appointed: so that it be alwayes sixe weekes at the least before the quarter sessions. And that all pleas & proceedinges in euerye of the said sessions so to be holden, should be continued frō sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or six of them at the least, at x in euerye suche sessions, should haue power and auctoritie to enquire as well by the oathes of xii men, inhabitantes within the limittes of their diuision, as by any information geuen to them by any person or persons, of all defaultes offences and contempts doone and committed, or that hereafter to bee done or committed against the fourme of euery of the statutes aforesayde and to here and determine the same. And should also haue power and auctoritie vpon euerye presentmente or informacion touching the premisses or any of them, to make processe by Venire facias, one Capias, and an Exigent, vnder the seales of the same Justices, or two of them, againste euerye suche person and persons, against whom anye suche informacion or presentmente should bee had for their appearaunce afore them in their sessions, to be holden as is aforesaid, to answere to suche informacion or presentment as should be there had or made. And if the person or persones accused by informacion or presentment should bee conuicte vpon anye suche informacion or presentment, by confession or verdict of xii. men, y then the said Justices of peace, or two of them afore whom such conuiction should be had, should haue power and auctoritie, to geue iudgement againste euerye suche offender and offenders, so conuicte of suche peines by imprisonemēt, or suche peines tolles and forfaitures of money or bothe, or anye of them, as are limitted in the saide seuerall statutes for suche offences wherof they should be so conuicted, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordingly. And also the said Justices of peace, or two of them, at and in their saide Sessions to bee holden (as is aforesaid) shoulde haue power and auctoritie to correcte and reforme the panelles of Juries for any inquiries to be made afore them touchinge the sayde statutes or any of them, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of Gaole delyuerie and of peace might do in their sessions by vertue of a statute made therof in the thirde yere of our moste dread soueraigne lorde the kinges raigne that nowe is. And that the shiriffe and other ministers, hauing power to retourne panelles, should make his and their retournes accordinge to such reformacion or correction of the Justices aforesaide, vpon the peyne limitted by the same statute, as by the same statute, made in the said xxviii. yere of the kinges maiesties reigne that nowe is, more plainly dooeth and may appere.

And for as muche as the kynges moste louyng subiectes are muche trauailed and otherwise encumbred in commyng and keping of the said fiue weekes sessions, to their costes charges and vnquietnesse, by reason of statutes enacted by the kinge our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons at this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the said former acte made in the said .xxviii. yere of the kynges maiesties reigne, and all ordinances artieles prouisions & thinges therin contayned, shall be from henceforth repealed annulled & vtterly voyde and of none effecte, to all ententes constructions and purposes. And that all and euery persone & persones, conterpled shal be, by vertue therof, inquired of before all iustices of peace at their auncient quarter sessions, shall haue like power and auctorite, by vertue hereof to punishe & reforme all, and euery suche offence and offenders in lyke maner & fourme as they might haue done by vertue of the sayde former acte, made in the sayde .xxviii. yere of the kynges reygne.

An acte that any inditement lacking these woordes, vi & armis shall be good and sufficient, in the lawe. Cap. viii.

Where before this tyme it was and yet is commenly vsed in all indictementes and inquisitions of treason, murdre, felonye, rebpas, and dyuers other, to haue comprised and put in euery the same indictementes and inquisitions these woordes, vi & armis, and diuers of the same indictementes to declare the maner of the force & armes, That is to saye, vi & armis, videlicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or such other like woordes in effecte, where of truth the parties so indicted had no maner of suche weapons at the tyme of the said offence committed and done: yet in defaults and lacke of the same woordes, the said indictementes were & yet be taken as voide in the lawe, for to put anye person to aunswere therunto: and the partie or parties so indicted for lacke of the same woordes, not beinge comprised and put in the said indictementes, haue taken aduantage therof, and haue auoyded the same indictementes by writ or writtes of Erroz, or by plee vpon his or their apparance, as the same case did requyre. For reformacion whereof, bee it enacted by the kynge our souereigne lorde, withe thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that from the feast of the natiuytye of our lorde god next comming, these woordes, vi et armis, videlicet, cum baculis cultellis arcubus et sagittis, or suche other like, shal not of necessitie be put or comprised in anye inquisition or indictement: nor that the partie or parties beyng hereafter indicted of any offence, shall haue or take any aduantag by wrytte or writtes of Erroz plee or otherwise to annull or auoide anye suche inquisition or in

or inditement, for that that the sayde wordes, vi & armis videlicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or any of the same or like wordes, shall not be put or comprysed in the sayd inquisycions, or inditementes: But that the same inquisicions or inditementes, and euerye of them, lackinge the sayde wordes, vi & armis, videlicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or any of them, shal from thensefoorth, by the auctoritie aforesaid, be taken deemed & adiudged to all intentes constructions & purposes, as goode and effectuall in the lawe, as the same inquisitions and indictementes, hauing the sayd wordes, vi & armis, videlicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, comprysed and put in euery of the same inquisycions and indytementes were or heretofore haue ben taken deemed or adiudged: any lawe vsage or custome heretofore had and vsed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, at any time after the said feaste of the Natiuitie of our lord god nexte comming, do steale any horse geldyng mare sole or filley, and thereof be founde giltie by verdicte of .xii. men, or by hys owne confession, be atteynted, or otherwyse bee indycted for the stealyng of any horse geldyng mare sole or filley, and therupon arrained, and do stande muet of malice or frowarde mynd, or challeng peremptorie aboue the numbre of .xx. or els will not aunswere directlye to the same indictement & felonye, where vpon he is so arrained: that than euery such person and persons shal not from thensforthe be admitted to haue the benefyte of his or their clergye, but vtterly be excluded therof, and shall suffre deathe in suche maner and fourme, as they should haue, if they were no clerkes.

¶ An acte a gainst vsurie. Cap. ix.

Where before this tyme dyuers and sundrie actes statutes and lawes haue bene ordeined had & made within this realme, for the auoidinge & punishment of vsurie being a thing vnlawfull, & of other corrupte bargaines shiftes & cheuisantes, which actes statutes & lawes ben so obscure and darke in ententes wordes & termes, and vpō the same so many doubtes ambiguities and questions haue risen and growen, and the same actes statutes and lawes bene of so littell force or effecte, that by reason therof littell or no punishmente hath ensued to the offenders of the same, but rather hathe encoraged theim to vse the same. For reformacion whereof be it enacted by the kinge our souereigne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and euery the said actes statutes & lawes heretofore made, of for or concerning vsurie shyftes corrupte bargaynes and cheuisaunces and euery of theim, and all peines forfaitures and penalties concerninge the same and euerye parte therof, shall from henseforthe bee vtterly voide

& of none effecte to al intentes constructions and purposes.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no persone or personnes, of what degree or condicion so euer he or they be, from and after the last daie of Januari nert cumming, shall by hym selfe factoure attourney seruaunte or deputie, sell hys marchaundyses or wares to any person or persons, and within three monethes nexte after by him selfe factour atturney deputye, or by any other person or persons to his vse and behoufe, by the same marchaundises or wares, or any part or parcell therof, vpon a lesser price, knowing them to be the same wares or marchandises that he before did so bargaine and sel, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter limitted in this estatute.

¶ And be it also enacted by the same auctoritye that no person nor persons, of what estate degree qualitie or condicion so euer he or they be, at anye time after the saide laste daye of January nexte comming, by way or mean of any corrupt bargaine lone eschang cheuisãce shift interest of any wares marchaundises or other thing or thinges what so euer, or by anye other corrupt or disceitfull waye or meane, or by anye couin Ingin or disceytfull way or conueyaunce, shall haue receyue accepte or take in lucre or gaynes for the forbering or geuyng day of payement of one hole yere of and for his or their money or other thyng, that shall bee due for the same wares marchaundise or other thing or thinges, aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundred and so after that rate, and not aboue, of and for a more or lesse time, or for a longer or shorter time, and no more or greatter gaine or summe therupon to be had, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter in this acte mencioned and conteyned.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, at any time after the saide last day of January, doo bargayne and sell, or laie to morgage by any waie or meane any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any person or persons, vpon condicion of payment or non payment of any summe or summes of money to be had paied or made at any day certayne, or before any such day by hym that shal so bargaine sel or lay to morgage the same manours lãdes tenementes or hereditamentes that the same person or persons, to whõ anye such manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes shalbe so bargayned sold or layde to morgage shal not by reson thereof haue ne take in lucre or gaines of the issues reuennes & profittes of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundreth for one hole yere, & so after the rate aboue saide, for a more or a lesser summe, or for a longer or shorter time, and no more, nor other wise, vpon the paynes forfaitures & penalties hereafter in this present estatute limitted and expressed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, of, what estate degree qualitie or condicion so euer he or they be at anye tyme after the sayde laste daye of Januarye nexte commynge

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shall dooe any act or actes, thing or thinges contrary to the tenure fourme and effect of this estatute, or any clause article or sentence conteined in the same, that thassaill and euery offendour and offendours therein, or in anie parte therof, shall forfeite and lose for euerye suche offence the treble value of the wares marchandises and other thinge or thinges so bargained sold exchanged or shifted, and the treble value of the issues and profyttes of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so had taken or receiued by reason of any suche bargaine sale or mortgage, and also shalle haue and suffer imprisonment of hys bodye, and make fine and raunsome at the kynges wyll and pleasure: The moytie of whiche forfayture of the saide treble value, shalbe to the kinge, and thother moytie to hym or theim that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes by action of dette bill playnte or informacion in whiche action bill playnte or informacion no wager of lawe essoine or protection shall be admitted or alloued.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that this acte, nor any thinge therin conteined, shall not in anye wise extend to any lawfull obligacion indored with a condition, nor to anye statute or recognisaunce made and to be made for the paiement of a lesser summe, so that the same obligacion statute or recognisaunce be made for a true iuste and perfite dette, or for the performaunce of anie other true couenaunte made or to be made vpon a iuste and true intente had betwene the parties other then in cases of vsurye, interesse, corrupte bargaine, shifte or chesaunce, nor yet shall extende to anye recouerie fyne feoffement release confirmacion or graunte made or to be made vpon condicion with a true intent other than to such recouerye fynes feoffementes releases confirmacions and graunte as shalbe made vpon condicion extendynge to vsurye interest corrupte bargaines shiftes or chesaunce: any thynge in thys estatute conteined, or any lawe statute or ordinaunce heretofore had vsed or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

An acte againste sclaunderous billes. Cap. 5.

Where diuers malicious and euill disposed personnes, of their peruerse cruell and malicious intentes, mindinge the vtter vndoynge of some personnes, to whome they haue and dooe beare malice hatred and euyll will, haue of late moste diuelishlye practised and deuised diuerse writinges, wherein hath beene compiled, that the same personnes, to whome they beare malyces, shoulde speake traytorous woordes againste the kinges maiestie, hys crowne and dignitee, or committe dyuerse heynouse and detestable treasonnes againste the kynges highnes (where in verie deede the personnes so accused, neuer spake ne committed any suche offence) and the same writinges, so deuised written and made, haue caste abrode, and left in places, where they mought be and haue beene founde wythout subscribynge or wrytinge the true name

of the sayde accusor, or auowynge and approuyng, the same to be true before the kynge or hys councell, by reasone whereof, dyuers of the kynges true faythfull and louynge subiectes haue beene put in feare and dreade of their lyues, and of the losse & forfaitures of their landes tenementes goodes and catteles.

¶ For reformacion whereof bee it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer they be, shall at any time hereafter deuise make or write or cause to be deuised made or written any manner of writinges, rymes or lynges, that anye maner persone or persons haue spoken committed or done any offence or offences, whiche now by the lawes of thys realme bee made treason, or that hereafter shall bee made treason, and the same writing or writinges do take or haue in open places, where they maye and shalbe founde, and do not subscribe or cause to be subscribed his true name to the sayde writinge and within xii. dayes next after ensuing do not personally come before the kinge or hys councelle, and affirme the contentes of the same writing and writinges to bee true, and do as much as in him shalbe for the approuement of the same: That then all and euery person and persons, offending as is aforesayde, shall be demed and adiudged a felon and felons, and euery suche offence shall bee adiudged and demed felonye. And the offendour and offendours in the same and euery of them, beyng of the same offence or offences lawfully conuicted or attainted (after the lawes of the realme) shall haue and suffre suche paines of death, losse and forfaicture of landes, tenementes, goodes, and catalles, as in other cases of felonie without anye benefite of clergie, or priuilege of sanctuarye to bee admitted graunted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ An acte for the marshes beside Greenwyche. Cap. xli.

FOr so muche as the marshes, called the newe marshes and Combemarshes, in the parishe of East Greenwiche, in the countye of kent beene sundry times in great perill, & daungier of ouerflowinge, by reason of the raginge floudes & great tides, that would breake in there, if y seuerall owners of the sayde marshes, should not speruisperitly prouide for the defence thereof from time to tyme, by makinge amendinge and repairinge the bankes of the same: And all bee it, that the moste parte of the owners of the sayde marshes bee continually charged withe the reparations of the bankes of the same, paying after a rate for the acre, yet some owners therof be, which haue not nor will not paye any thing, nor in any wise be contributorie towards the amendment and riparacions there: by reason whereof the saide bankes be not duely nor conueniently repaired, to the great peril and daungier of ouerflowing and drowning of the sayde marshes,

shes, and to the greate losse and hinderaunce of diuers of your graces lo-
uynge subiectes aswell beyng owners of parcell of the same, as to an in-
finite nombre of other, that be dayly refreshed, and haue greate sustenta-
cion by the same. In consideracion wherof it maye please hys highnesse,
with thaduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in
this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it
maye ber establisshed and enacted, that all and euery suche person and per-
sons as now be, or whiche hereafter shalbe owners of the saide marshes,
or of any parcell therof, shall at all times after thende of this session of this
present parliament, pay and bee contributorie, and chargeable towards
the reparacion and amendment of the sayde marshes from tyme to tyme,
after the rate of the acre, as other owners there haue heretofore bene char-
ged. And that by auctoritie aforesaide it shalbe lawful to ỹ expenditours
and collectours, or one of them from tyme to time, whan any sesse or rate
shalbe had or made in that behalfe, to distreigne the goodes and cattalles
of suche persons, that shall refuse to pay after suche rate, and the same di-
stresses to retaine kepe and dispose according to the lawes of Romney marshe
in such behalfe heretofore vsed.

¶ An acte for tithes in London. Cap. xii.

Where of late time contencion strif and variaunce hathe ri-
sen and growen wythin the citie of London and the liber-
ties of the same, betwene the persons, vicars, & curates, of
the sayde cytye and the cytizens, and inhabytauntes, of the
same, for & concerning the paimentes of tithes, oblacions
& other duties within the sayde citie & liberties. For appea-
sing whereof a certain order and decree was made therof by the most reue-
rend father in God Thomas archebishop of Canturbury metropolitayne
chefe prymat of all England, Thomas Audeley knight lorde Audeley of
Walden, and then lord chauncellour of England now deceassed, and other
of the kinges maiesties moste honorable priuy counsaile and also the kyn-
ges letters patentes and proclamacion was made therof and directed to
the sayde cytizens concerning the same, where vpon it was after enacted
in the parliament holden at westminster by prorogacion the fourth daye of
Februarye in the .xxvii. yere of the kinges maiesties moste noble reigne, by
auctoritye of the same parliament, that the cytizens and inhabitauntes
of the same citie should at Ester than next comyng, pay vnto the curates
of the saide citie & subburbes, all such and like summes of money for tithes
oblacions and other duties, as the sayde cytezens and inhabytauntes by
the order of the saide late lorde Chauncellour and other of the kinges most
honorable counsayl and the kynges sayde proclamacyon, payed or ought
to haue paied by force and vertue of the said order at Easter, whiche was
in the yeare of our lorde god. M. D. xxxv. and the same payementes

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so to continue frome time to time, vntill suche time as any other order or lawe should be made published ratified and confyrmed by the kinges highnes, and the xxvii. persons by his grace to be named aswel for the full establishment concerning the paimente of all tithes, oblacions and other dueties of the inhabitauntes within the sayde citie suburbes and liberties of the same, as for the makinge of other ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme of Englande, and, that euery person denying to pay, as is aforesaide, shoulde by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the time beynge, be committed to prison, there to remaine vntill such time as he or they should haue agreed with the curate or curates for their sayde tithes, oblacions, & other dueties, as is aforesaide, as in the saide acte more playnly apperethe: Sithen which acte diuers variaunces, contencions and stryues are newly risen and growen betwene the saide persons, vicars, and curates, and the sayde citizens and inhabitauntes touchyng the paymentes of their tithes oblacions and other dueties by reason of certayn wordes and termes specified in the saide order, whiche are not so playnly and fully set fourth, as is thought conuenient and mete to be: for appesyng whereof, as well the saide persons vicars and curates, as the sayde citizens and inhabitauntes haue compromitted and put them selues to stande to such order and decree touching the premisses, as shalbe made by the sayde ryght reuerend father in god Thomas archebishoppe of Caunterburye, metropolitayne and primate of England, the right honorable syr Thomas wryothesley knyght lorde Wryothsly and lorde chauncellour of Englande, the right honorable Thomas duke of Norff. lord Treasorer of Englande, the right honorable syr William paulet knight, lord seint John, lorde president of the counsaile and lorde greate maister of the kinges moste honorable houshold, the right honorable syr Jhon Russel knight lorde Russell, and lorde priuyseale, the ryght honorable Edward Earle of hereff. lord greate Chamberlaine of Englande, the ryght honorable Jhon vicounte Lysle hyghe admirall of Englande, syr Richarde Lyster knight chiefe Justyce of Englande, sir Edwarde Mountague knight chiefe Justice of the common benche at westminster, and syr Roger Cholmeley knyght, chiefe Barne of the esthe-ker, for a finall end and conclusion to be had and made touchinge the premisses for euer. And to the entent to haue a full peace and perfite ende beetwene the saide parties their heires and successours, touchinge the saide tithes, oblacions and other duties for euer: Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that such end order and direction as shalbe made decreed and concluded by the forenamed archebyshop lordes and knightes, or any .vi. of them, before the fyrste daye of Marche nexte ensuynge, of for and concerninge the paimentes of the Tythes, oblacions and other duties within the saide citie, & the liberties of the same, and enrolled in the kinges high court of Chauncery of recorde, shall stande remayne and bee as an acte of parliament, and shall bynde aswell all citizens and inhabytantes of the saide citye and lyberties for the time beyng, as the sayde per-

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sons vicars curates and their successours for euer, according to the effecte purporte and intente of the saide order and decree so to be made and inrolled. And that euery person denying to pay any of his or their tithes, oblacions or other duties contrarie to the said decree so to be made shal by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the time beyng, and in his default or negligence by the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beynge, be committed to prison, ther to remayne till suche time as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for his or their sayde tithes oblacions and other duties, as is aforesaide.

¶ An acte repealing the act made for pinnes. Cap. xiii.

Where in the parliament holden vpon prorogacion at westm. the .xxii. daye of Januarye in the .xxxiiii. yere of our souereigne lordes reigne that now is, and there continued and kepte till the xii. day of May, in the .xxxv. yere of hys sayde raygne, it was enacted, that no maner person or personnes from and after the first day of August, then nexte ensuing, should bent bitter or put to sale, by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner pinnes within this realme, but onely such as should be double headed, and haue the heades soudered fast to the shanke of the pinne, well smothed the shanke well shauen, the poynt well and rounde filed, canted and sharped, vpon paine that euery offender in that behalfe shoulde lose and forfaite for euery thousande of pynnes, not sufficiently wroughte and made, bented bitted or put to sale, contrarie to the purporte of the saide acte, the one halfe of the saide forfaiture to be to the kynges maiestye, and the other halfe to any his graces subiectes that would sue for the same by bill playnte, accion of dette, informacion, or other wyse, in anye courte of recorde, wherin the defendant should not wage hys lawe, nor anye essoyne protection or foreyne plee allowed or admitted: any lawe statute or ordinaunce before that time made to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge, as by thys sayde acte more at large doth appere. At whiche tyme the pinners plainly affirmed and promised to serue the kynges liege people wel and sufficientlye, and at a reasonable pryce. And for as muche as sens the making of the saide act there hathe bene scarcitie of pinnes within this realme, that the kinges liege people haue not ben wel nor competenly serued of such pinnes, nor ar like to be serued, nor the pinners of thys realme, (as it doeth now manifestly appere) be hable to serue the people of thys realme, according to their sayde promise. In consideracion whereof, it may please the king our souereigne lorde, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it may be established and enacted that the sayde acte made in the sayde .xxxiiii. and .xxv. yeare of his gracious reigne, concerninge makinge of pinnes, and euery thinge therin con-

conteined, may be made, adiudged and deemed from henceforth frustrate and nihilated, and to be reapealed for euer, as though the saide acte in that behalfe had neuer ben made or prouided.

¶ Prouided alway, & be it enacted by the saide auctoritie, that all actions billes, plaintes, and informacions nowe commenced or dependynge in the kinges courtes of the eschequer, kinges benche, or common place of or for any offence done to the contrari to the tenure of the saide former acte, shall continue and bee in their force and strengthe: and al iudgmentes & executions therin to be sued and had in such maner and forme, as yf thys act of repele had neuer be had or made.

¶ An acte for the maintenaunce of the peere at Scarburgh. Cap. xiiii.

IN most humble wise shewen vnto your highnesse your true and faithfull subiectes, the baliffes and cõminalte of your towne of Scarburgh, in the cõtie of Yorke, that where of olde antiquitie, as well the inhabitantes & dwellers within your said towne, as al other both your graces subiectes & straungers, hauing any entercourse, passinge or repassynge from anye porte or hauen of thys realme of Englande, or from beyonde the sea, to your porte or hauen of Scarburgh, haue had for their shippes, botes and vessels, goodes & marhaundises within the keye or peere in the hauen of Scarburgh, at all times, good, sure, and safe harborow, & haue had in the sayd hauen franke egresse & enteraice with their shyppes and other vesselles at all tydes, and at euery full sea, by reason wherof as well all maner of marchauntes as fishermen, beyng on the seas in any aduersitie, tempest, or perill on the North coste, haue euer been accustomed to resorte thither for their safegardes and assurance, as well of mens liues as vessels, goodes, and marchaundises: by meanes of whiche greate resorte, the saide towne was well inhabited, and the inhabitauntes therof well occupied, as well with sundrie good occupacions, as with fishing and making or dryng of fishe, to the greate commoditee and profit to the dwellers within the saide towne and the countrey ther vnto nere adioynynge, as of all other marchauntes of this realme thither resortynge and comyng: by occasion wherof your highnesse custome dyd yerelye extende vnto a good and large summe of money at the saide hauen. And also all the owners of all the mesuages, landes, and tenementes within the precinct of the saide towne did set and let their saide mesuages, landes and tenementes at greate rentes or fermes to their greate aduantages and profites: vnto now of late and within fewe yeres, that the saide key or peere within the saide hauen, by the floudde and rage of the sea, comynge to the saide towne, and insurgeyng ouer and vpon the saide key or peere in times of tempest, hath freated and broken downe, and meruayloselye

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worthe and paye the saide key or peere, in so much that the sayd hauen is not of late yeres also haunted & frequented with shippes and vessels, as heretofore it hath ben accustomed and vsed, to the great impouerishyng of the inhabitantes and dwellers in the sayde towne, and to the great decaye of the rente of the same, and to the hyndrance and mynishyng of the rentes and fermes of the messuages, landes, & tenementes within the precinctes, limittes and boundes of the said towne of Scarburgh, in so much that a great nombre of the said landes and tenementes now, are fallen downe decayed and as thys tyme remayne vnedified, lyng as desolate in, voyd grounde, which within fewe yeres would be amended and reedified, and might be set or letten for much greater rentes or fermes, than they be at this tyme, if the said key or peere were repaired & made againe, that shyppes, boates, and other vessels might haue harber in the sayde hauen, and counte and resorte in and forth, as hath ben in tymes past, which key or peere beyng now so farre decayed, that the inhabitantes of the sayde towne the tenauntes and fermers of the said messuages, landes, and tenementes, are not able to vpdrie, repaire, or amende without the owners of the sayd messuages landes, and tenementes, may be compelled to be verely contributors and keipers vnto the same. In consideracion whereof be it enacted ordeined and established by the assente of the kynges maiestie & the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter followyng shall appere. That is to say, the kynge our soueraigne lorde, by the auctoritee aforesaide ordeyneth, maketh, establisheth, and erecteth a certaine corporacion or body politike of the nombre of two persons, commonly to be called for euer, the maisters or keipers of the keye or peere of Scarburgh, whiche corporacion or bodie politike, by auctoritie aforesaid, continually and for euer shall remayne & abide a perfecte corporacion or body politike. And the said maisters or keipers, and their successours, shall and may be at all tyme and tymes hereafter enabled & auctorysed to sue and pleade, and be sued & empleaded by the name of maysters or keipers of the saide key or peere of Scarburghe: and also shall haue one seale, whiche shall be called the common seale.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the bayliffes, coroners and serchers of occupacions of the sayde towne of Scarburghe, and their successours, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, to electe nominate and chose at the common hall within the sayde towne of Scarburgh, two sufficient discrete and honest persons, dwellyng within the said towne of Scarburgh, or the limittes of the same, to be maisters and keipers of the saide key or peere by the space of three yeres next ensuynge their election: whiche election, by the auctoritie aforesaid, shall be the first day of Februarie next ensuynge. After which election so had and made, and knowlege therof geuen by the sayde bailiffes, coroners and serchers, the saide persons so elected and chosen to

be maisters and keepers of the saide key or peere, shall alwaies vpon theyr election, and notice therof geuen, thforme aforesaide, entre into the ryo said office, in the feast of the purification of our blessed lady saint Mary the virgin, and from thensforthe shall continually remaine and abide in the sayde office by the space of three yeres next ensuing their election: And the said bailiffes, coroners, and serchers, and their successours, for the time beinge, shall at all times and times hereafter, at the ende of three yeres make a new election, in forme aforesaide, of two other persons, to be maisters and keepers of the said key or peere, as vse, exercise, and occupy the saide office, in maner and forme as before by thys present act is specified and declared.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, whiche hereafter shall be chosen by the sayde bailiffes, coroners, and serchers, and their successours, for the time beinge, to be maisters or keepers of the saide key or peere, do refuse to take vpon them the sayde roume and office, or to vse and exercise the same, according to the fourme of this present acte, that then he or they, or either of them, so refusyng shall lose and forfaite for euerye tyme that any suche refusall is had or made, fourtie shillynges to the next maisters and keepers, and their successours of the saide key or peere, the same to be bestowed and employed vpon the reparyng and maintenyng of the same key or peere. For whiche forfaiture of xl.s. the saide maisters and keepers, & their successours, shall distreigne the landes, goodes, and cattalles of him or them that shall lose or forfaite the same, lyeng or beyng within the towne of Scarburgh or the precinctes of the same, to haue an action of dette by writte bill or plaint in any of the king's courtes, or in any other court, who hath auctoritie or cognisance to holde plea of dette.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if it shall happen the saide maisters and keepers or either of them, to dye in the time of their office, or refuse to exercise and occupie the same: that then the sayd bailiffes, coroners and serchers, shall haue auctoritie, by vertue of this act, within fyve daies after the death or refusall of suche maister or keper to the knowen and certified at the common hall aforesaid, to chose and elect newe maisters and keepers, or ane newe maister and keper, in the roume of them or him that so shall happen to die or refuse, to fulfil the roume of the same onely to the ende of those three yeres.

¶ And be it further enacted, that the fore sayde maisters and keepers and their successours hereafter shall yerely levye, receive, and haue of all and euery person and persons, beynge owner or owners, and hauynge estate of inheritaunce, or beyng tenaunte by the courtesie, or tenaunt in dower of any messuage or messuages, tenement or tenementes, or anye kinde of rentes, gardeins, orchardes, or other landes, groundes, or hereditamentes, set situate or lyynge within the precinctes limittes or bondes of the sayde towne of Scarburghe, or the liberties & iurisdictios of the same, or of any

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kinde of rent or rentes, being due to be paied furthe, or for any of the same to, for, and towardes the reparacions, amending and buildinge, and for maintenaunce of the same keie or pere: the first parte of the yerely rent of all suche messuages, tenementes, gardeines, orchardes, landes, grounde or hereditamentes, lying within the precinctes, limittes and boundes aforesaid, to be hereafter yerely paid vnto the same maisters and keepers of the saide keie or peere, for the time beyng, by the fermers or occupiers of euery of the said messuages, tenementes, & other the premisses, at the feastes of Pentecost and sainct Martine in winter, euery yere by euen portions. And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the fyrste paiment shall begine at the feaste of Pentecoste, next enluyng the making of this present acte.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if anye owner or owners of any such messuages, tenementes, gardeines, orchardes, landes or ground, lying within the liberties of Scarburgh aforesaid, do holde and occupie the same in his or their owne handes, not letten to anye fermer: then euerye suche owner or owners, shall yerely paie as is aboue saide, the .b. parte of so muche rente or ferme, as his saide messuage, tenement, gardeine, orcharde, lande, grounde, or hereditamente, maye be reasonably letten to ferme for, as by the valuacion of tenne discrete persones of the same toune, shalbe adiudged without fraude or couin.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that for lacke of paiement of the saide .b. parte of the rentes and fermes aboue reherced, the saide maisters and kepers and their successours, shall haue full power by vertue of this acte, to entre into euerye such messuage, tenement and other the premisses, whereof the saide .b. parte of euerye suche rente or ferme shalbe due and vnpaied, and there distreigne, and the distresse there taken to carie and take awaie, reteine and kepe, vnto such tyme as they ber fully contented and paybe the .b. parte of suche rent or ferme, as is before expressed with the arrerages, if any be.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that euery fermer or occupier of suche messuages, tenementes, or other the premisses, paying the .b. parte of the rent of the ferme aboue saide, vnto the foresayde maisters or kepers of the keye or peere of Scarburgh aforesaide, for the time beyng, shalbe therof and for so much clerely acquited & discharged against the owner or owners of suche messuages, tenementes, gardeynes, orchardes, landes, groundes, or hereditamentes, afore reherced, and against the heires and executours of the saide owner or owners, and the heires and executours of euery of them: any bande, custome, lawe, couenant, indenture, obligacion or bondes to the contrary made, or hereafter to be made, in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said two maisters and kepers, for the time beeyng, shall haue power and auctho-

ritie, to order, rule, set forwardes, ouersee and gouerne the workes of the saide Key or Peere, to hire workemen, buye stuffe for the same, and make prouision for euery thing therunto belonging, apperteining, or necessarye for the moste profite and furtheraunce of the same, after their best policie and wisdome. And at thende of euery three yeres, to make their accompte vnto the Bailiffes, Coroners and Serchers aforesaide, who shall here examine, and determine the saide accoumpte: and allowe all thinges worthy to be allowed, and disallowe suche as be not worthie to be allowed. And shall limitte and assigne, what and howe muche the sayde maisters & kepers, so accomptaunte, shall haue allowed them for their labours, expenses and charges by them in that behalfe sustained, in the time of their office, wherwith the saide maisters and kepers shall be contented, without any further demaunde. Which accoumpte, so heard, examined and determined by the bailiffes, coroners and serchers abouesaide, the saide maysters and kepers so accoumptaunt, shall cause their saide accoumpte wholy and fully to be double written, in parchement indented, the one parte whereof to remaine with the saide Bailiffes, and the other parte with the saide maisters and kepers.

¶ Be it further enacted, that the saide Bailiffes, Coroners, and Serchers, for the time beyng, vpon the thyrde daye of February, at euery thyes yeres ende, or within. xx. daies then next ensuing, shall heare examine and determine the saide accoumpte, without any further delaye, vnder peine of forfacture of euery one of them. xx. s. to the vse of the sayde key or peere to be leuid and reteined by the maisters or kepers for the time beyng.

¶ And in case that the maisters or kepers, or anye of them, at the ende of their office, do refuse to make their accoumpt, or neglect the same: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the bailiffes of the towne of Scarborough, for the time beyng, may haue actions of accoumpt, actions of debte, or arrerages of accoumpte, against the said maisters and kepers, their heires and executours, for, and concerning the receipte of the yearelye reuenues, issues and profittes, to the saide key or peere, in any wise belonging or apperteining. And also all and singuler debtes and summes of money, whiche shall be hereafter recouered by vertue of the premisses, shal be deliuered by the saide bailiffes, to the maisters and keepers of the keye or peere aforesaide, for the time beyng, for the repayring and maintenaunce of the same. And in like maner the said accoumptauntes, to haue lyke remedie against their successours for the surplusage of their accoumpte if any such shall happen to be.

¶ And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if anye person or persons hereafter shall happen to practise or attempte anye deceaude couin or guile in any thinge or thinges within the saide libertyes and precinctes, touching, or concerning the saide. v. parte of the yerely rentes or fermes of the said messuages, landes, tenementes and other the premisses

misses aboue specified in disturbaunce, and contrary to the true meaning of this present act. Or if any ambiguitie or doubte shall hereafter be fond or arise in this presente acte, that then the saide fraude, guile, couin, doubt or ambiguitie, shall bee examined, tried and fully ended and determined, at the suite of the maisters and kepers of the said Keie or Peere, and their successours, before the lorde Chauncellour of england, for the tyme beynge which lorde Chauncellour, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this acte, not only to here, examine and determine all suche causes: but also to expounde and interprete euery ambiguitie and doubte, arisyng of any thyng conteyned in thys acte.

An acte agaynste regratyng of wolles. Cap. xb.

FOr as muche as by Draperie and making of woollen clothes within this realme, many of the kinges poore subiectes, in great numbres, haue beene heretofore well occupyed and set a woorke, & for that the same should bee continued and mayntayned, amonges other yt was establyshed and enacted as well in the parliament holden at Westmynster the foorth yere of the late kyng Henrye the seuenth as in the parliamente holden at Westminster in the. xrii. yere of the reygne of our moste drade soueraygne lorde the kinges royall maiestie that nowe is, that no maner of personne, by him selfe, or by any other, shoulde buye or bargayne, frome the firste daye of marche, then nexte ensuynge the makyng of the sayde acte, any wolles then beynge vnshorne, or shoulde take promise of bargayne of anye wolles then vnshorne, of the growynge of the shyres of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Southamton, Wyltes. Dorf. Somersette, Glocester, Worf. Herefordе. Salopp. Warwike, Leicester, Notyngham, Derby, Lincolne, Rutland, Northamton, Norff. Suff. Eſſex. Cambrydge, Huntyngton. Buck. Bedfordе, or anye of theim, before the feast of the Assumpcion of our Ladye then nexte ensuyng: Or buye or bargayne anye wolles, or take promesse of bargayne of anye wolles that shall growe in anye of sayde Shyres, in anye yere or yeres then to come, after the sayde feaste of the Assumpcion of our Lady, any tyme before the said feast of the Assumpcion of our Ladye, that shall bee nexte after the shearynge of the saide Wolle or Wolles: but suche persounes, that of the said wolle or wolles, shoulde make, or doone to bee made yarne or clothe, within this realme vpon peine of forfaiture of the double value of all the Wolles boughte, or for to bee bargayned, or taken by promesse of bargayne, contrarye to the saide ordinaunce. And further it was ordeined, by auctoritie aforesayde that no persone, after the sayde firste daye of Marche, shoulde buye or bargaine any maner of woll, within this realme, for anye marchaunt straunger, nor shoulde take any promesse of bargaine and sale of any wolle, for any marchaunte straunger within thys realme, vpon peyne of forfayture

of the same wolle so bought: or wherof promesse of bargain, or sale should bee so taken, to the vse of any straunger, or the value of the same Wolles: The one halfe of all whiche forfaitures, should be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the other halfe to be to hym, that would sue the partye, that should breake the said ordinaunces. And that if any persone, that would sue in that parte, should and moughte haue an action of debte, of the saide forfaicture: and suche proces in the same accion be had, as in an accion of debte, at the common lawe, or after the custome of the Citye, Borough or towne: where it should happen to be sued: And that none essoin, ne protection be allowed, nor wager of lawe for the saied defendaunt admitted, as by the saied estatute more plainly it maye appere. Whiche acte was made to endure, from the saied first day of Marche, vnto the ende of ten yeres, then next ensuyng, and from the ende of the saied ten yeres, vnto the ende of the nexte parliament, to be holden after the ende of the saied ten yeres: which time is nowe expired, by reason whereof diuers persons, as brogers, regratours, and engrocers of wolles, for their owne singular lucre and aduantage, to the intent to sell the same agaune vnwrought, and to enhance the prices of wolles, haue taken and gathered into theyr handes diuers greate quantities and numbre of stones and waightes of woll: and also haue taken promisses and bargaines of woll, in diuers the saied shyres, now vnshorne: so that neither the Marchauntes of the estaple, ne yet suche as would draye and make yarne and clothe, within this realme, can haue wolles at any reasonable prices for the same. For remedie whereof, and to the entente as well the marchauntes of the staple, as suche as woll make yarne and clothe, within thys realme, maye the better hereafter bee prouided of wolles, conuenyente for the same: It is ordeyned and enacted by aucthoritie of this presente parliamente, that from and after the sayed first date of March, nowe nexte commyng, no maner of persone, other then marchauntes of the saied estaple, and their seruauntes and factours, for the onely prouision of the saied estaple, and for to bee shypped onely to the saied estaple, and other then suche as shall conuert the same into yarne or cloth, within this realme, by hym self, or by any other: buye or bargayn or take promesse of bargayne of any wolles, beeyng nowe vnshorne, of the growinge of the shires of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Southamton, Wiltes. Dorset. Somers. Glocester, Worc. Hereford, Salopp. Warwick. Leicester. Notyngam, Derby, Yorke, Lincolne, Rutlande, Northamton, Norffolke, Suff. Esser. Cambridge. Huntington. Buck. Bedforde. and Herefordе. or any of theim, before the feaste of the Purification of oure ladye, nexte after the shearinge and clippinge of the sayde wolles: or buye or bargayn any wolles, or take promesse of bargaine of any wolles, that shall growe in any of the saide shires, in any yere, or yeres to come, after the saide feaste of the Purification of our ladye, that shall bee nexte after the shyninge of clipping of the sayd wolle, but onely suche persones, their seruauntes and factors, that of the sayd wolles shall make, or do to be made yarne, hattes,

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girdelles, or clothe within thys realme, and not to sell the same woll a-gaine, or the staple, or his factours, to be shipped onely to the sayde estaple vpon paine of forfaiture of the double value, of the sayde wolles boughte or for to be bargained, or taken by promisse of bargaine, contrarye to thys acte and ordinaunce.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that it shall be lawfull for euery man, to bringe or sende hys owne wolle vnto the common markettes, and there to sell the same vnto the marchaunte of the staple, or hys factor, or to hym or them, that will buye the same for to make yarne or clothe, within this realme, or their factour or seruauntes. And in case neither the stapler, his factour, or other for him, or the clothier, or other for him, will not buye the same wolle, so broughte to the market, in their defaulte, to sell the same to anye other, that wille buye the same, in the sayde open market: Anye thing in thys present acte, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no personne after the firste daie of Marche, nowe nexte comminge, shall buye or bargaine, any maner wolle within this realme, for any marchaunt stranger nor shall take anie promise of bargaine, or sale of anye wolle, for anye marchaunt straunger within this realme, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same wolle so bought, or whereof promesse of bargaine and sale shalbe so taken to the vse of the marchaunt straunger, or the value of the same wolles, the moitie of whiche forfaitures, to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the other moitie, to the partie that will sue for the same, the partie that shall breake this ordinaunce, and that persone, that will sue in that behalfe shall and maye haue an action of debte, of the sayde forfaiture and suche processe in the same to be had, as in an action of debte at the common law or after the custom of the citie, Borowe, or towne, where it shall be sued, where in none essoin protection, ne wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

¶ And further it is enacted, that all barganes, couenauntes, promisses, and contractes for wolles, heretofore made, or anye time hereafter, before the firste daye of Marche, now nexte comminge, to be made by any persone, of, or for anye wolles, of the growinge of anye of the saide shires, beyng vnshorne, shal be voyde and of none effecte: Except the buyer prouyder or suche persone or persones, to whom any such former promes or bargayn is made, doe put the same wolles, by him receiued by suche former contracte, couenante, or promisse, into yarne or clothe, within thys realme, or do shipp the same to the saide estaple.

¶ It is also further prouided and enacted, that the sayde marchaunte of the said staple, maie bargayn and sell their refuse or course wolles, suche as is mete for the saide estaple, to any other persone, that will buye the same, to make yarne clothe, within this realme: Anye thing in thys acte to the contrary not withstanding. This acte to continue and endure, vnto the ende of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte for the annexing of certeine landes to the duchy of Lancastre, and an exchaunge betwene the kinges maiestie, the archbishops of Canturbury & Yorke, and the bishop of London. cap. xvi

THe kyng our soueraigne lord, considering and regarding the estate of his duchy of Lancastre, beyng one of ỳ moste princelyest and stateliest peeces of his graces auncient inheritaunce, and perceiuyng that the possessions and yerely reuenues therof, haue ben of late greatly diminished, as well by reason of sundrie giftes, grauntes and sales, made by his highnesse, as by reason of sundry exchaunges, made betweene his maiestie, and diuers hys louinge subiects, of diuers manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, lately belonging to the same, and the manours, landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes, beyng assured to his highnes, in recompence of the saide exchaunges, be not annexed vnto his saide duchy, but been in the order and gouernaunce of his courtes appointed for the same manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, so by his highnes taken and receiued in exchaunge: and where his maiestie is now lawfully seised in his demeane, as of fee, of and in the lordeship and manour of Rippon, in the countie of yorke, with al the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, membres, profites and commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise reputed, vsed or taken, as parte, parcell, or membre of the same. And of all roialties, liberties, fraunchises, iurisdictions, and preeminences, whatsoeuer they be there vsed, or in any wise to be exercised, in, vpon, or by reason of the same lordeship or anye parte or parcell therof: all whiche were late of the possessions, of the moste reuerende father in god, Robert archebishop of yorke, or of his late predecessour, as parcel of the possessions, belonging to the archbishoppike of yorke: and where as also the same our saide soueraigne lorde, is now lawfully seased in his demeane, as of fee, of, and in one parcell of lande, called the Vacharie, conteynynge by estimacion .lx. acres more or lesse, set, lyeng and beyng within the limittes and boundes of the forreste of Athedoune, in the countie of Sussex whiche parcell of lande, was late parcell of the possessions, of the late dissolued priorie or monasterie of Michellame, in the sayde countye of Sussex: and where also the kinges highnes is seised of, and in diuers parkes as in the right of his saide Duchie, and as parcell of the possessions, belonging to the same: And also of, and in diuers and sundry parcelles of landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lyeng within the precincte, circuite and compasse of the sayde parkes, whiche at thys presente are not parcell of the sayde Duchie, ne of the possessions belonginge to the same: his highnes mindyng and intending the preseruacion, aduauncement, maintenaunce and continuaunce of the auncient and honorable estate of his saide Duchy, is fully determined, resolued, pleased and contented, to assigne the saide manour of Rippon, and all the other premisses, to the saide Duchy. wherfore bee it

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enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: that the saide lordship and manour of Rippon, in the saide countie of Yorke, and all maners, landes, tenementes, possessions, hereditamētes, membres, profittes and commodities, belonging to the same, or in any wise reputed, used, or taken as parte, parcell, or membre of the saide manour of Rippon: and all roialties, liberties, fraunchises, iurisdictions and preeminences, what so euer they be there used, or in any wise to be used, taken, or exercised, in, upon or by reason of the same lordship, and manour of Rippon, and other the premisses, or, in, upon, by reason of anye parte or parcell thereof, whiche were late of the possessions of the saide archebishoppe of Yorke, or of his saide predecessours, as parcell of the possessions of the saide archebishopricke: and also the said parcel of lande, called the Vaccharie, lynge and bryng, within the limittes and boundes, of the saide forest of Ashdoune, in the saide countie of Sussex, with the appurtenaunces: and all the landes, tenementes, possessions, & hereditamentes, whiche his highnes now hath in possession, reuercion, remainder, seruice, or in use of any estate of inheritaunce, not beyng parcell of the possession, belonging to the sayde Duchye, and which ben lynge or beyng, within the precincte, circuite or compasse of any of the said parkes, as wholy and entierly, and in as ample & large maner and fourme, and with the same and like cōmodities, roialties, franchises, liberties, priuileges, preeminences, and iurisdictions, as they came to the handes and possession of the same our soueraigne lorde the kinge, or to any other, to his highnes use and behoufe, and in as ample and large maner, forme and condicion as they nowe been, or owen to be in his maiesties handes and possession, be, and shal from henceforth be, vnited and annexed vnto hys said duchy of Lancastre, and to be adiuged deemed and taken for, as parcel and membre of the said duchy of Lācastre, and shalbe of the same nature, kinde, qualitie and condicion, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as other the auncient possessions of the saide duchie, lyng and beyng out of the countie palantine of Lancastre, be, and ought to bee, and shalbe in the lettynge, settyng, order, rule, survey, receipte, and gouernance of the Chauncellour, counsayle and officers of the sayde duchye of Lācastre, for the time beyng, for euermore, in like, and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes as other the saide auncient possessions, of, or belonging to the same Duchy, lyng and beyng, out of the saide countye palantine, now bene, haue bene, or owen to bee: and that aswell the sayde lordeship and maner of Rippon, and thother premisses as all other Lordeshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, add hereditamentes, which haue ben heretofore, by our said soueraigne lord the king, or by any of his most noble progenitors, annexed, vnited, assigned, or appointed, to the said Duchie, by act of parliament, byll assigned, letters patentes, or other lawefull meanes, which be not as yet giuen, graunted, solde, or

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exchaunged by the kinges highneſſe, or anye of hys noble progenitours, or otherwiſe ſeuered or deuided from the ſayde Duchye, and beene ſet, lyinge and being, out of the ſayde countie palantine of Lancaſtre. And all and ſinguler giftes, grauntes, leaſes, letters patentes and writinges ther of, or of any parcell therof to bee made by the kinges highnes, his heires, or ſucceſſours, ſhall for euermore paſſe, and bee made vnder the ſeale of the ſaide duchye, and not vnder any other ſeale, or otherwiſe, and with the like and the ſame iuery of ſeiſon, attornementes, ceremonies, orders and circumſtances in the lawe, and in the ſame maner and forme, as other the auncient poſſeſſions of the ſayde duchie, lyeng and beinge out of the ſayde countie palantine of Lancaſtre, & the letters patentes, charters and writtinges therof heretofore made, haue vſed and ought to be made & paſſed, and not otherwiſe, nor in anye other maner or fourme anye acte of parliament made concerning the eſtabliſhment and erection of the courte of the augmentacions, of the reuenues of the kinges crowne or concerninge in any wiſe the ſaid courte of augmentacions or any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, liberties, iuriſdiction or preeminences or other thinge whatſoeuer limitted or appointed to be in the order ſuruey, gouernaunce or diſpoſicion of the ſame courte of augmentacions or any lawe, acte, ſtatute, vſag or cuſtome to the contrary hereof, in any wiſe not withſtäding. And that aſwell all and ſinguler lordeſhippes manours landes tenementes poſſeſſions & hereditamentes, whiche by thys acte be annexed, vnyted, aſſigned and appoynted to the ſaide Duchy, as alſo all other manours landes tenementes poſſeſſions and hereditamentes whiche at any time heretofore haue ben, by our ſaide ſouereigne lorde the kinges highnes or by any of his moſt noble progenitors, annexed, vnited, aſſigned, or appoynted to the ſaide duchy, by act of parliament, bill aſſigned, letters patentes or other lawful meanes, whereof the officer and miniſter of the ſaid duchy or any of theim done at this day, receiue the profittes to the kinges vſe, and whiche be not as yet geuen, graunted, bargained, ſolde, exchaunged, or other wiſe put away, deuided or ſeuered from the ſayd Duchye and beyng ſet, lyeng and beynge with in the ſayde countye palantine of Lancaſtre. And all and ſinguler giftes, grauntes, letters patentes and writynges therof or of any parte or parcell therof, to be made by the kynges highnes, hys heyres or ſucceſſours, ſhall for euermore paſſe, and bee made vnder the ſeale of the countie palantine of Lancaſtre, and not vnder, or by any other ſeale, or otherwiſe, and with the like & the ſame orders, ceremonies and circumſtances in the law, and in the ſame maner and forme, as other the auncient poſſeſſions of the ſaid duchy, lyng & beynge within the ſaide countie palantine of Lancaſtre, hath ben had, vſed & made, and the letters patentes, charters and writinges therof, heretofore made, haue vſed and owen to be paſſed and made, and not otherwiſe, nor in any other maner or fourme. And that as well al and ſinguler the ſaid manours, landes, tenementes and other the premiſſes nowe annexed and aſſigned to the ſayde

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duchie by thys acte, as all other manours, landes, tenementes, and poſ-
ſeſſions heretofore aſſigned, by our ſoueraigne lorde, or by any of hys moſt
noble progenitours, to the ſaid duchie, wherof the officer and miniſter of
the ſaid duchie, or anye of them, reconed the profyttes at this day, to ꝑ kin-
ges graces vſe, liyng, or beyng within the ſaid countie palantine of Lan-
caſtre, and beyng not ſold, graunted, bargained, giuen, exchaunged or o-
therwiſe departed fro, diuided, or ſeuered from the ſayd countye palantyne
ſhalbe of the ſame nature, qualitie and condicion, to all intentes, con-
ſtructions, and purpoſes in the lawe, as other the auncient poſſeſſions of
the ſayde duchye, liyng or beeynge wythin the ſayde countye palantyne of
Lancaſtre, ben, owne, and haue vſed to bee: any law, act, ſtatute, cuſtome
or vſage, to the contrarie therof in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctho*r*itie afore*ſ*aid, that all the ren-
tes, reuennes, iſſues and profittes, which hath riſen, comen and growne of
the ſayd manour or lordſhip of Rippon, and of all other manours, landes,
tenementes, hereditamentes, membres, profittes, and commodities to the
ſame belonging, or in any wiſe reputed, taken or vſed, as parte, parcell, or
membre of the ſame. And of all liberties, fraunchiſes, iuriſdictions, and
preheminences, vſed or exerciſed, in, vpon or by reaſon of the ſame, or anye
parte therof, ſythen ſuche time as the inheritance of the ſame, fyrſt came
to the kinges handes or poſſeſſion, ſhalbe taken, receiued, collected, and ac-
coumpted by the officers and miniſters of the ſayde Duchie, in ſuche ma-
ner and fourme, as other rentes, reuenues, and profittes of other landes,
tenementes and hereditamentes, belonging to the ſaide duchie, hath vſed
to be taken, receiued, collected and accoumpted for: any lawe, ſtatute, v-
ſage or cuſtome, to the contrary therof in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ And where the reuerende father in god, the archebiſhop of yorke, now
beyng for, and in conſideracion of diuers landes, tenementes, rectories,
and other hereditamentes, geuen, graunted, and aſſured, by the kynges
highnes, to the ſaide archebiſhoppe and hys ſucceſſours archebiſhoppes of
Yorke, and for diuers other good conſideracions and intentes, hath by
his indenture, enrolled of recorde, bargayned, ſolde giuen and graunted to
the kynges highneſſe, the ſayde manour of Rippon, with the appurtenaū-
ces, and the manours of Sharowe, Stanley, Ripponholme, Coleſlake-
hil, Penycroke, Caſteldike, whiteclyffe, Thorpe, Monketon, Thorn-
ton, Netherdale, Biſhopſide, Shornborne, Mulford, Biſhopplaches, pa-
trington, Tharethorpe, Filmake, Halgarth, Glougton, Wetwang, Wyl-
ton, Wilton, Epi, Topcliff. Thirſk. Aſcenby, Griſchwaite, Diſford, Rēton,
Newbie, Skipton, Catton, Northbie, Whaplowe, Waſke, Upletheme,
Aiton, Dalton, Crakhal. Cereleton, Herā, Errington, Walle, Atome, Hali-
done Kepwike, Grouerige, Kenelegh, Eſcalwent, Cadden, Ninibinros,
weſtalland, Newland, Scroby, Rauenneſkeld, Lanome, Aſkham, Sut-
ton, Northfock, Chuchedoune, Huckilcote, Norton, Shurdington, Wid-
cōbe, Cherney, Cōpton, Odington & Gloceſter with all and ſingular theyr
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membres and appurtenaunces, in the seuerall counties of Yorke, Northumb. Glocester, and in the countye of the citie of Glocester, and diuers other manours, lands, tenementes, aduousons, patronages, giftes, and nominacions of hospitalles, prebendes, churches, chauntries, freechappels, and other spirituall promocions, and of diuers royalties, iurisdictions, prehemynences, fraunchises, lybertyes, and other hereditamentes, with their membres and appurtenaunces. All whiche manours, landes, tenementes, and the other premisses, did lately belonge to the sayde Archbishoprike of Yorke: to haue and to holde the same to the kynges highnes hys heires and successours for euer, as by the same indenture, bearinge date the .vi. day of Februarij, in the .xxvi. yere of the kynges most gracious reygne, it doth more plainly appeare.

¶ And to the entente that the kinges highnes may be perfectly assured, of all and singuler the said manours, landes, tenementes, possessions and other ỳ premisses, so assigned to hys highnes, by the sayde indenture: Be it ordeyned, enacted and established, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the kinges highnes, hys heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioy the saide manour of Rippon, and all the said manours, meses, landes, tenemētes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, royaltyes, lybertyes, frauncheses, iuridictions, preeminences, and other hereditamentes, with all and singular the appurtenaunces, and al other manours, landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, beyng so geuen, graunted, limytted or appoynted to the kynges highnesse by the saide indenture, clerelye and freely, in what countrye or places so euer they ben set, lyyng or being, aswell against the sayde Archebishop and hys successours, as against the Deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of Yorke, and their successours, and euerye of theim, by what name or names, or corporacions they bee incorporate, had, called, or reputed: any law, statute custome, or other thing, to the contrarye herof had or made, not withstandinge.

¶ And where also the reuerende father in god, Thomas archebyshoppe of caunturburie and primate of England, by diuers suffyciente deedes and good coueiances, confirmed by the deane and chapitre of the Cathedrall and metropoliticall churche of Chyistechurche of Canterburye, aswell in consideracion of diuers other manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, to him and his, successours, to bee geuen and graunted by our said soueraygne lorde, as for other good consideracions, hath geuen & graunted to our said soueraygne lord, the manours of Charyng and Laiborne and the castell of Laiborne, beiwe of frankplege at Calehill, to be holden of all the tenauntes and resiauntes within the said manour of Charynge, to gither with thaduousons and patronages of the rectories of churches of charyng Laiborne, and Ridley, withall their rightes, membres & appurtenances in the countie of Kent. And the manours of Waighfelde, otherwise

wise called Waighfelde, and the parkes of Waighfeild and Franckeham, the rectories of Waughfeild and wadehurst, together with thaduousons and patronages of the vicarages of Waughfeild and wadehurst, with al their rightes, membres and appurtenaunces, in the countie of Susser And the manoure of Harrow, otherwise called harow on the hill, woodhal, Heese, otherwise called Hais, hegestone otherwise called Heston, and Sudbury, the parke called Pinnor parke, the aduousen and patronage of the parsonage and vicarage of the churche of Heese, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Midd. And the manour of Tryng, and the aduouson and patronage of the personage and rectory of the church of Tring, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces in the counti of Hertfore: and also the aduouson and patronage of the parsonage and churche of Halton, in the countie of Buck. And also all other his manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, courtes, leetes, viewes of frankeplege, rightes, fraunchises, liberties, priuileges, profittes, commodities, and other hereditamentes in Charyng and Laiborne in the said countye of Kent, and in Waighfeild, Waughfelde, wadehurst, Woodhurst, & Lamberhurst in the said county of Susser: and in Harrow, Woodhall, Heese, Hegeston, Sudbury in the saide countie of Midd. and in Tryng, in the said countye of hertfore. To haue and to holde the said manours, and all other the premisses, to our said soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours for euer: Excepte and reserued to the said archebishoppe and his successours, all fines and amerciamentes, of all the tenauntes and resiauntes, within the precincte of the saide leete or veiwe of frankeplege at calehill, out of the saide manour of Charyng.

¶ For his highnesse further and more perfecte assuraunce, to be had and made, of, and in the said manours, and other the premisses: Be it enacted by aucthoritie afore saide, that the kinges highnes, our saide soueraigne lorde hys heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioye the sayde manours of Charyng and Laiborne, the castell of Laiborne, veiwe of frankeplege at Calehill, to bee holden of all tenauntes and resiauntes within the sayde manour of Charyng, and the aduousons and patronages of the rectories and churches of Charinge, Laiborne and Ridley, in the said countie of Kent. And the saide manours of Waighfield, otherwyse called Waughfeild, the parkes of Waughfeilde and Frankham, the rectories of Waighfielde and woodhurste, the aduousons and patronages of the vicarages of Waighfeilde and wadhurst, in the sayde countye of Susser: And the saide manours of Harrow, Woodhall, Heese, Hegeston Sudburye, the parke called Pinnor parke, the aduouson and patronage of the personage and vicarage of the churche of heese, in the saide countie of Midd. The manour of Tryng, the aduouson and patronage of the personage and rectorie of the churche of Tryng, in the saide countye of hertfore: the aduouson and patronage of the personage and churche of Halton, in the saide countye of Buck. with all their rightes, membres, liberties,

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berties, fraunchefes, preheminences, and other hereditamentes what so euer, to the saide manours, rectories, and other the premisses, or to any of them belonginge, or that haue bene accepted, reputed or taken, as parte, parcell or membre of the saide Manours, Rectories, or other the premisses, or of any of them, or with the same, or any of them, dimised, letten, or occupied, in what countries or places so euer they, or any of them bee situate, lying or beyng: And all other the saide manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, courtes, leetes, Veiwes of frankepleage, rightes, fraunchises, Liberties, priuileges, profites, commodities, and other hereditamentes in Charinge and Laborne, in the saide countie of Kent, excepte before excepted. And in Waikeild, Waughfeild, Wadehurst Woodhurst and Lamberhurst in the saide countie of Sussex: and in Harrowe, Harrowe on the hill, Woodhall, Heese, Hais, Hegeston, Preston and Sudbury in the saide countie of Midd. and in Tryng in the saide county of Hertforde, aswell against the said archebishop and his successours, as against the Deane and chapiter of the saide cathedrall and metropoliticall church of canturbury, and their successours, and euerye of them, by what name or names, or corporacions they be incorporated, had, called or reputed: any lawe, statute, custome or other thing to the contrary hereof had or made not withstanding.

And where the reuerende father in God, Edmond now bishop of London, for certaine good recompences and considerations, by his deede dated the thirde daye of Septembre, in the .xxxbii. yere of the kinges maiesties reigne, hath bargained solde, giuen and graunted to the kinges hyghnes, the manours of Chelmesford and Crondon, and the parke of Crondon, with all and singuler their and euery their membres, rightes & appurtenaunces, set lying and beyng in the countie of Essex, and all suche landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices & hereditamentes, as be or haue beene reputed, taken knowne or accepted as parte parcell or membre of anye of the said manours, parke, and the other premisses: to haue and to holde to the kinges highnes, his heires & successoures for euer, as by the same deede more at large it may and doeth appere. By reason of which saide bargaine, the kinges highnesse was seised of the said manours, and the other premisses in his demesne as of fee: And the kinges highnes so beyng seysed, for good considerations his grace moving, hath by his letters pattentes, dated the seconde day of October, in the said .xxxbii. yere of his graces reigne giuen and graunted to his trustie counsailour, sir William Peter knight, the sayde manour of Crondon, and the saide parke of Crondon, with all the membres, rightes and appurtenaunces, to haue and to holde the saide manour and parke of Crondon, with the membres rightes and appurtenances therunto belonging to the said sir William Peter, his heires and assignes to the vse of the said sir William Peter, his heyres and assignes, to hold of the kinges highnes, by the seruice of the fortieth parte of a knightes fee, and yelding and paying to his highnes, hys heires and

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ſucceſſours yerely in the courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of hys crowne. xvii. s. iiii. d. in the name of the tenthes, as by the ſame letters patentes, moze at large it may and doth appere.

¶ And foz the moze ſuertie and ſure makinge of the premiſſes, Be it ozdeyned and enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lozde with the aſſent of the lozdes ſpirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by thauctozitie of the ſame, that the kynges highneſſe, his heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall haue hold and enioy foz euer, the ſaide manour of Chelmeſfozd, with all the membzes ryghtes and appurtenaunces to the ſame belonging. And all ſuch landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as be reputed taken knowne oz accepted, as parte parcell oz membze of the ſame manour of Chelmeſfozde.

¶ And be it further enacted by the ſame auctho̅zitie, that the ſayde Syr Wyllyam Peter, hys heyres and aſſignes, ſhall haue holde and enioye foz euer the ſaide manoure of Crondon, and the ſaide parke of Crondon withe all the membzes rightes and appurtenaces to the ſame manour and parke belongyng oz apperteynyng: and all ſuche landes tenementes and hereditamentes as be reputed taken knowne oz accepted as parte parcell oz membze of the ſame manour and parke of Crondon. Sauyng to all and euery perſon and perſons, bodies pollitike and coꝛpoꝛate, and to their heires and ſucceſſours, and to the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them, other then to the ſaide Robarte archebyſhop of yoꝛke, and hys ſucceſſours, and the ſaide Deane and chapter of the cathedzall churche of yoꝛke and their ſucceſſours: and the ſaide archbiſhop of Canterbury, and his ſucceſſours, and the ſaide deane and chapter of the ſayde Cathedzall church of Canterbury, and their ſucceſſours, and the ſayde byſhop of London, and his ſucceſſours, and the deane and chapyter of the cathedzall churche of ſaynete Paule in London, and their ſucceſſoures, and the ſucceſſoures of euery of them, al ſuch right, title, clayme, intereſt, poſſeſſiō, rentes, charges, annuities, commons, leaſes, fermes, offices, fees, couenantes, condicios, bargains grauntes, woodſales, aduauntages, and pꝛofytes, which they oz any of them haue claime vſe oz demaund, oz ought maye oz might haue had vſed, claymed, oz demaunded, in to vppon oz out of anye the pꝛemiſſes, oz in to vpon oz out of anye part oz parcell therof in ſuche and the ſame like maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes and purpoſes, as if this acte had neuer bine had oz made.

¶ Pꝛouyded alwaye and be it enacted by thauthozitie afozeſaid, that all the ſaide manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in this preſent acte mencioned, not beynge erpꝛeſſely appoynted to the ozder, and ſuruey of the ſaid courte of the ſaid duchy ſhall be and continue within the onely ſurueye ozder and rule of the kinges highnes court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his graces crowne: any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the sayde auctoritye, that if anye rentes reuenues or profites heretofore payed, payable or leuiable for or out of any honors manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes beinge nowe, or that hereafter shal be in the suruey of any one of the courtes of the eschequer, generall surueiours wardes and leuereies, duchy of Lancastre, or the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, to or by reason of any honors manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, beyng now or that hereafter shalbee in the order suruei or gouernaunce of any of the saide courtes, that euery suche rente reuenues and profittes duringe the vnitie of the possession therof in the kinges handes: and so longe as the same shall continue and be in the possession and seison of our said soueraigne lorde, shall be paied by the officers of the sayde courte, where the saide honours manours lādes tenemētes and hereditamentes, before they cam to the kinges possession, were charged with any such rentes reuenues or profittes, to the officers bailiffes and other ministers of the sayde court, hauinge the suruey of any suhe honours manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, where vnto any such rentes reuenues or profittes, before the sayde vnitie of possessyon thereof in the kynges maiestie were paied or leuiable: any law statute or other thing to the contrary not withstandinge.

An acte that doctoures of ciuill lawe, being married, maie exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Cap. xvii.

In moste humble wise shewe and declare vnto your highnesse, your moste faithfull humble and obedient subiectes the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cōmons of this present parliament assembled, that where your moste royal maiestie is, and hath alwaies iustly ben by the word of God supreme heade in earth of the churche of England and hath full power and auctoritie: to correcte punishe and represse al maner of hereslies, errours, vices, sinnes, abuses, idolatries, hipocrises, and superstitions, sprongen and growing within the same, and to exercise all other maner of iurisdictions commonlye called ecclesiasticall iurisdiction Neuertheles the bishop of Rome and his adherentes, mindinge vtterlye as muche as in him laye to abolishe, obscure, and delete suche power, geuen by god to the princes of the earth, wherebye they might gather and get to them selues the gouermente and rule of the worlde, haue in their counsailes and synodes prouinciall made ordeined and established, and decreed diuers ordinances and constitucions, that no laye, or maried man should or might exercise or occupie any iurisdiction ecclesiasticall nor should be any iudge or regester in any courte, comonly called ecclesiasticall courtes lest their false and vsurped power, which they pretended and went aboute to haue in christes churche, should decay, ware vile, and of no reputacion,

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as by the sayde counsayles and constitutions prouincial appereth: which standyng and remainynge in their effecte, not abolished by your graces lawes, did sounde to appere to make greatly for the sayde vsurped power of the said bishop of Rome, and to be directly repugnaunt to your maiestie of supreme head of the churche and prerogatiue royall, your grace beynge a lay man. And all be it the sayde decrees, ordinances and constitucions by a statute made in the.xxv. yere of your most noble raigne, be vtterly abolished, frustrate, and of non effecte, yet because the contrarye therunto is not vsed nor put in practise by the archebyshoppes byshoppes, archedeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons, who haue no maner of iurisdiction ecclesiasticall, but by, vnder, and from youre royall maiesty, it addeth or at the leaste maye geue occasion to some euyll disposed persons, thynche and littel to regarde the proceedinges and censures ecclesiasticall made by youre highnesse and your vicegerent. officials, commissaries, iudges, and visitators, beinge also laye and maried men, to be of little or non effect or force, whereby the people gathereth hart and presumpsion to do euill, and not to haue suche reuerence to youre most godly Iniunctions and procedinges, as becommeth them. But for as muche as your maiestie, is the onely and vndoubtedly supreme heade of the church of Englande and also of Irelande, to whom by holy scripture all auctorities and power is wholly geuen to here and determine all manner causes ecclesiasticall, and to correcte vice and sinne what so euer, and to all suche persons as your maiesty shall appointe there vnto: That in consideracion therof, as well for the instruction of ignorant persons, as also to auoyde the occasion of the opinion aforesayde, and settinge foorthe of youre prerogatiue royall and supremacy. It maie therfore please your highnes, that it maie be ordeyned and enacted by auctorities of this presente parliament, that all and singular persons, as well lay as those that now be maried or hereafter shall be married, beinge doctours of the ciuill lawe, lawefully create and made in any vniuersities, whiche shall be made, ordeigned constituted and deputed to be any Chaunsellour, vicar generall, commissarie, officiall, Scribe or register by your maiestie or anye of your heires or successours to be anye archebishoppe bishop archedeacon or other person what soeuer, hauing auctorities vnder your maiestie your heires and successours to make any chancellour, vicar generall, commissarie officiall, or register, maie lawfully execute and exercise all maner of iurisdiction commonly called ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and all censures and coercions appertainynge or in anye wyse belonginge vnto the same, albeit such person or persones be laye marryed, or vnmaried, so that they bee doctoures of the ciuill lawe, as is aforesayde anie lawe, constitution, or ordenaunce to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

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¶ An act for the erection of .4. honours, Westm. Kingstone vpon Hull, sainct Olithes, and Donington. Cap. xviii.

FOr diuers sundrye vrgente and necessarye causes and consideracions, the kinges maiestye specially mouinge, be it enacted ordeined and established by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by thauctoritye of the same. That hys highnes, duringe his naturall life, which almightie god long to preserue, shall haue full power and auctoritie from time to time, in these places hereafter folowinge, to erecte ordeigne and make, by his maiesties toynte or seuerall letters patentes vnder the greate seale and proclamacions, as well the seuerall honours hereafter enluinge. That is to saye within his graces citie of Westm. one honour, and at his highnes toune of Kingston vpon Hull, in the countie of hull one other honoure, at his castell of Donington in the countie of Berk. the thirde honoure: and at saincte Olithes in the councie of Esser, the fourth honoure, as also suche and so manye other honoures, in anye other place and places within this realme of Englande and Wales, or any other his graces dominions, as to his excellent wisedome shall be thought mete and conueniente: And that his highnes shall also haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, from time to time, duringe his highnes naturall lyfe, by any suche letters patentes and proclamacions, to preserue assigne and appointe, what sites places structures and buyldinges, whereof hys highnesse is or shall bee seased of one state of inheritaunce, shall be taken and adiudged the cheife principall and capitall parte and place of the saide honoures to be erected, and of euerye of them, and to vnite and annere to euerye of the saide honours so to bee erected or made, all and singular suche hundredes forestes manours chases parkes sites of monasteries graunges landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruices free warren fraunchises townshippes hamlettes vilages liberties, and all other suche hereditamentes profittes and commodities, lyng or beyng in any place wythin thys realme of England whereof his grace is or shall be then seased of one place of inheritaunce, as shall be conteined within the limites and boundes to bee declared especified or expressed in anye suche letters patentes and proclamacions. And that euerye of the saide capitall partes and places, as is aforesayde, to bee assigned and appointed, together with the hundredes forestes manoures parkes chases sites of monasteries graunges landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruices fraunchises liberties and all other hereditamentes to them, as is abone mencioned, to be vnited and annered, immediately after suche proclamacion made in the shyre, where the capitall parte or place of any suche honoure or honours shall lye or be, shall from henceforthe bee called or named an honour and by suche name and wyth suche addicion or

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addicions, as in the same Letters Pattentes, and proclamacions shall by the kinges highnesse be expressed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where the kinges maiestie is seised of one estate of enheritaunce of and in his graces honour and castle of Windesore, in the countie of Berk. with all hys rightes, members and appurtenaunces, and of, and in all that hys graces honour of Bealeu, in the countie of Essex, with all and singuler hys ryghtes, membres and appurtenaunces: that hys highnes shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, aswell to unite, knitte and annexe to either of the said honoures of Windesore & Bealeu, as to any other honoure within this his graces realme of Englande, by anye suche letters Patentes and proclamacions, suche and so manye hundredes, Forestes, Manours, Parkes, Chaces, townshippes, villages, hamlettes, sites of monasteries, granges, landes, tenementes, renenues, rentes, reuercions, seruices, free warren, fraunchises, liberties & all such hereditamentes, profites and commodities, lienge or beinge in anie place or places within this realme of Englande, wherof his highnes is or then shall be seased of one estate of inheritaunce, as shall be conteyned within the limites or boundes to be declared, especified or expressed in anye suche Letters Patentes and proclamacions thereof hereafter to be had or made. And that the same hundredes, forestes, manoures, parkes, chaces, townshippes, villages, hamlettes, sites of monasteries, granges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, free warren, fraunchises, liberties and euerye of theim, and all and singuler other hereditamentes, profites and commodities, so to be united and annexed to anie of the saide honours of Windesore, or Bealeu, or to anie other honour, wherof, the kings highnes is now seased of estate of inheritaunce, or to anie honour hereafter to be erected, at Westminster Kingstone vpon Hulle, Donington, and saincte Oliches, or in anie other place or places within this realme of Englande, and other the kinges dominions, or to any of theim by his highnesse, in maner and fourme aforesaide, shall immediatelye after suche letters patentes and proclamacions thereof made, be demed adiudged and taken, and also from henceforth shal be parte, parcell and members of the same honour wherunto thei shall be so assigned, annexed and united. And that all and singuler manoures parkes, chaces, sites of monasteries, granges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, free warren, fraunchises, liberties and euerie of theim, lieng or beinge in anie toune, parishe or hamlette, which shal be within the limittes to be conteined in anie such letters patentes and proclamacions, whereof and the whiche the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires or successoures shall be at anie time hereafter seised of anye estate of inheritaūce by discent from anie of the kinges graces noble progenitours, or by eschet or other wise by forfaiture, comminge to the handes of hys highnes, hys heires or successours, shall from time to time, as they or anie of them shall so come to the handes and possessions of his highnes, his heires or succes-

soures, be vnited, annexed, deemed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as parte, parcell and membre of suche and the same of the sayde honours, within whose limites and boundes the same shall lye and be.

¶ And further bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all and synguler the tenauntes, as well freholders as copiholders, as other, and all and singuler persons, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or anye Lete, Laudaie, or Courtes to be holden within the precincte of anye of them, and the heires, successoures and assignes of euery of the saide Tenauntes, shall doo their deuties, seruices and customes, and paie their rentes to the said sondrie manours, and in suche time as they did or ought to do, before the making of this present acte. And that the said tenauntes and suiters and euery of them, or the heires, successours and assignes of them, or anye of them at anye tyme hereafter, shall not bee charged or chargeable, to, or with any other seruices, suites, customes, rentes or other charges, nor to be compelled to do, or paie the same, ne in anye other place or places: nor any of the seuerall tenures, charged, altered, or charged, otherwise then they were, or oughte to doe, before the making of this act: any thing therin conteined, the contraty not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull, to anye person or persones, their heyres, executours, successours, or assignes, for any leases demises, grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made, or graunted to theim, or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof, or of any Leases, grauntes, or couenauntes hereafter to bee made or graunted, of any of the saide Manoures, landes, tenementes and other the premisses, were the kinges highnes, his heires or successoures, shall hereafter be seased of one estate of inheritaunce. by purchase, forfaycture, eschete, or otherwise (as is aforesaide) lienge and being within anye the ymittes and boundes, to bee assigned and appoynted, as is aforesaide, by the owners of the sayde Manoures, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell thereof, or by anye of their auncestours, or predecessours, or by any other person or persones, lawefullye auctorysed by them, or anye of them, for anye demise, lease, or graunte thereof so made, or to be made: Any thing in this act to the contrarie conteined, not withstanding.

¶ Furthermore, alwaies sauinge as well to the Maior and Burgeses of Kingston vppon Hulle, aforesaide, as also to euery other person and persones, bodies politiques corporate, their heires, successours, executours and assignes, other then suche bodies politique and corporate, and suche other persones as were, or hereafter shall be parties and priuies to the bargaine, sales giftes or grauntes or forfaitures of the saide manoures and other the premisses or any parte therof and their wiues being examined of the same according to the lawes of the realme their heires and successours and the heires and successours of euery of them, all such right, title,

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vse, interest, possessions, lease, leases, ferme, fermes, for terme of life, lines, or yeres, or otherwise, and al graunte, liberties, faunchises, priuileges, iurisdictions, rentes charges, profites, couenauntes, and all and euerye other commoditie, or commodites, whiche they or any of thē haue, might or ought to haue, or hereafter shal or should haue, of, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or parcell of thē, in suche maner and fourme, as thoughe thys act, or any thing therin conteined, to ỹ contrary therof, had neuer bene had ne made: any thing in this present act to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the sayde honour of windesore, and the sayde honour, which the kynges maieste entendeth to make at sainete Osithes, and all the manoures, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, which be, or at any time hereafter, by any such letters patentes and proclamacions, shalbe made parte, parcell, or membre of the said honour of windesore, and sainete Osithes, or of either of them: shall from hensforthe be in the order surueyrule and gouernance of the courte of the kinges general surueiours, and to be graunted, let and set to ferme, by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme, as other manours, landes, tenementes, appointed to the same courte bene, or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the rentes, reuenues, issues and profites, commyng and growyng within the said honours of windesore and sainete Osithes, and euery parte therof, shall be taken and receiued to the kinges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had, of other manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the saide courte of generall surueiours: any act statute, ordinaunce, custome or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed to the cōtrarie therof not withstanding. And that the said honour of Bealeu, and the said honours, whiche the kinges highnes here after shall, by the grace of god erect or make, at, or within the saide citie of westminster kingston vpon Hull, and doningtop, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses aboue reherſed, which now be, or at any time herafter shalbe made parte and parcell of them, or anye of them, shall from henseforth be in the order suruey rule, and gouernaunce of the Courte of augmentacions of our sayde soueraige lorde the kynges crowne, and to bee graunted, lette and sette to ferme, by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche manner and fourme, as other manours, landes and tenementes, appointed to the same courte been, or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes, issues, reuenues and profites, comming and growyng vpon the same manoures, and of euerye parte of theym, and euerye of theim, shall bee taken and receiued to the kinges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same courte of Augmentacions, in such maner and forme, as is vsed and had of other manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, committed to the order suruey, and gouernaunce of the said courte of Augmentacions,

cions: anye acte, statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, heretofore had, made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And that euerie other honour, whiche shall be by the kinges highnesse at any time hereafter during his life, erected and made, or enlarged augmented or encreased, by vniting or annering any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes vnto anye suche honour (as is aboue saide) in anye other place then is aboue particularye by name expressed, and all and singuler manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes and other the premisses aboue rehersed, whiche at anye time herafter shalbe made parte and parcell of any suche honoure, shall from henseforth be in the order survey rule and gouernaunce of suche courte of the kynges highnesse, as the capitall and principall parte of the same honoure, shalbe in rule surney and gouernaunce of, at the time of any such erection, and makinge of the same, or vniting or annering of the landes or possessions, to any of the sayde honours, and to be graunted, let, and set to ferme, and the profites, issues, and reuenues therof receiued and aunswered, by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme, as other manoures, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, appoynted to the same courte, bene or ought to be,

¶ Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that this act, ne anie thinge therin conteined, bee in anye wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Justices, wardens, stewardes, lieutenantes, clarkes of the swannie motes of any forestes, parkes or chases, conteined in this acte, or to be conteined in any of the said letters patentes and proclamations for or concerning any of their offices, powers or authorities, but onely for and concerning surueying of wood and woodsales, to bee had and made in anye the said forestes, parkes and chases.

¶ And it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the mayster of the woodes or other officers of the same courte, shall yerely pay, or cause to be payed of suche summes of money, as shal yerely arise and come of the woodsales, to be made of, or in the saide parkes, forestes and chases aforesaid, all and all maner fees and wages, as of olde time hathe beene accustomed to be paied for the exercising of anye office within the sayde parkes, forestes chases, according to a certificate by writing, therof to bee made vnto the saide maister of the woodes, by, and from the iustices of the forestes or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies, in the same office sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the authoritie afore saide, that the saide maister of the wooddes, for the time beeyng, shall make paimente of all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be doen, in, or vpon anye pale, rayle, and lodge within any of the saide parkes, forestes and chases, and alligne timber for the same, vpon any requeste therof to be made in writinge, by and from any of the saide Justices of forestes: and the said maister of the

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woodes shall allow all maner of fewell and browse to be spente and occupied within the saide forestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde there used and accustomed.

¶ And it is also prouided and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the wodes shall not make any wodsales within the parkes chases and forestes aforesaide or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices of the forestes for the time being, within whose auctoritie suche forestes chases and parkes bene: Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ An acte that fines taken in the county palantine of Lancastre, shall be of like force, as fines knowledged before Justices of the common place. Cap. xix.

FOr asmuch as diuers good and beneficiall estatutes for the commoditie of the kinges subiectes within this realme, haue heretofore bene made, by auctoritie of parliament, concernyng the leuying of fines with proclamacion, both for auoiding of strife, and also for the suertie of the kinges subiectes, to be had of and in landes, tenementes and hereditamentes by them purchased or obteined: whiche good and beneficiall estatutes do not extende to fines leuied in the countie palantine of Lancastre: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled and by the auctoritye of the same parliamente, that all and singuler fines, whiche at any time hereafter shall be leuied or knowledged before the Justices of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, or of his heires or successours of the countye palantine of Lancastre, commonly called Justices of assise at Lancastre, or before one of them, of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes lyinge or beyng within the countie palantine of Lancastar, whiche shall be openly red and proclaimed three seuerall daies in the open sessions in the presence of the Justices of assise at Lancastre or of one of theim, for the time beynge at the same sessions, that the same fine shall fortune to bee ingrossed, and also that shall be openly red and proclaimed in the presence of the Justices of assise at Lancastre, or of one of them for the time beinge at the two next general sessions, that shalbe holden in the said countie palantine of Lancastre before the Justices of the same countie, commonlye called Justices of Assise at Lancastre, or before one of them next after the leuying or ingrossing of suche saide fine at three seuerall dayes in either of the saide two sessions, after suche maner and fourme as is commonly vsed in the kinges courte of his common place at Westm. shall be of like force strength and effect in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes, as fines being duely leuied with proclamacions before the kinges Justices of his common place, be or ought to be of.

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¶ An act for tenure of landes of .xl.s. or vnder. Cap. xx.



Where in the parliament holden at westminster the .xiiii. day of Januarye, in the .xxv. yere of the kinge our most gracious souereigne lordes raigne, it was among other things enacted ordeyned and established, that from the .xxiiii. day of Aprill then next folowing, the same our soueraigne lord the kinges highnes, his heires or successours vpon any letters patentes of any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes not exceedinge the clere yearely value of forty shillynges, belonginge to anye of the late monasteries or religious houses whiche came to hys graces handes, by the acte of parliament, made at Westm., in the .xxvii. yere of his most gracious reigne: And vpon anye of hys or their letters patentes, made of any houses, tenementes, cotages or gardeins, wher vnto no landes or hereditamentes, did appertaine, not beynge anye of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kepte, by a keper therof to hys graces vse, whiche were belongyng to anye of the saide late monasteries or religious houses comprised in the saide acte, made in the saide .xxvii. yere of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynges reigne: By whiche letters patentes any estate of inheritaunce should or might passe from the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, might reserue vpon the same letters patentes to his hyghnes hys heyres and successours at hys and their owne will and pleasure, either a tenure by knightes seruice in Capite, or els a tenure in forage, or free burgage, and not in Capite: any lawe, custome, vsage, or any other thing to the contarye therof not withstanding, as by the same acte made in the saide .xxv. yere of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynges reygne amongst other thynges more plainelye appeareth. For as muche as diuers and sundrie ambiguities and doubtes haue risen and growen sithen the makinge of the saide acte in the sayde .xxv. yere of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinges reigne, as well vpon the exposicion of the wordes conteined in the saide acte, in that that the saide acte doth not extende to any landes or tenementes, other then suche as be expressed in the sayde acte, made in the saide .xxvii. yere of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynges raigne, as also vpon the tenures of diuers manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes by his highnes geuen and graunted sithen the sayde xxiiii. daye of Aprill in the saide .xxv. yere of his most noble reigne.

¶ Be it therfore now ordeined and enacted, by auctorite of this presente parliament, that all manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuenues, personages, tithes and other hereditamētes, not being at the time of the makyng of any suche letters patentes heretofore made sithen the saide .xxiiii. daye of Aprill, aboue the clere yerely value of forty shyllynges: and all houses, mesuages, cotages, courtilages, orchardes, yardes and gardeins, whervnto no other landes tenementes or hereditamētes were belonging or apperteining, not beinge any of the kinges princely houses, reserued

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and kept by a keper therof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles they or any of them came vnto his maiesties handes, heretofore geuen or graunted by hys maiestie, to any person or persons or bodies politike, sithen the sayde xxiiii. daye of Aprill, in the sayde. xxv. yere of his reygne, by his letters patentes, wherby any estate of enheritaunce hath passed from his highnes: to holde the same of his highnes his heires and successours by fealtie onely, or by fealtie onely and not in Capitie, or in socage or free burgage, or by fealtie only in free and common socage, or by fealtie onely in free and comyon socage and not in Capite, or by any maner of such like wordes in effecte: Or to holde the same by fealtie, as of any of his graces honours manours or landes, or by fealty onely, as of anye of his graces honours, manours, or landes, and not in capite, or by any suche lyke wordes in effect: shall from the date of euery suche letters patentes be adiudged taken and deemed to all intentes and purposes, to be holden in socage or burgage, and not in capite, accordinge to the verye expresse and playne wordes conteined in any suche letters patentes, without any further implication construction or explanation of the law therof to be made or had by any person or persons against the same and in no manner wise to be deemed adiudged or to be taken to be holden in capite, any ambiguitie doubte or other thing heretofore risen or moued, or hereafter to be moued stered or set forth to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, at any time or times within fiue yeres, next after the first day of Nouembre laste past, shall and maye at his or their owne willes and pleasure, vpon any letters patentes made or hereafter to be made of any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, personages, tithes, portions, pencions, and other hereditamētes not being rated or valued at the time of the making of any suche letters patentes aboue the summe of foure shillinges by yere, whereby anye estate of inheritaunce hath or shall passe from his highnesse, his heires or successours, houses, meluages, cotages, orchardes, pardes, and gardeines, wherunto none other landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, do apperteine onely excepte: And also shall and maye vppon any lyke letters patentes hereafter to be made within the saide fiue yeres, of any houses meluages, cotages, orchardes, pardes, curtilages, or gardeines, wherunto no other landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, do appertaine, not beyng any of the kinges princely houses reserued and kepte by a keper therof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles the said manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, personages, tithes, portions, pencions, houses, tenemētes, cotages, gardins, and other the premisses or any of the, so to be geuen or graunted, be come, or hereafter shall come to his graces handes, his heires or successours, reserue either a tenure by knightes seruice in capite, or els a tenure by fealtee, or in socage or burgage, and not in capite. And that all and singular the sayde generall tenures as well heretofore

tofore ſerued and made ſythen the ſayde .xxiiii. daye of aprill, in the ſayde xxxb. yere of our ſoueraygne lord the kings raygne, as hereafter folowyth, in the ſayde fyue yeres nexte hereafter folowynge, to be ſerued or made, and hauinge theſe woordes, et non in capite, ſhal from ỳ date of euery ſuche letters patentes be deemed, adiudged and taken to be tenures in ſocage, or burgage, and not in capite. And that the patentes of the ſame manors, lands, tenementes, and other the premiſſes or any part therof, their heyres and aſſignes, and euery other perſon and perſons, hauing the ſame or any part therof, ſhal hold the ſame manours, landes, tenementes, houſes, cotages, and other hereditamentes, compryſed in anye ſuch letters patentes of our ſayd ſoueraygne lord the king, his heires and ſucceſſours, and hauing the ſayde woordes et *non* in capite, by the ſeruice of fealtie in ſocage or burgage, accordinge to the expreſſe woordes contayned in anye ſuche letters pattentes: and ſhall not holde the ſame or anye parte therof, of oure ſayde ſouereigne lorde, his heyres or ſucceſſours in chiefe or in capitie: nor ſhalbe compelled by reaſon onely of the ſame, to ſue any liuerye, make fine for alienacion, or ſue any licence or pardon for anye alienacion onelye therof, And the heire and heyres of euery ſuche patentee, or of their heyres or aſſignes, or any other, hauing any eſtate, right or title, of, in, or to the ſame manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, and hauinge no other landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, holden of the kinges highnes in capite, ſhall and maye freelye and lawfully, after the death of any ſuche patentee, their heyres or aſſignes, or other perſon or perſonnes hauinge anye ſuch eſtate, right or title, enter into the ſayd manours, landes, tenementes, houſes, cotages and other hereditamentes, compryſed or to be compryſed in anye ſuch letters patentes, wythoute ſewing of liuery, ouſtre lemaine, or any fine or fee to be payde for any liuery onelye thereof, to our ſayd ſouereigne lorde the king, his heires or ſucceſſours for the ſame, by reaſon onely of ſuch tenure in ſocage or burgage, expreſſed or to be expreſſed in any of the ſayd letters patentes: any lawe cuſtome or vſage heretofore had or vſed to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

An acte for the vnion of churches, not exceding the value of vi, li. Cap. xii.

Where in diuers and ſondrye places within this Realme of Englande, there be manye and ſondrye perſonages, the glebes, tithes, and yearely reuenewes and profites, wherof be not ſufficiente to finde a preeſte or curate to ſerue or miniſter to the pariſhyners therof, within a myle or leſſe of the Churche, of which poore perſonages there is in many places an other church pertayning to another pariſh, ſtanding as neceſſary & commodiouſly for the acceſſe of the pariſhioners of ỳ other poore pariſhe, as their owne doth, And for as muche as the charges for the

the maintenaunce of ſuche two churches and chappels with all maner of reparacions, ornamentes and other accuſtomed duities parteininge to a churche, be muche greater than may be well reiſed or borne amongeſt ſuch poore parihioners, and might and ſhoulde be eaſed and remedied by the vniting and knitting of ſuche two churches in one. It maie therfore pleaſe the kynges roiall maieſtie, with the aſſente of hys lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame that it maye bee enacted and eſtabliſhed, that a vnion or conſolidacion of two churches in one, or of a church and chapell in one the one of them not beyng aboue the yerely value of ſixe pounds, as it is rated and valued at to the kinges highnes, in his courte of the firſt fruictes and tenthes, and not diſtante from the other aboue one myle in anye place or places within thys realme of Englande, maie be from henſeforthe had or made by the aſſent of the ordenary and ordinaries of the dioceſe, where ſuche churches and chappels ſtanden, and by the aſſentes of the incumbentes of them, and of all ſuch as haue a iuſte right title and intereſt to the patronages of the ſame churches and chapels, beyng then of full age. And that all ſuche vnions and conſolidacions had or made of two churches in one, or of a church and chappell in one, as is aforeſaide, ſhall bee goode, ſufficient, lawfull, firme, ſtable and auailable in the lawe to remaine endure and continue for euer vnited and knitte in one, in ſuche maner and fourme, as by writing or writinges vnder the ſeales of ſuche ordinaries, incumbentes and patrones it ſhalbe declared and ſet forthe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that all vnions and conſolidacions of all churches and chappelles, which haue heretofore ben vnited or knitte to gether in one by the aſſent of the ordinaries incũbentes and true and lawfull patrons in fee ſimple of them, as is aforeſayd ſhal alſo remaine and be from henſforth adiudged and deemed in the lawe to enduer and continue for euer vnited and knitt in one, with out any diſſolucion vndoing vnknitting or repeale of them or anye of them, by anye maner of meane or waye. Sauing vnto the kinges maieſtye, his heires & ſucceſſours all the tenths and firſt fruictes of all ſuch churches and chappels, as be heretofore vnited or conſolidated in one, or that hereafter ſhall be vnited and conſolidated in one, accordyng to the ſame or ſuch lyke rates and valuacions as the ſame churches and chapelles or any of them nowe are rated or valued at, to the kinges ſaide maieſtye, in hys ſayde hyghnes courte of the firſt fruictes and tenthes.

¶ Prouided alway, that all vnions and conſolidacions, and euerye of them, hereafter to be had or made of any church or chappell within anye citie or towne corporate within this realme of Englande without the aſſent of the maire ſhiriffes and comminaltie of the citie, where ſuche churches churche or chappell bee or ſhall be: Or without the aſſent of ſuche bodies corporate of other townes corporat, where ſuche churches churche or chappel be, or ſhalbe by the names or their corporacions in writinge vn-

der their common seale, shalbe clerely voide and of no force ne effecte: any thing before expressed, or any ordinaunce law custom or statute to the contrarye therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that where the inhabitauntes of any suche poore paryshe or the more parte of them, within one yere nexte after the vnion or consolidacion of the same parishe, by their writynge sufficiente in the lawe, shall assure the incumbente of the saide parishe for the yearelye paimente of so muche money, as withe the summe that the sayde parishe is rated and valued at in the kinges highnes saide courte of the firste fruictes and tenthes, shall amounte to the full summe of. viii.li. sterlinge, to be leuied and paied yerely by the saide inhabitauntes to the saide incumbent and his successours: that than all suche vnions or consolidacions hereafter to be had or made of anye suche poore parishe, as is afore sayde shall be voyde and of none effecte: anye thinge statuted or ordeined to the contrarye herof in anye wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this said prouiso shall not extend to anye vnion or consolidacion of anye church or chappell had or made before the makinge of this estatute: ane thing in the saide Prouiso mencioned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ An acte to fyll by the iuries de circumstantibus. Cap. xxii.

BE it enacted and established by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled and the auctho*r*itie of the same, that the acte for none apparance in turis to haue De circumstantibus, made at Westm. at the parliament holden the. xxv. yere of our saide soueraigne lordes raigne shall cotinue and remaine vnto the ende of the nexte parliamente in hys full force and strength, in as example maner, as in the said act is purported.

¶ An acte for the continuaunce of certaine statutes. Cap. xxiii.

WHere in the parliamente begune and holden at London, the thyrde daye of Nouembre in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of oure moste dreade soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the eight, and from thens adiourned to Westm. and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the dissolucion therof, an acte was made and established declaring and concerning as wel howe aged poore and impotent persons compelled to liue by almes should be ordered and vsed, and also howe vacabounde & mightie stronge beggers shoulde be whipped and punished, and at the said parliamente one other act was made & established, for the restraint of carying and conueying of horses and mares out of this realme, which said two

seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same two seuerall actes more plainely appereth, and also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true making of cables halters and ropes, and also one other act for the true winding of wolles, and one other acte to restraine killing of wainlinge bullockes steeres and heffers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which said three seuerall actes last before remembred, were then made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainly appereth. And where also in the same parliamēt one other act was made and established, for the attaintes to bee sued for the punishemente of periurie vppon vntrue verdictes, And also one other acte was made there in the saied parliamente, concerninge sowing of flaxe and hempe, all which two seuerall actes laste before rehersed were then made and ordeined to continue and endure, to the last daie of the nexte parliament, as by the same two seuerall actes more plainly at large is shewed and maie appeare. And where also in the saide parliamente, one other acte was made and establi. shed, for making of Jailes in diuerse shyres of this realme, whiche same acte was then made to continue and endure for one yeare next after ỳ end of the same parliamente as by the same act also more plainelye appereth. And where also in the parliamente, begun and holden at Westmin. the viij daie of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the raigne of our saide moste dreade soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the eight, and there continued and kept vntil the dissolucion thereof, it was ordeined and enacted that all and singuler the saide actes aboue remembred, and euerie of them should continue and endure, in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acts amonges other thinges therein conteined more plainlie appereth. And where also in the parliamente begun and holden at Westmin. the xxviii. daie of Aprill, and there continued vntill the .xxviii. daie of June, in the .xxxi. yere of the raigne of our saide moste dreade soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the eight, it was ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of the same parliamente, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses and articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined should continu and endure in their force and strength and also be obserued and kept, vntill the laste daie of the nexte parliamente, as by the same act emongs other thinges therin conteined, more plainelye appereth, And where also in the laste session of the same parliament, begune at Westm. the xii. daie of Aprill in the said .xxxi. yeare of the kinges moste noble raigne and there by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the .xxiiii. daye of July, in the .xxxii. yere of oure saide soueraigne lord the kings raigne, there was one other acte made and established for and concerninge the reformacion of mispleadinge, Jeofailes and attourneis, whiche saide acte laste mencioned, with the prouiso were made to endure vntill the last day of the nexte parliamente, as by the same act amonges other thinges therin con,

teined more plainlie appereth, And where in the same parliamente, an acte was made concerninge bieng of fishe vpon the sea, and one other acte was made concerning the making of worsted yarne, in the countye of Norff. as by the same two actes more at large it maye and doeth appeare. And also one other acte was there made in the sayde parliamente for reasonable prices of wines to be sette, and one other acte was made there in the said parliamente concerninge the orderinge and dischargeinge of shiriffes by their othes, vpon their accoumptes, as by the same two actes last recited more plainelie in the same actes it doeth appeare. And for as muche as all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welthe of this realme be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the saide acte concerning the bringe of fishe vpone the sea, and the saide acte concerninge and declaringe how aged and impotente persons compelled to liue by almes shoulde be ordered and vsed, and also how vacabounde and mightye strong beggers should be whipped and punished, and all the residue of the actes and statutes aboue mencioned, and euerye of them, and al clauses articles, and prouisions in them and euerie of theim conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strengthe and bee obserued and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliament. And where in the saide acte concernynge the settinge of pryces of wines, it is conteyned that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lorde treasourer, lorde presidente of the kinges counsell, lorde priuie seale, and the two cheefe Justices. or. v. iiii. or. iii. of them shoulde haue power and auctoritie by their discrecions, to set the prices of all kinde of wines, as by the same acte more playnely appeare the Bee it nowe ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite of thys presente parliamente, that the said lord chauncellour, lorde treasorer, lorde presidente, lorde priuie seale, and the two cheefe iustices or. v. iii. or. thre of them shall, yearelye sette the pryces of all kynde of the sayde wines mencioned in the, sayde former acte betwene the, xx. day of November, and the last day of December, and at no other tyme or tymes and that all and euerie person sellinge in grosse or by retaile: anye of the saide wines mencioned in the same acte, shall not sell anye of the same wines aboue the pryces, so by them set vpon suche payne and forfayeture as bee made and prouided in the same statute made at Westm. the. xxbiii. yeare of the raygne of oure moofte dreade soueraigne lord the king.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if ani persone or persones nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue anye manner of wines to sel in grosse within any cite borough towne corporate: or anie other hauen, corporate towne or townes within thys realme, or within anye the kinges dominions or territories of the same, and do at anye time hereafter refuse to sell anye kinde of the same wines, accordinge to the price as now or at any time heare after shall be limitted & appointed by the said lord chancellour, lorde treasurer, lorde president, lord priuye seale, and other the sayde

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cheefe Justices, or by any fiue. iiii. or. iii. of them: that it shall be lawefull to the Maire of the citie of London, Recorder of the same citie, and two of the aunciente aldermen of the same citie, being no vintners, for the time being: and to the Maire bailiffes aldermen, and other the heade officers, or to anye two of them, whereof the Maire or cheefe alderman or bailiffe to be one, within all and euery other citie, borough and porte towne within this realme, wherein any wynes now be, or hereafter shalbe to sel: to enter into the houses sellars and places of al and euery suche owner and owners of the same wines, in anie of the saide cities, boroughes, and porte townes, and the same wines lawfully to selle, to the vse of the owners of the same wines, to anie person and persones willinge to bye the same, according to such prices and rate, as by the saide lord Chancellour, lord treasorer, lord presidente, lorde priue seale, and the saide two cheefe Justices or by anie. v. iiii. or. iii. of them, is or hereafter shal be, set, limited and assigned, accordinge to the tenoure of the sayde acte, made in the saide. xxviii. yere of the kinges maiesties raigne.

An acte for the confirmacion of a subsidie graunted by the Clergye. Cap. xxiiii.

Where the prelates and the Clergye of the prouince of Canturbury haue louingly and liberally for certain considerations, geuen and graunted to the kinges maiestie, a Subsidie of sixe shillinges of the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler the spiritual promocions within the same prouince, during the terme of two yeres now next ensuing in such certaine maner and forme, & with diuers exceptions, and prouisions, specified & conteined in acertaine instrument by them therof made & deliuered to the kings highnes vnder the seale of tharchbishop of Cāturbury, as in the same instrument exhibited in thys present parliamēt more plainely it doth appere, the tenour wherof ensueth in these woordes.

¶ The prelates and clergie of the prouince of Canturbury (your highnesse moste humble and moste bounden dailye oratours) considering and weighinge thinestimable cost and charges which youre moste royall maiestie of long season hath susteined, and continuallye susteineth, farre exceading the expenses of any your noble progenitours by sundrye occasions and amonges other by reason of the most weightie affaires of youre warres, in maintainynge of your great puissant and mightye armies, bothe in Scotlande and Fraunce, by lande & by seas, for the defence and publicke wealthe of this your realme, and other youre dominions. Considerynge also how that in suche vrgent necessities and occasions, it is moste conuenient, that all membres doe suffer and beare with their naturall heade, by whome the wholle bodye is gouerned stated directed and preserued, and

ſpecially ſuch membres as by the ſame head receiue moſte benefite and re-
liefe. We therfore your obedient clergye bothe acknowledge oure moſte
bonden dutie and office towardes your maieſtie our chefe heade vnder al-
mightie God: And alſo challenge to our myndes, how that aboue all other
your louinge ſubiectes, we be moſte bounden vnto your excellencie for ma-
nie cauſes and benefites and ſingulerlie amonge other for the ſpeciall qui-
etneſſe, whiche wee enioye by youre maieſties godly prouidence in moſte
buſie and troublous times, enioying in the middes of the moſt cruell and
deadelye warres, the benefite commoditie and fruite of peace and quietnes
hauing alwaies tranquill opportunitie, without impediment of diſturbaūce
to applye oure ſelfe onlye to ſerue in ſuche wiſe, as to oure vocation and
duties appertaineth: haue of our owne mere louinge tender myndes and
good will geuen and graunted, and by theſe preſentes do geue and graunt
vnto your maieſtie, a ſubſidie towardes your ſaid charges, in maner and
fourme following: That is to ſaye, that euery archbiſhop biſhop deane ar-
chedeacon prebendarye prouoſt maiſter of colleges maiſter of hoſpitalles
perſon vicar chauntrie prieſt, and euery other perſon or perſons, of what
ſo euer name or degree he or they be enioying anye ſpirituall promocion or
other temporall poſſeſſions to the ſame ſpiritual promocion annexed nowe
not deuided nor ſeperate by acte of parliament or otherwiſe frome the poſ-
ſeſſion of the clergye, ſhall paye to youre highnes for euerye pound that he
maye yerely ſpende by reaſon of the ſaide ſpirituall promocion the ſumme
of fiue ſhillinges. And for the true and certaine knowledg of the yerely va-
lues of the ſaid promocions, and euery of them, wherof the paiment ſhould
be made the rate taracion and valuacion and eſtimacione remayninge of
recorde in your maieſties court of the firſt fruictes and tenthes for the pai-
mente of the perpetuall diſme, concerninge all ſuche promocions as be in
poſſeſſion of your Clergye, or any other not deuided by act of parliamente
or otherwyſe (as is aforeſayde) ſhall bee followed and obſerued withoute
making any valuacion rate taracion or eſtimacion, other than in your ſaid
recorde is compriſed.

¶ Prouided alwaies that for as muche as the tenthe parte of the ſayde
valuacion and tare before mencioned, is yerely payed to your highnes for
the perpetuall diſme, ſo as there remaimeth only nine partes to the incum-
bente clere, this ſubſidie of fiue ſhillinges of the pounde ſhall be vnderſtād
of the ſame nine partes and no more.

¶ Prouided alwaies that no perſonne, that is alreadye promoted to anye
ſpirituall benefice ſithen the firſte daye of Maye laſte paſte before the date
hereof, or that hereafter ſhalbe promoted to anye ſpiritual benefice on thys
ſide the firſte daye of Maye, whiche ſhall be in the yere of oure lorde god a
thouſande fiue hundred fortie and ſeuen, ſhall bee contributory or charged
to your highnes with anye parte of this ſubſidie, duringe the firſte yere of
his ſaide promocion.

¶ Your ſaide prelates and clergie alſo graunte that this ſubſidie of .v.s.
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of the pound of the yerely clere value of euery promocion, tared as afore shall be paied to your maiestie within two yeares next ensuynge the date hereof, at the receipte of your graces Treasorarie of youre courte of fyrste fruites and tenthes, or of anye other personne or persones, whome it shall please your highnes to appointe ther vnto, that is to saye, three shillinges of euery pounde in euerye of the saide two yeres, at suche daies and tymes as hereafter folowith: that is to saie. At the firste day of May next insuynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god, a thousande fiue hundred fourtie and fire. And in the saide first daie of Maye then nexte folowinge whiche shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god a thousande fiue hundred fortie and seuen.

¶ Item we your graces saide prelates and clergye also graunte, that euerie priest, hauing a pension by reasone of the dissolucion of anye of the late monasteries, colleges and hospitalles, or anye other incorporacion within the sayde prouince of Cantorburye, shall likewise pay to youre highnesse vi.s. of euerye pounde of the saide pensions, within the saide two yeres, at suche daye and tyme as is before specified: and that for the sure paimente therof a deduction and retencion of the sayde fyre shillinges be made in the handes of the paiers of the sayde pencion, after the proporcion of. iii, s. of the pounde, euery of the said two yeres to be deliuered and paid vnto your maiesties vse, at suche time, and to suche persons, as the subsidie of. vi. s. aforesaide shalbe paide vnto.

¶ Item your saide prelates and clergie also graunt, that euerie priestе, rerefuinge annuall stipende, being no perpetuitee, within the sayde prouince shall pay vnto your graces vse. vi.s.viii.d. in euerie of the same two yeres at the same daies, and vnder the same penalties as the rest of the clergy do paie for their promocions.

¶ Item the same prelates and clergie further graunten, that euery archebishop and bishop, and the see beyng vacant, euerye deane and chapiter of that see voyde, shall bee collectours of thys subsidye within theyr propre diocese.

¶ And for the better recouerye of the sayde collection youre sayde prelates and clergye humble beseechen youre highnes, that they maye haue full power and authoritie, by your maiestie and highe courte of parliamente, to vse all suche waies meanes and processes, as be prescribed in youre acte of your perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuynge of the same: and shall make accoumpt therof before the chauncellour or treasorer and other officers of your graces courte of firste fruictes and tenthe, or in such other place, as it shall please your highnes to apointe, in suche wise and after suche fourme onelye, as the sayde archebishop and bishoppes bee nowe charged for the collection of the perpetuall disme: wherby ment, howe the lacke and defaulte of paiement of and for anye particular promotion, shall onely charge the incumbent, and suche as be bounde to paie the same

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and that vpon such peines as be prouided in that acte of perpetuall disme, againste them that make defaulte in that behalfe. And that tharchebyshop bisshop or deane & chapter, gathering that they can receiue, & makinge payment therof, shal for the rest, not by them receiued, be discharged by their certificate to be made by the first day of August in euery of the saide two yeres, into your courte of first fruites and tenthe. And. vi. pence of euerye pounde, wherwith the collectours shalbe charged in his accoumpte, clerely to be paied into the saide recepte: or into such other place as it shall please your excellencie to appointe, shalbe allowed to the same collectour for his saide accoumpte for the same, for the charges and collectione portage and salfe conteining and paying of the saide subsidie.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this subsidie graunted by your clergie shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice or college, situate or set within youre vniuersities of Cambridg and Oxenford. or of any benefice or other reuenues, vnto any colledge of Cambridg or Oxenford, united, appropried or apperteininge: or of youre colledge of Eton nighe Windesore: or of the colledge of Winchester, founded by William Wickeham, sometime bisshop of Winchester, or of any other church or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said colleges or to any of them annexed appropried, or other wise apperteining.

¶ Prouided alwaies that no spirituall promocion, or any landes or reuenues annexed to the same, beynge charged by this graunte or acte of the prouince of Canturbury, or any goodes or cattalles, growyng, beynge or renewyng of the same, and perteining to the owners of the saide spirituall promocions and landes, shalbee charged or made contributorie to any. xv. or other subsidie alredie graunted to youre highnesse of the laye fee, or hereafter to be graunted, duringe the terme of the saide two yeres.

¶ Item we your graces said humble prelates and clergy further graunt that euery of your graces new erected bisshopes, deanes, prebendaries peticannons and preachers, shall be charged to hys subsidie for their owne porcions onely therof to paie. vi. s. of the pounde within the sayde two yeres, as is aboue rehersed of other bisshoppes and spirituall persons, and those porcions of rentes and reuenues, which your highnesse hathe geuen vnto them for the maintenaunce of poore men, grammarians, queresters studentes, and other officers and ministers, not to bee charged with anye parte of this subsidie.

¶ Prouided also that euery person vicar or other spiritual man, paynge any pension, wherof none allowance is made in valuacion of hys sayde benefice, shall and maye reteyne three shillinges of euerye pounde of euerye such pension, euery yere during the saide two yeres, to hys owne relife in consideracion that he is charged to paie this subsidie of fiue shillinges of the pounde out of euery pounde of the hole value of his promocion.

¶ And for the sure and true paiemente of this Subsidie, graunted by

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your sayde prelates and clergie of the prouince of Cantorburie, accordinge to the tenour, purport, effect and true meaning of this present instrument your sayde oratours the prelates and the clargie moste humblye desire and require your highnesse, that this their sayde giftes graunte and Subsidie and euery matter summe of mony clause and sentences in this instrument conteined, concernyng the saide subsidie, may be ratified established and confirmed by aucthoritie of youre highe courte of parliament.

¶ And for the sure and true paymente of the sayde subsidie, graunted by the sayde prelates and clergye of the sayde prouynce of Cantorbury according to the tenour effect and true meaninge of the sayd instrument.

Be it enacted by the kinges highenes, with the assent of the lordes spirytuall and temporall, and of the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde gifte and graunte, and euerye matter, summe of money clause or sentence in the sayde instrumente conteined, be ratified established and confirmed by the aucthority afore saide,

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritye of thys presente parliament, that euerye persone that shall bee appointed to the collection and gathering of the sayde subsidie, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to leuie take and perceiue the same subsidye by aucthoritie of the Censures of the churche, or by distresse vpon the possessions of the fermours or owners of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by this act for or to the paiment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise by the discreacion of the collectours thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibicion, or supersedeas shallbee allowed or obeyed for anye persone or persons making defaulte of payemente of the sayde, subsidie, contrarie to the tenour of the graunte ther of: vntill suche tyme as they haue truelye satisfied and contented all suche parte and portion, as to them in that beehalfe apperteineth. And that euerye suche fermour or fermours that shal fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the paiement, or anye parte of the sayde subsidye, shall by the aucthoritee aforesaide, be allowed, and reteyne in hys handes as muche of hys perelye ferme and rente, as the summe whiche hee shall fortune to paie for his lorde or lessour, shall extende and amount vnto: anye writynge couenaunte bonde or other thing had or made to the contrarie in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ And for the leuynge of the sayde Subsidie of syxe shillinges of the pounde, and for the perelie pensions whiche anie prieste or other person or persons, whiche heretofore haue bene religious, or taken for religious, persons doe or shall receiue at the courte of augmentacions, the chauncelloure of the same courte, for the time being shall perelie, during the saide twoo yeres, that is to saye, at the feast of the Annunciacion of our ladye nexte commynge, and at the same feast of the Annunciacion of oure Ladye then nexte ensuinge, deteyne and reteine in his handes, or cause to bee deteyned

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or retained in the handes of other the officers and ministers of the same courte, to the kinges vse, for euery pounde of the same pencions. iii.s. And the same shall wel and truely pay or cause to be paide, into the said courte of the tenthe and first frutes, or els where as the kinges highenesse shall appointe, before the first daye of August, without any charge to be made or susteined in that behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that euery other persone, or persons, whiche pay or be chargeable to pay, any yerely rente pencion or pencions to any priest or other person or personnes, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the paiment of the saide subsidie, that euerie suche person or personnes, whiche doe so pay, or here after shall pay any of the said yerely rentes, pencion or pencions, shall not onely duringe the saide two yeres, reteine in his handes yerely to the kinges vse, for euerye pounde of the same yerely rentes, pencion or pozcions, iii .s. and the same well and truly pay or cause to be paied yearely, during the same two yeres, vnto the ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the collectours of the saide subsidie there, to the kinges vse, but also shall yerely during the said two yeres, befor the first day of Maye certifie vnder his or their seale or seales vnto the saide courte of the tenthe and first frutes, or els where it shall please the kinges highnes to appointe the names and surenames of all and singuler suche priestes, or other persones religious, or heretofore taken for religious persons, as is aforesaid, and the true yerely rentes or pencions which they or any of the be intiteled to haue or receiue yerely, as is aforesaide.

¶ And that the chauncellour for the time beynge, of the kinges courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, shall likewise yerely during the saide two yeres, before the firste day of May, certifie vnder the seale of the same courte, not onely the names and surnames of all and singuler priestes and other persons, chargeable for the saide seueral rentes and yerely pencions to the paiment of the saide subsidie, in the saide courte of the tenthe and first frutes, or els where it shall please the kinges maiestie to appoint, but also the true and iust yerely summe, and summes, of the same yerely rentes or pencions, with the names and surnames of the persons chargeable to the paiment therof.

¶ And that the archebishoppe or bishopp of euerie dioceſſe within the saide prouince of Canterburie, shall yerely duringe the saide twoo yeres before the first day of August, certifie vnder his seale, in the saide court of the tenthe and first fruictes, or els where it shall please the kinge to appoint, the names and surnames of all and singuler stipendarye priestes, beyng within any of their dioceses, chargeable to the sayde paimente of the saide subsidie, as is aforesaide. And also the name and surnames of euery such person and persones, with whom he or they doo dwell and take any stipend or wages.

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¶And bee it further enacted by the auctho̅rity afo̅resaide, that euerye ſ the perſon o̅r perſons, whiche within the ſaide two peres, ſhall geue a paie any ſtipende o̅r wages to anie ſuche p̅rieſte (as is afo̅reſaide) ſhall o̅r the inſufficiencie o̅r default of euerie of the ſame p̅rieſt o̅r p̅rieſtes being in ſeruice o̅r wages with him, at the ſaide firſt daie of Maie be charged and chargeable to and with the paimente of. vi.s.viii.d. fo̅r the ſame yere.

¶And be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie afo̅reſaide, that the ſayde archebiſhoppe, biſhoppes and all other perſons chargeable to and with the collection of the ſaide Subſidie of. vi. s. the pounde, within the ſaide p̅rouince of Caunturburye, ſhall haue vpon euery paimente therof made in the kinges courte of the tenthe and firſte fruictes, o̅r els where the kinges maieſtie ſhall appoint, a ſufficiente Acquitaunce in wr̅itinge of ſuche perſon o̅r perſons as the kinges maieſtie ſhall appointe fo̅r the receipte thereof, the ſame Acquitaunce witneſſing the ſame receipte of as muche of the ſame ſumme of the ſame ſubſidie, as ſhall be by anye of them ſo receiued.

¶And euerie ſuch Acquitaunce in wr̅iting, ſealed and ſubſcribed wyth the name o̅r names of euery ſuche perſon o̅r perſonnes, that ſo by the kinges appointmente ſhall receiue anie of the ſaide ſummes of money, ſhall be as good and effectuall in the lawe and alſo a ſufficiente diſcharge to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if it were made by acte of parlyamente. And that euery perſon and perſones, which ſhall haue and receiue anye ſuche acquitaunce, ſhall paye but onely twoo pence fo̅r euerye of the ſame acquitaunce.

¶Be it alſo enacted by the auctho̅ritie afo̅reſaid, that al and euerye graunt and grauntes of all and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, whiche here after ſhall bee graunted to the kinges highneſſe by the clergye of the p̅rouince of yo̅rke, ſhall bee of the ſame ſtrengthe fo̅rce and effecte in all thynges, as the ſaide graunt made by the ſaide p̅rouince of Canturbury: And ſhall be tared certified collected leuied and gathered, acco̅rdinge to the tenoure fourme and effecte of this p̅reſent acte of parliament to all intentes conſtructions & purpoſes, in ſuche manner as thoughe it were ſpecially plainelye and particularly exp̅reſſed and reherſed in this p̅reſente acte by exp̅reſſed wo̅rdes termes and ſentences in their ſeuerall natures and kindes.

¶P̅rouided alwaye and be it enacted by auctho̅ritie afo̅reſaide, that euerie laie perſon hauing anie ſpirituall p̅romocion chargeable by thys acte and alſo hauing tempo̅rall poſſeſſions goodes cattelles and debtes, chargeable to the ſubſidie, graunted by the tempo̅rallitie, ſhalbe charged tared and ſet fo̅r his ſaide ſpirituall p̅romocion with the clergye: and fo̅r his tempo̅rall poſſeſſions goodes and cattelles with the tempo̅ralitie, and not o̅therwiſe.

¶P̅rouided alwaye and be it enacted by thauctho̅ritie aboue ſaide, that all ſuch as haue bene religious perſons and other hauing anye pencion by reaſon of any diſſolucion of any late monaſterie college o̅r hoſpitalles, o̅r

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any other corporations within the prouince of canturburie and yorke, or any of them, and being of the summe of fourtie shillinges or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to the said subsidie or any parte therof for any suche portion of .xl. s. or vnder: any thinge conteyned in this acte, or in any the said instrumentes, or any of them, to the contrarie not withstanding.

God saue the kinge.